

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:26 – 2:3; 2:15-17; 3:1-7

EXTRA READINGS: Apostle's Creed & Canons, V, 11 (pg. 113)

SINGING: 421:1, 4 – 380:1-4 – 358:1-4 – 362:1-3

OUR TRAGIC STORY (1)

I. A brilliant beginning II. A daring disobedience III. A wasted wreck

I. OUR BRILLIANT BEGINNING

A. The stripping down and exposure of our fallen condition begs a question

1. How did we get so *wicked and perverse*?

a. define wicked

b. define perverse

B. Our beginning was *brilliant and beautiful and bountiful*

1. We are the product of God's *council-chamber* (Gen. 1:26)

a. Eccl. 7:29 *Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions*

b. Details of this glory are glorious

- reflected many aspects of God's glory (image/likeness)

- were completely righteous and holy

- were given ability to know God personally (grow)

- were in love with Him

- were given prospect of eternal happiness

2. This moral perfection was expressed in other beauties

a. physical beauty

b. lordship over the creatures (Ps. 8:6-8)

c. paradise condition to live and work

C. Why look often at this brilliant beginning?

II. OUR DARING DISOBEDIENCE

A. Our condition today is not accident: Gen. 3:6

1. it was a willful choice to default our commitment in a covenant
 - a. note that God's 'covenant relationship with Adam' was an honorable advancement upon his creation

b. the wages of this agreement far exceeded the work required

2. Adam's fall began with unbelief and followed with disobedience

B. Results of Adam act was to *hurl mankind of its pedestal*

1. our nature is corrupt (poisoned)
 - a. our heart is now a fountain of evil – workshop of the devil

b. this condition affects *every human being* born (Rom. 5:12)

CLOSING QUESTIONS ...

A. Have you learned to acknowledge truth that *we as men caused our ruin?*

B. Do you realize that *though we broke the covenant of works* that this covenant of works agreement still stands?

C. In the light of the above, do you sense the infinite obligation we have to the Second Adam as He calls us to 'look unto Him to be saved?'