

**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 off 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?'