

In this spiritual letter we will examine the judgment of God on humans and Satan inside the Garden of Eden before He sent them out. There were many questions already raised and had been answered by the Children of God on this contentious issue. However this article has made a sincere attempt to positively look at the entire episode and will present logically that God had protected humans even after they betrayed Him and indeed He did not really punish them. The punishment was only awarded to Satan, who was in the body of Serpent.

The reason for this very basic logic or idea was that God did speak to Eve and Adam; but directly punished the Serpent. This shows that God had clear intention of protecting humans but subjecting them through His righteous principles. God certainly told Adam that because of his disobedience the Earth would be cursed (Genesis 3:17-19); it would yield *Thorns* and *Thistles*. Of course it has got two sides in it;

- Physical
- Ethical

The physical side of it is explicit and we could see every where that earth produces such plants. But remember that God did not tell Adam that he and his off-springs would eat such plants. If that was the case then we would certainly agree that God had really cursed humans as Satan and his demons have been preaching many souls now. God had cursed only Satan and his demons for their rebellious acts in heavenly places (II Peter 2:4); through them the cursing comes into humans' lives, if we listen to them by following the desires of the evil. Let us see what God had done even before he created Adam; He had seeded the seeds of all the herbs on the surface of earth and told Adam that he and his off-springs would be given all of them as their food. God has protected his words since Adam's period until today.

HAS REALLY GOD PUNISHED ADAM?

No, certainly not. But Adam had to pay for his mistake of eating the fruit of good and evil that was degenerative (destructive). This fruit has brought two basic changes in our fleshy system;

- It has made the physical cells to lose their shelf life and self-healing state
- It has introduced lustful feeling into the physical cells

WHO DO WE BLAME FOR OUR CONDITION TODAY?

Even after accepting the God's word and having put them into practice, we may find sometimes that our flesh does not cooperate with our spiritual system. *Why?* Basically the nature of flesh is twisted after the sinful act. It needs the presence of God (Word of

God and Spirit of God) to be holy always. Praise God for having mercy on us.

WHAT ARE THE ETHICAL ISSUES INHERITED IN THESE TWO PLANTS?

1. Thorns

Thorn is a stiff plant with sharp pointed woody projection on its stem.





Figure 1

Thorn means a source of continual annoyance or trouble. The woody projections can be potential trouble making bodily diseases; or simply killer diseases that would cause the physical body to suffer. Since the physical body was made from the substances of earth, when God told Adam that earth would produce Thorns for him, the spiritual meaning in it was that his off-springs would be physically inferior due to his selection of believing Satan's Life theory ("You shall not die"). God was really educating Adam how should he proceed further to build his life without much damage.

Thorns have many varieties, namely bush (children), shrub (teens), trees (Adults). The effect would be same for every life (from child to adult). Since all were going to live on the cursed earth, God had cautioned Adam that their physical body would be inferior and further deteriorate from its healthy state as the time will progress. The herbs he would be eating also might not protect him longer if he would continue to follow the

path of disobedience. The yield of the cursed earth must be made as blessed in order to get only a good essence out of it. See what happened to Cain's offer; he brought the yields of the cursed earth to satisfy God but not to receive His blessing through repentance.

God had planted all the seeds of required herbs on the earth for humans before they committed sin; then why He had to curse them with these kinds of plants. First of all we must understand that God is the respecter of His principles; it means that whether Adam sows or we sow the apple seed, it would produce only apple tree.

WHAT WAS GOD'S PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THESE PLANTS ON THE EARTH?

He definitely wanted the off-springs of Adam to study something from these plants. Since the life theory on which God designed the human body to hold His image (Soul + Spirit) was spoiled; He wanted them to logically realize by looking at these plants to learn about their wicked behaviors and turn to God, who would make them the pasture midst of drought. However God made it clear that thorns (non-believers) would continue to remain in the same state because they would worship physical bodies rather than His holy presence (Holy Spirit). That's why He has allowed them to have bodily sufferings (wooden projections on stem: they grow over a period of time). God did not want to differentiate thorns (sinful society; refer to Exodus and read the sufferings of Egyptians in His hands).

2. Thistles

Thistle is a plant with prickly stem and leaves; it has rounded heads of purple flowers. In this plant the leaves and stem represents the physical life and if they are prickly (spiky) then it denotes painful or sinful or troubled state of life. Flowers blossom that means they represent the characters of the plant.



Round headed flowers show the identification of human face value. The characters expose a man's inheritance and bring identification to him like flowers will do for the plants. Of course God had recognized that He would not get very perfect souls from the cursed earth for His kingdom; therefore the prickly stem and leaves ('Genetic Sin'). By nature the cursed earth would produce such children to Adam and their physical body would tempt and make all attempts to spoil their characters (purple flowers). But God said that from this physical system there would blossom purple flowers. Purple is a color that is derived between red and blue. Red represents the earth (life on blood) and Blue represents the heavens (life on spirit). So earth (Physical life) will be connected with heavens only through good characters of human soul.

WHAT KIND OF CHARACTERS?

- Fullness (holy i.e. in total agreement with God)
- Freeness (free from sinful life)
- Greatness (not thinking our achievements but being great in loving and accepting others)

Purple is a scarlet official dress of cardinal (Chief), born into a reigning family (ruling authority) and privileged class. Our Chief is Lord Jesus Christ and being the children of Him, we become a privileged class; joining the heavenly spiritual worlds (Jesus said that His Father has many worlds). So it is now obvious that the characters of Jesus Christ must be developed by the earthly creature even though it has a weak physical system (sinful, disorderly). Jesus Christ being the word of God is the spirit of God; therefore His characters are based truly on the principles of living God.

So God told Adam that all of his off-springs would not die permanently or eternally. In fact He told him that they would be of two kinds.

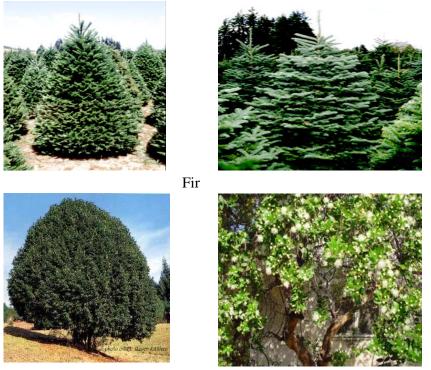
- Born wicked and remain wicked (Thorns)
- Born wicked but made righteous (Thistles)

Friends we are made righteous in Jesus Christ for which he has already paid God the price through his ransom sacrifices; that is so awesome. If we trust him and truly submit our lives he would recreate (reconstruct) our characters, which will certainly blossom into purple flowers.

3. New World

In Isaiah 55:13, God says, "Instead of thorn shall come up the fir tree; and instead of the brier (bigger tree of bush type) shall come up the myrtle tree (cypress); that shall not be cut-off. God talks about two classes of people will enter into His new world.

- The church (Fir tree)
- The Israelites (Myrtle tree)







This wonderful change shall bring much honor to God. And the relationship between heavens and blessed earth will be glorious because the King of Kings Lord Jesus Christ would be the light and mediator between them.

When we forgive people we do not forget the incident; but when God forgives our sins, he will remember it no more. So the new world will be in total peace with Him

