**Consequences of Disobedience**

Gen 3:14-19, 23, 24a

***14And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:15And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.16Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;18Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;19In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.***

***23Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.***

***24So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.***

*Beloved everything, we face in life has its own consequences!! The result of consequences can sometimes be for the good! In the act of disobedience towards God, Adam, Eve & even the serpent are revealed in detail in these passages and they confirm to us that disobedience towards God has it Consequences!!!*

*I. Let’s take a look at the word…* ***Consequences***

*A. Webster’s Dictionary defines it as…*a result or effect of an action or condition.

"many have been laid off from work as a consequence of the administration's policies"

**Consequences can** be either **good** or **bad**. Problems arise when we don't think about or recognize the **consequences** of our actions. When you are not aware of the **consequences** of your behavior, two things may happen. In the case where the **consequences** are negative, you run the risk of repeating the same mistake over and over.

*B. Consequences can be referred to as….* ***“The hardest form of learning from one’s own mistakes.”***

*C. Consequences is also the direct result of…* ***Not giving things a second thought prior to determining to making a mistake. For example…..***

 *a. Today, Texting and driving has been the result of loss of life*

 *b. Drinking and driving has caused numerous accidents and loss of life.*

 *c. Having a relationship outside of wedlock has its consequences!*

 *d. Violation of the 10 commandments thou shall not kill has its consequences, it is sad to hear that a man kills 5 children and takes his own life.*

 *e. Greed, drugs, suicide, divorce, gambling, food consumption, disciplining children, spousal abuse, violation of government laws, the list is endless either way they all have their consequences.*

*In many cases what is the root cause of many of the consequences?*

*D. More often than not in many cases….Selfishness is what blinds the* ***“thought process”*** *notice Eve****, V.6 6And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.***

***This was all an act of selfishness and an outright act of disobedience unto God which brought forth major consequences to the entire world, and mankind on the part of Adam and Eve.***

*E. Beloved, today It would be a wise thing to think things out and reason out the consequences before we act,*

*II. Another thing about consequences is that its direct results CANNOT be chosen.*

*A. Reason is because Consequences Are not an option.*

*B. In other words God did NOT ask Adam, Eve or the serpent which consequences they prefer.*

*C.* ***Neither does God ask Us****, I believe God's word gives a good idea of what consequences to expect.*

*D. They are the following…Grave, severe, there is no middle ground.!!*

*E. Here’s what God says…****Galatians 6:7Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.***

 *I believe the hard consequences faced by others in the Bible are there to show us and give us some valuable learning instructions to be considered….*

 ***1 Cor. 10:1111Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.***

*III. Consequences become something we will have with us, sometimes for the rest of our lives…as a price we will pay!*

*A. Till this day we are still living the consequences of Adam sin.*

*B. We also need to understand that* ***The bitterness*** *of consequences can stay with us an entire lifetime.*

*C. A prime example was David who lived with the consequence of the loss of a child….*

*2 Sam12:1-* ***And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.2The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:3But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.4And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.5And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:6And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.7And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;8And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.9Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.10Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.11Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.12For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.13And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.14Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.15And Nathan departed unto his house. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.16David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.17And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.18And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?19But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.20Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.21Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.22And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?23But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. 24And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the Lord loved him.***

 *Many Teenage mothers today live with the* ***consequence*** *of having to raise a child for the rest of their lives many are all stressed out and can’t handle the pressure!*

*News reports today…children being killed by their own mothers!!! A mother put a child in the oven and cooked him.*

*IV. Consequences can also leave a terrible BURDEN Others.*

*A. It would be good that only the guilty of wrong-doing(sin) should face consequences alone but such is not the case at times.*

*B. David servants worried about telling David the child had died. 2 Sam 12:18 they were burdened at the thought that David would harm himself of the news while at the same time the child was burdened by the loss of life and so was his wife Bathsheba!!!*

*C. Teenage mothers in most cases burden their own parents by having to support them or even just by babysitting while they work to support their child.*

***Beloved all this on Consequences can be all summed up this way…***

*A. Simply put disobedience towards GOD will surely bring Consequences.*

*B. Gods' Word plainly warns us of the severity of the consequences*

*C. 1 John 3:4 defines sin as a transgression(disobedience) of the law*

***1 John 3:44Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.***

*D. Rom 6:23 gives us and declares the consequence(wage) of sin (death)*

***Rom 6:23 23For the wages (consequence) of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

*E. 2 Thess. 1:6-12 Declares the "gravest of all consequences" for disobedience towards GOD & that would be* ***FOR NOT HAVING OBEYED THE GOSPEL***

*2 Thess. 1:6-12****6Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;10When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.11Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:12That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.***