

Adam and Eve

Moses 5:1-11



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2 Nephi 2:25*

Changes

Before the Fall:

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Moses 5:1

After the Fall:

Adam and Eve had to:

Till the earth

Domesticate animals for help

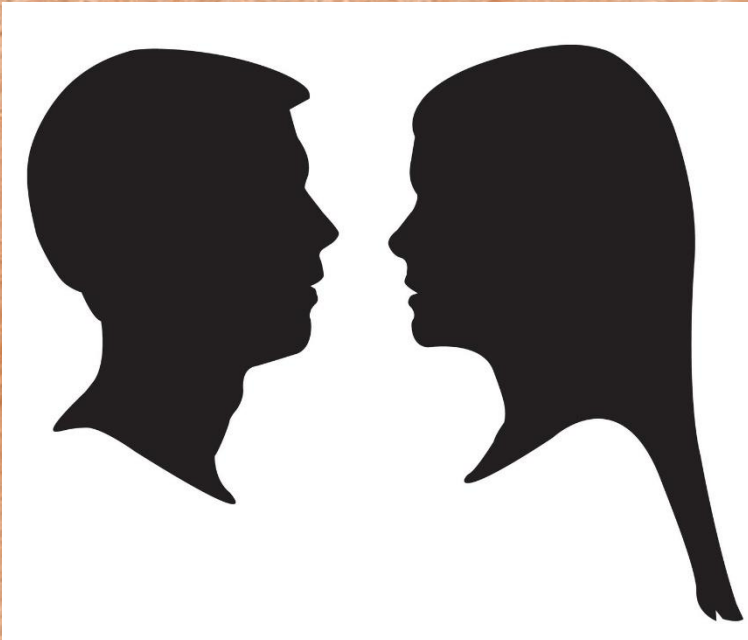
Survive through hard work



The Bible does not mention the survival lessons Adam and Eve had to go through

Children Born

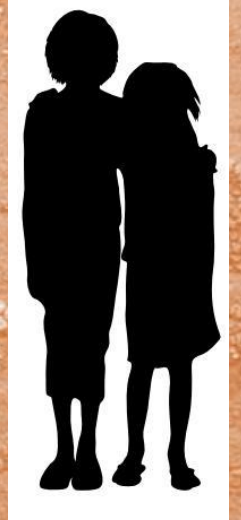
Knew—The covenant marriage between man and woman



Bare/Begat— It seems that there were sons and daughters born to Adam and Eve before Cain and Abel

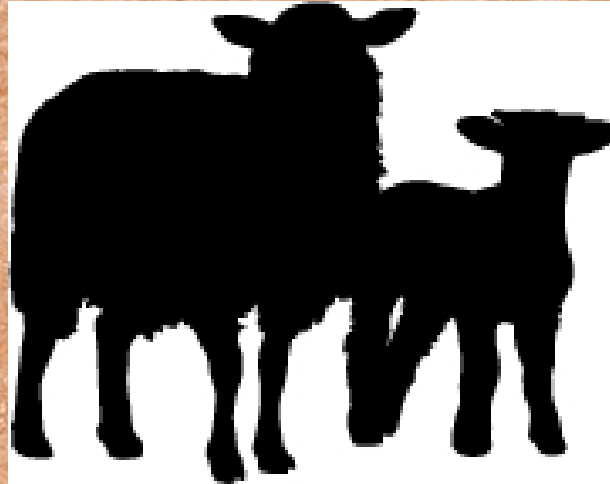


One of the commandments for Adam and Eve was to bare children...and their children to also multiply



Divide The Land

Two by Two



The children also
learned to work and
provide for their
families



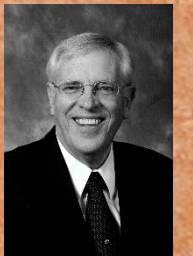
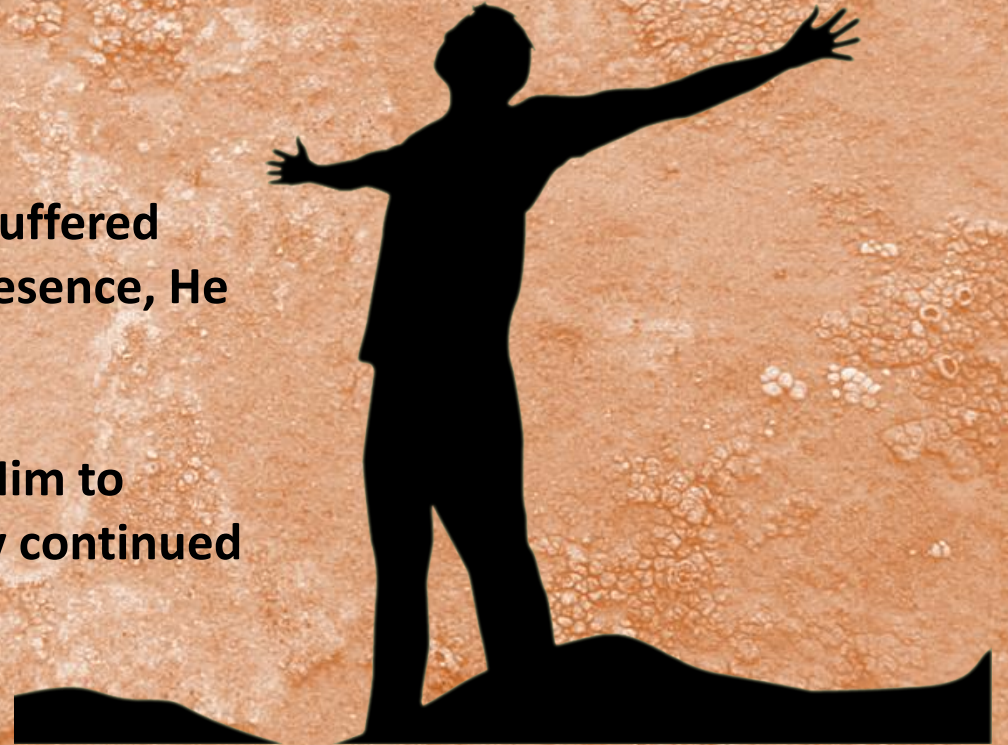
Call Upon



“Although Adam and Eve had suffered banishment from the Lord’s presence, He did not cut them off entirely.

Rather, in loving care brought Him to continue to guide them as they continued to pray to Him.

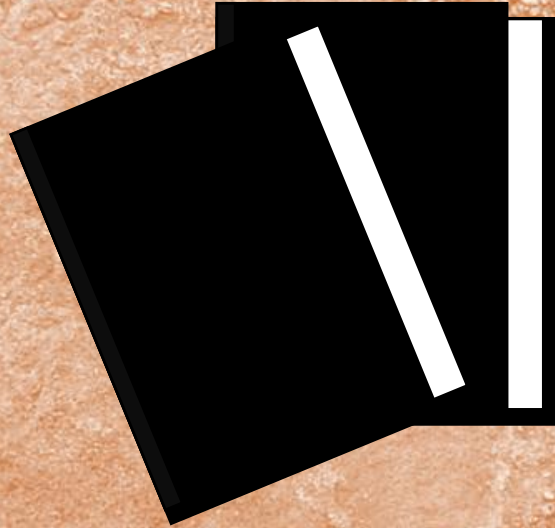
Richard D. Draper



Spiritual Death

“The scriptures teach of two sources of spiritual death. The first source is the Fall, and the second is our own disobedience”

True to the Faith



Wherefore, I command you again to repent, lest I humble you with my almighty power; and that you confess your sins, lest you suffer these punishments of which I have spoken, of which in the smallest, yea, even in the least degree you have tasted at the time I withdrew my Spirit.

D&C 19:20

How does the Fall of Adam and Eve cause us to experience spiritual death?

We are born into a fallen world in which we are separated from our Heavenly Father.



How does our own disobedience cause us to experience spiritual death?

When we sin we become spiritually unclean and unworthy to be in our Heavenly Father's presence.



Overcoming Effects of Death

Offering the firstlings of their flocks:

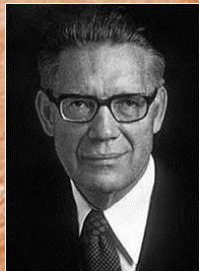
To sacrifice the firstborn male lambs upon an altar.



How does sacrificing the firstborn male lambs help Adam and Eve understand Heavenly Father's plan of redemption and what would be required for them to be able to return to God's presence?




"Sacrifice is a similitude. It is performed to typify the coming sacrifice of the Son of God.



For four thousand long years, from Adam to that...day when our Lord was lifted up by sinful men, all of His righteous followers sought remission of their sins through sacrifice. It was an ordinance of the Melchizedek Priesthood...the lesser law given to Moses..."

Elder Bruce R. McConkie

Obedience

Two black stick figures are shown from the back, sitting at a table. Between them is a black rectangular box containing white text.

**We can choose to obey the
Lord's commandments
even if we do not
understand the reason for
those commandments**

“Certainly, the shedding of the blood of a beast could be beneficial to no man, except it was done in imitation, or as a type, or explanation of what was to be offered through the gift of God Himself—and this performance done with an eye looking forward in faith on the power of that great Sacrifice for the remission of sins. ...



“... We conclude that whenever the Lord revealed Himself to men in ancient days, and commanded them to offer sacrifice to Him, that it was done that they might look forward in faith to the time of His coming, and rely upon the power of that atonement for a remission of their sins”

President Joseph Smith

The Similitude

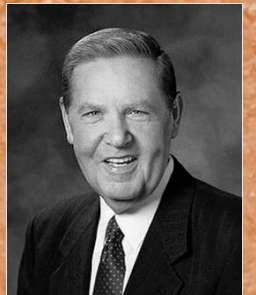
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Perfect	“If there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord.” Deuteronomy 15:21	“Christ...a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:19
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“Why are they to call upon God? Is this a social visit? Is it a friendly neighborhood chat? No, this is a call for help from the lone and dreary world. This is a call from the brink of despair.

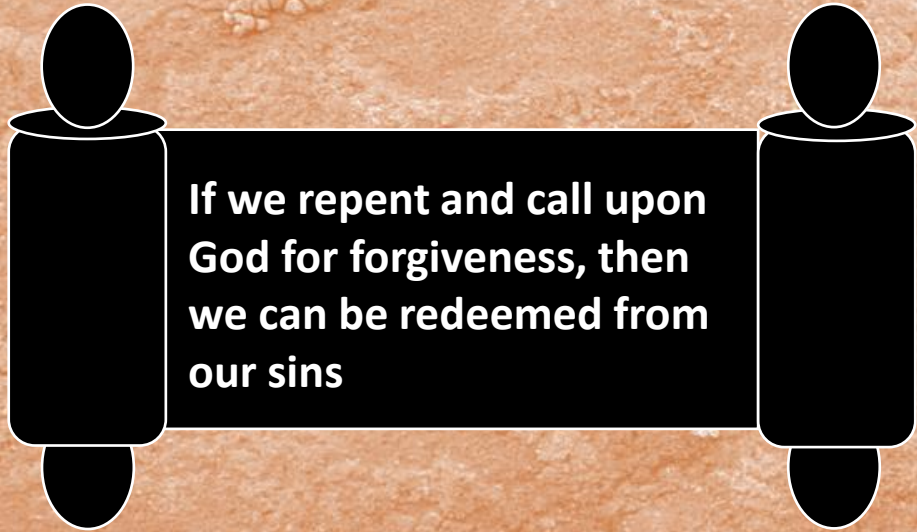


... This is a call from the personal prison of a sinful heart. It is a call for the forgiveness of sins.”

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

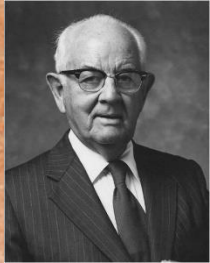


Repentance



**If we repent and call upon
God for forgiveness, then
we can be redeemed from
our sins**

**“Individuals are to undertake personal
acts of repentance and prayer in the
Son’s name.”** H. Donl Peterson



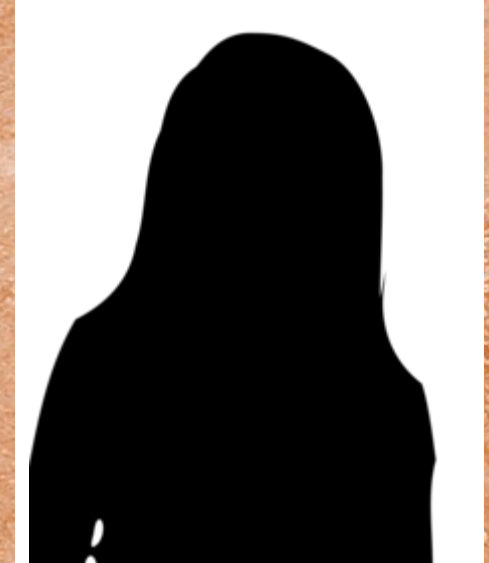
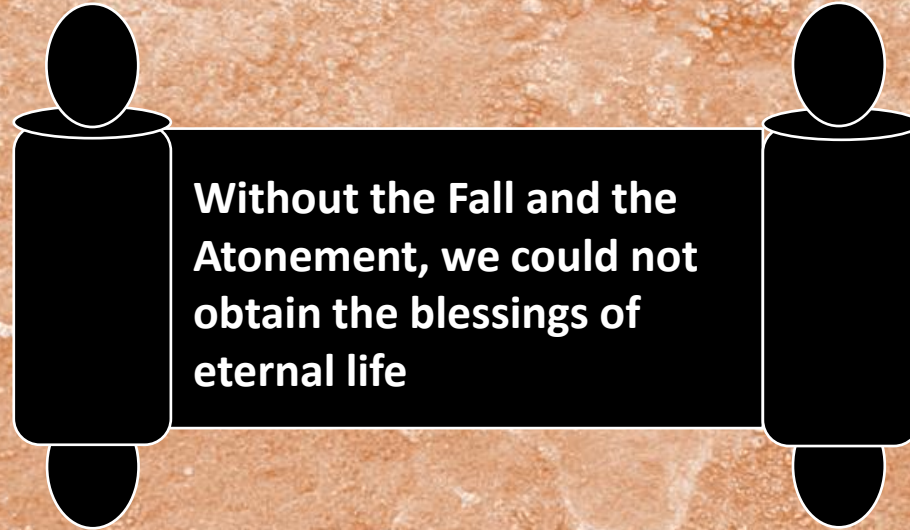
**“Since all of us sin in greater or lesser
degree, we are all in need of constant
repentance, of continual raising our
sights and our performance. ...This is an
effort which must be extended through
the remainder of one’s years.”**

President Spencer W. Kimball



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Transgressor-- partaking of the fruit that resulted in the Fall of Adam and Eve.



"I do not look upon Adam's action as a sin. I think it was a deliberate act of free agency. He chose to do that which had to be done to further the purposes of God. The consequences of his act made necessary the atonement of the Redeemer."

Marion G. Romney

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Suggested Hymn: #193 *I Stand All Amazed*

Video: Jesus Christ Suffered For Us (2:21)



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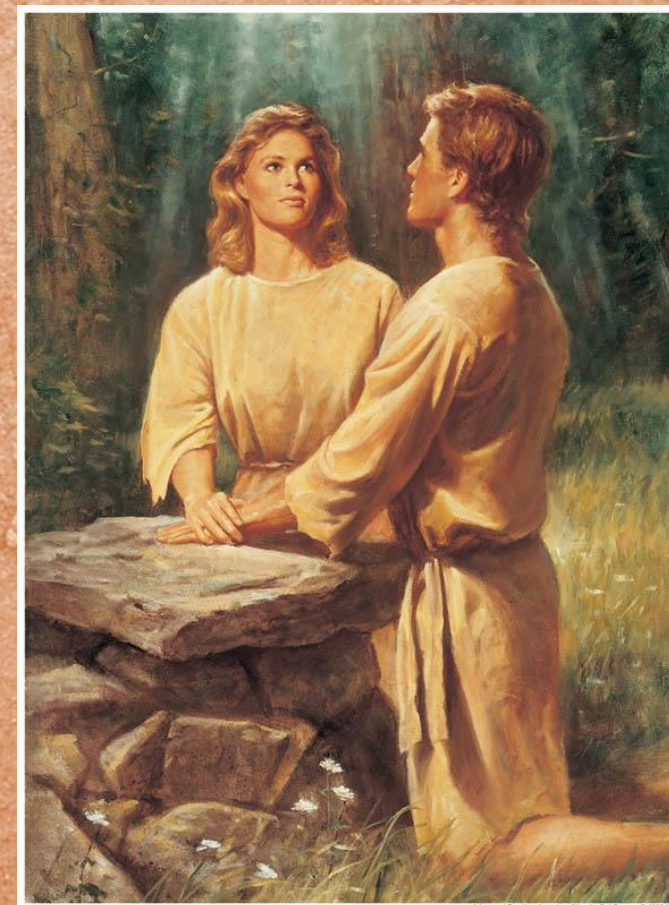
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Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught: **“The Fall** was an essential part of Heavenly Father’s divine plan. Without it no mortal children would have been born to Adam and Eve, and there would have been no human family to experience opposition and growth, moral agency, and the joy of resurrection, redemption, and eternal life” (“The Atonement of Jesus Christ,” *Ensign*, Mar. 2008, 35).

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained why the act of **Adam and Eve is considered a transgression** rather than a sin:

“Elder Joseph Fielding Smith said: ‘I never speak of the part Eve took in this fall as a sin, nor do I accuse Adam of a sin. ... This was a transgression of the law, but not a sin ... for it was something that Adam and Eve had to do!’ [*Doctrines of Salvation*, comp. Bruce R. McConkie, 3 vols. (1954–56), 1:114–15].

“This suggested contrast between a *sin* and a *transgression* reminds us of the careful wording in the second article of faith: ‘We believe that men will be punished for their own *sins*, and not for Adam’s *transgression*’ (emphasis added). It also echoes a familiar distinction in the law. Some acts, like murder, are crimes because they are inherently wrong. Other acts, like operating without a license, are crimes only because they are legally prohibited. Under these distinctions, the act that produced the Fall was not a sin—inherently wrong—but a transgression—wrong because it was formally prohibited. These words are not always used to denote something different, but this distinction seems meaningful in the circumstances of the Fall.

“Modern revelation shows that our first parents understood the necessity of the Fall. Adam declared, ‘Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God’ (Moses 5:10).

“Note the different perspective and the special wisdom of Eve, who focused on the purpose and effect of the great plan of happiness: ‘Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient’ (v. 11)” (“The Great Plan Of Happiness,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1993, 73).

Regarding Adam and Eve’s different perspectives of their transgression, Elder Richard G. Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained:

“Later, ‘Adam blessed God ... and began to prophesy concerning all the families of the earth, saying: Blessed be the name of God, for because of *my* transgression *my* eyes are opened, and in this life *I* shall have joy, and again in the flesh *I* shall see God’ [Moses 5:10; emphasis added]. Adam was thinking about his responsibilities. He was trying to align his performance with the desires of the Lord. Eve said, ‘Were it not for *our* transgression *we* never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of *our* redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto *all* the obedient’ [Moses 5:11; emphasis added]. Eve’s response was characteristic of a woman. She embraced all, wanted to make sure that everyone was considered. One response was not more correct than the other. The two perspectives resulted from the traits inherent in men and women. The Lord intends that we use those differences to fulfill His plan for happiness, personal growth, and development. By counseling together they arrived at a broader, more correct understanding of truth” (“The Joy of Living the Great Plan of Happiness,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1996, 74).