

FORMATION 9 THE REALITY AND NATURE OF SIN: OBSTACLE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

What Really Happened in the Garden of Eden?

We all know that Adam & Eve disobeyed God & this disobedience led to Sin, which took them away from God. Let us see how they lived their lives before & after their disobedience.

Characteristics of life before the fall:

- *Between the people and God, Harmony: God walks through the Garden in the cool of the day with the people; openness and friendship.*
- *Between the man and the woman: Total openness and friendship, they were naked but felt no shame; the man should not be alone.*
- *Between the people and nature: Tranquility; the man names the animals as a sign of dominion; trees filled with fruits.*

Characteristics of life after the fall (the effect of sin):

- *Between the people and God: Fear and embarrassment replace openness and warmth. Adam and Eve hide behind the bushes, ashamed of their own nakedness.*
- *Between the man and the woman: They fail to assume personal responsibility, and they blame each other – “It was the woman you put with me”; “The serpent tempted me and I ate”—no longer trusting each other..*
- *Between the people and nature: Disorder; people have to till the soil by the sweat... the woman will bring forth children in great pain.*

Original Sin is washed away at baptism. We are all born with a defect, the inherited result of Adam's sin: at birth, we are already separated from God, and need to have this washed away by Baptism.

Sin takes us away from God..it continues to influence us in our choices and actions...we always stand in need of God's grace. And how can we do this thru the Sacrament of Confession.

What are the 2 kinds of sin?

Mortal Sin : Murders the love in you and your relationship with God. Serious evil is done, knowingly.

Venial Sin: smaller sins that Wound your ability to love others and to relate to God.

Venial Sin: SMALL

not serious,
not knowingly done,
not completely deliberate

eg someone dies from food poisoning
because of problems with food
storage you did not know about

Mortal Sin: SERIOUS

serious,
deliberate,
knowingly done.



(Mortal= death-dealing.)

Contrition: Confession: Satisfaction: Absolution:

The four elements needed for Reconciliation

Four elements make up the sacrament of reconciliation. They are essential for absolving sins. These elements are contrition, confession, satisfaction and absolution.

Contrition - sorrow for sins. Contrition requires sincere examination of conscience. To do this, a person must ask themselves questions based on the 10 Commandments, to see if they have sinned.

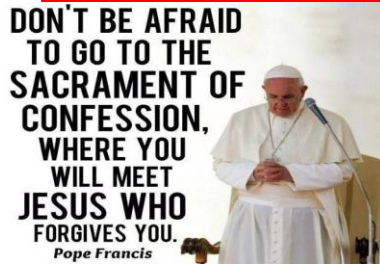
Confession - owning up honestly about sin, accepting responsibility for sin. Confession involves stating all the mortal and venial sins to the priest.

Satisfaction - doing what is possible to repair harm of offence. the two parts of satisfaction are penance and prayer of sorrow (act of contrition). Penance is when the priest states the satisfaction to be made (this could be returning stolen goods, paying compensation for damage done, a prayer). A prayer of sorrow can be a prayer in the person's own words, or a formal prayer.

Absolution - forgiveness by Jesus through the priest. Priests have the same spiritual gifts to forgive sins just as Jesus did.

Interesting fact: Priests exercise the power to forgive sins by holding his hand over the person and blessing them while saying, 'God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' (Catechism 1449)

Interesting fact: Priests are bound with something called the *Sacramental Seal*, which means they cannot tell your confessions to anyone. **SO DON'T BE AFRAID TO GO FOR CONFESSION**



Act of Contrition : O MY GOD, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they deserve your dreadful punishment because they have crucified my loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, and most of all, because they offended your infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the help of your grace, never to offend you again, and carefully avoid the occasions of sin. Amen.

Ten Commandments:

- I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not kill.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

God Makes A Way

Our Problem: Sin Separates Us from God 	Our Failure: Human Efforts Fall Short 	Only One Way to Heaven: God's Rescue Plan Jesus Christ
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HOW TO OVERCOME SIN?

THE DEADLY SINS VS. HEAVENLY VIRTUES

TO OVERCOME	PRIDE	➤	HUMILITY
TO OVERCOME	GREED	➤	GENEROSITY
TO OVERCOME	LUST	➤	CHASTITY
TO OVERCOME	WRATH	➤	PATIENCE
TO OVERCOME	GLUTTONY	➤	TEMPERANCE
TO OVERCOME	ENVY	➤	CHARITY
TO OVERCOME	SLOTH	➤	DILIGENCE

"FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH" (1 TIMOTHY 6:12)

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1 SAMUEL : 23

<p>Q. What else did David do besides determine to protect those Saul wanted dead?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:2 1). David led the people 2). David asked God's counsel in potential war, even asking again and again for the sake of his fearful men 3). David rescued the Israelites from Philistines stealing their grain. Note: Look at how David's shepherd experience made him a shepherd of bigger things. What are you in training for? The best training from heaven goes unnoticed until you are released to use it for God.</p>
<p>Q. How did David approach God?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:6 Abiathar, the priest, used an ephod to get answers for David from the Lord.</p>
<p>Q. In what town did David deliver the Israelites from the Philistines?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:4 Keilah, which was a walled city.</p>
<p>Q. Was it risky for David, a fugitive, to enter such a city?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:7 Yes. As Saul's spies were everywhere, he soon found David in a place where he could actually trap him.</p>
<p>Q. How did God help David?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:11 David asked God about the future and God told him.</p>
<p>Q. How would Saul trap David?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:12 The men of Keilah would betray David.</p>
<p>Q. After David rescued them???</p>	<p>A. Yes!</p>
<p>Q. Did David end up getting caught?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:13 No. God's warning gave him time to flee.</p>
<p>Q. Where did David go?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:13 David and his men roamed the countryside.</p>
<p>Q. How many men did David have by now?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:13 About 600, which is 200 more than when he started his exile at the cave.</p>
<p>Q. Did Saul give up on David?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:14 No. Saul hunted David day after day. David stayed in the strongholds of the wilderness and in the hill country of Ziph. Saul never found David. Note: God knows everything (23:12) in advance. God knows when evil lurks. He also knows how to turn it into a blessing. Life is not a chess game. God is looking out for you and is never surprised with events that touch our lives. Every bit of it shapes you. Laugh more, cry less, move forward.</p>
<p>Q. Did Jonathan understand that David would be king?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:17 Yes.</p>
<p>Q. What kept Saul from getting David this time?</p>	<p>A. 1 Samuel 23:27 The Philistines attacked Israel again so Saul had to return home to fight them. Saul would resume his pursuit of David afterward.</p>