

THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S SALVATION

Lesson Ten

The Consequence of Man's Fall- The Heart Became Wicked and Darkened

Subject: The Consequence of Man's Fall- The Heart Became Wicked

Scripture: Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:8, 19; Gen. 6:5-6; 8:21; Prov. 6:14; Eccl. 9:3; 8:11; Rom. 1:21; Matt. 12:34b-35; Luke 6:45; Jer. 13:23

Aim: The children may think that they are not so bad, but they need to see their corrupted nature.

Memory Verse: Jer. 17:9

Due to the fall, man's heart became *wicked (corrupt), unbelieving, and hardened. In this and the next two lessons these three conditions will be covered. Each lesson will focus on one of the above items. The content is found in the verses, therefore all the scripture verses should be read with the children.

1. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and exceedingly corrupt..."
2. Matthew 15:19 says, "For out of the heart come evil reasonings, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witnessing, blasphemies."
3. Matthew 15:8 says, "this people honor me with their lips, but their heart stays far away from me."
4. Genesis 6:5 says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Verse 6 goes on to show that God Himself was very grieved in His heart because of man's condition: "And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him in His heart."
5. Genesis 8:21 says, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth."
6. Proverbs 6:14 says, "With perverseness in his heart, he is devising evil continually; he injects discord." Forwardness is the habit of being disobedient and contrary; or opposing, in disagreement.

Proof that our unregenerated self is in the condition mentioned above can be seen by:

1. Sometimes speaking one thing but meaning something else; trying to deceive or fool someone
2. taking or borrowing something that's not our own and not returning it

* To be frail, feeble or melancholy- desperate, incurable, sick, woeful

3. coming to children's meeting or to the word just because someone tells us to, but really hating it and wishing we did not have to
4. having something "smart" or funny to say whenever your teacher or serving one tries to make a point in the lesson
5. being disruptive in class, wanting to be the center of attention or the class "clown"
6. telling the Lord that you love Him in prayer, yet not paying attention to His speaking in the meetings nor caring for His interest and His testimony
7. bad attitude
8. not being able to stop being any or all of the above!