

THE EDENIC LAW

To my knowledge, there has never been a violation of a commandment of God that carried punitive consequences upon the entire human race throughout all human history except the Edenic Law.

This is the way the Apostle Paul described the violation of the Edenic Law in Roman 5:12 – “Therefore, **just as** (hosper/ intensive particle/ **precisely**) through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, **and so** (houtos/demonstrative adverb/ **thus**) death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

The “one man” is described by Paul as **Adam** in Romans 5:14 and 1 Cor.15:22 – “For as (hosper) **in** (en+loc of sphere) Adam all die, so also (houtos) **in (positional truth)** Christ all shall be made alive.” (NAS)

DOCTRINAL PRINCIPLE: Adamic sin and death are (imputed) passed onto all members of the human race throughout human history because of Adam’s violation of the Edenic Law. We refer to this as Adam’s Original Sin (AOS).

Today’s lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Edenic Law and how violation of it because the single most important doctrine to the need for grace salvation: “**That, as (hosper) [precisely] sin reigned in death (AOS), even so (houtos) [thus] grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**” (Rom.5:21, NAS)

1. The Edenic Law will be divided into the following three homiletical points for study (2:16-17).

- **Permissive** will of God – “From any tree of the garden - eating eat (akal/ kal infin. absolute and akal/ kal impf).”
- **Prohibitive** will of God – “But from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat (lo akal/ kal impf).”
- **Punitive** will of God – “For in the day that you eat from it – dying die (muth/ kal infin. absolute and muth/ kal impf).”

[Hebrew grammar – when an infinitive absolute is used before the finite verb, it intensifies the latter.]

No reason is stated for the Edenic Law. We understand by reading the context that the reason was free will (human volition) in the Angelic Conflict.

2. The Edenic Law was the only commandment given to Adam and Eve during the period of Innocence in the Garden of Eden.

The Edenic Law had a positive as well as a negative clause. Both were designed to encourage obedience.

- Write the positive clause _____ (2:16)
- Write the negative clause _____ (2:17)

The Edenic Law was taught to them during bible class at the First Bible Church of Eden – “The Lord God commanded (tssawah / piel impf.) (2:16) “And they heard the sound of the Lord walking in the garden in the cool of the day.” (3:8)

3. As a commandment of God, the Edenic Law was a test of freedom (divine institution #1) “inalienable rights”.

It was a test of man’s free will towards obedience or disobedience:

“For as (hosper) [precisely] through (dia+abl. of means) the one man’s disobedience (parakoe) the many were made (kathistemi / a.p.ind) sinners, even so (houtos) [thus] through the obedience (hupakoe) of the One the many will be made (kathistemi / f.p.ind) [appoint] righteous.” (Rom.5:19)

Theologians describe the human soul by five things:

- consciousness,
- conscience
- mentality
- **volition:** gives mankind the ability too freely chose or decide and to obey or disobey.
- emotion

True freedom in this world comes from grace salvation in Jesus Christ and obedience to the truth of the word of God. “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32; John 14:6)

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.” (Gal.5: 1,13)

4. How could Adam and Eve and YOU acquire the truth of the knowledge of good and evil in the world without violating God’s word?

Heb.10:25 give one of the most important exercises of volitional freedom in the believer’s life. Write it on the blank line _____.

The same lie about acquiring knowledge of truth that the devil used to deceive Eve is used against us today – “For God knows that in the day you eat from it (violation of commandment) your eyes will be opened (1 Tim.2:14), and you will be like God (Isa.14:14), knowing good and evil.” (Gen.3:5)

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom the seed was sown beside the road.” (Matt.13: 19; John 8:44-47)

5. We are able to apply the following doctrinal principle to violation of the Edenic Law:

“Negative volition against revealed truth of the word of God leads to cosmos diabolicus that leads to disobedience that leads to divine discipline (Heb.12: 5-11).

Some of the commandments of God carry promises and some carry consequences and some both. Here are three examples to study.

- Gen.2: 16-17 has both a promise and consequent.
- Eph.6:1-3 has a promise (Deut.5:16).
- 1 Cor.6:18-20 has a consequent.

6. Violation of the Edenic Law carried 13 judicial charges of AOS to all members of the human race in Adam.

Alienation (Col.1: 21)	Death (Rom.5: 12)	Perish (John 3:16; 10:28)
Blindness (2 Cor.4: 3-4)	Darkness (Acts 26:18)	Sinner (1 Tim.1: 15)
Condemnation (Rom.8: 1-2)	Enmity (Eph.2: 12-16)	Ungodly (Rom.5: 6-8)
Curse (Gal.3: 13)	Natural (1 Cor.2: 14-16)	Unrighteousness (Rom.3: 10)
		Wrath (John 3:36)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My words, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has been passed out of death into life.” (John 5:24)