

## ONLY TWO WAYS – MATT7:13,14

Your life in this world is on one of only two ways; you are either on one or the other but you cannot straddle both. The two ways are illustrated in the lives of two of the sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel. Cain's way (Jude11) was his own way, the broad way that leads to eternal destruction (Matt7:13). It was the way by which he expected to reach the Tree of Life in Eden by his own efforts and merits. It was the way that is followed by what seems the majority of humanity especially today, the way of denying God's revelation of truth in his word. It is the way of the kingdom of this world, the kingdom of Satan and Anti-Christ, that has no time for the righteousness and justice of God, that aspires to an eternal "peace" of sorts based on innate human merit, but will have nothing to do with the blood of the Lamb of God for remission of sins. It seems right to natural reason (Prov14:12) but the end of the way is death (the 2<sup>nd</sup> death, Rev20:14).

But the way of Abel is the way that God revealed, the only way to the righteousness that God requires and without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb12:14). It is the Way which *is* a man, the God-Man, the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "***I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man comes to the Father but by me***" (John14:6)". It is a narrow way (Matt7:14), not an easy way as the world counts ease, but it is the only way that leads to eternal life. How do you find that way? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, trust the redemption he has accomplished with his shed blood at Calvary, commit your immortal soul into his safe-keeping, and he will guide you and reveal the truth in you. AJ

## THE MAN IS BECOME AS ONE OF US – Gen3:22

What a statement that is! It is not the statement of a mere man, but the declaration of the Lord God Himself. — What can it mean?

First, this is a declaration of the fact that Adam was a type and picture of Christ our Substitute, as the Holy Spirit tells us in Romans 5:14, "*the figure of him that was to come.*" Nowhere do we see the love of Christ for his Church set forth so fully as in the case of Adam's love for Eve. The popular notion is that Eve beguiled Adam. Eve did nothing of the kind. Satan beguiled her, allured her by deception into sin and rebellion against God; but the Holy Spirit tells us plainly that "*Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression*" (1 Timothy 2:14).

Adam was not deceived to any degree, neither by the devil, nor by his wife. He knew exactly what he was doing and sinned with his eyes wide open. He saw her in the depths of her guilt and shame; and out of nothing but love for her, before he would be parted from her, he would be damned with her. He cleaved to his wife, for they were one flesh. And into ruin he plunged himself for her sake. In all this he was the figure of Him that was to come, our dear Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21). This is also a declaration of Adam's present state and condition, and of ours, in Christ. Though fallen by nature, we are now, as Adam was, restored by grace. What God here says of Adam is true of every believer. Though in Adam we fell, in Christ we are restored, just like Adam was. Like Adam, we have been clothed with Christ's righteousness, and we are "*righteous, even as he is righteous*" (1 John 3:7; Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16).

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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### 10:45 am (GMT) Service

*Genesis 4*

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**359** tune 12

*S Stennett*

1 How charming is the place,  
Where my Redeemer, God,  
Unveils the beauties of his face,  
And sheds his love abroad!

2 Not the fair palaces  
To which the great resort,  
Are once to be compared to this,  
Where Jesus holds his court.

3 Here, on the mercy-seat,  
With radiant glory crowned,  
Our joyful eyes behold him sit,  
And smile on all around.

6 Give me, O Lord, a place  
Within thy blest abode,  
Among the children of thy grace,  
The servants of my God.

### **Prayer**

**Reading**    **Genesis 3:21-4:16**

### **Prayer**

**543** tune 464

*W Gadsby*

1 Jesus is the way to God;  
Jesus is the way to bliss;  
In this way the church has trod,  
Down from Adam's day to this.

2 [Jesus is the living way;  
All beside to ruin lead;  
They are safe, and only they,  
Who are one in Christ their Head.]

3 [Jesus is a holy way;  
Leads to endless joys above;  
Holy men, and only they,  
Walk in this blest way of love.]

6 [Jesus is the way of strength;  
Yet the strong this way can't come;  
And the Lord will prove at length,  
Weaklings have the victory won.]

7 [Jesus is the way of peace,  
Paved from end to end with love;  
Yes, this way abounds with grace,  
And the needy it approve.]

8 All a helpless soul can need,  
All a faithful God can give,  
In this way is to be had;  
Here the hungry eat and live.

### **Sermon**

**144** tune 284

*J Cennick*

1 Jesus, my All, to heaven is gone,  
He whom I fix my hopes upon;  
His track I see, and I'll pursue  
The narrow way, till him I view.

3 This is the way I long have sought,  
And mourned because I found it not;  
My grief, my burden long has been,  
Because I could not cease from sin.

4 The more I strove against its power,  
I sinned and stumbled but the more;  
Till late I heard my Saviour say,  
"Come hither, soul, I AM THE WAY."

5 Lo! glad I come; and thou, blest Lamb,  
Shalt take me to thee as I am;  
Nothing but sin I thee can give;  
Nothing but love shall I receive.

6 Then will I tell to sinners round,  
What a dear Saviour I have found;  
I'll point to thy redeeming blood,  
And say, "Behold the way to God."