

Theme: The Bible declares it, Jesus believed and affirmed it, and our hope of salvation demands it – so why do we struggle to believe that Adam was a real person, divinely and uniquely created as our earthly father?

Introduction: Last week we saw that we must look at the world through the lens of scripture if we are to rightly understand the world and our place in it. So this morning we consider the testimony of the scriptures – as it pertains to the unique creation – even within the created order – of us – men and women – the human race.

I. Adam and the Testimony of Scripture

- A. Adam's creation – Presented as a historical event (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:5-7, 18, 21-25)
- B. Adam's lineage
 - 1. The man "Adam"
 - a. "adam" is used of humanity in general
 - b. Adam is not a metaphorical man, but a husband and father (Genesis 4:1; 5:1, 2)
 - 2. Genealogies trace back to Adam. They trace real people, not mythical ones (Genesis 5; 1 Chronicles 1-9; Luke 3:38ff)
- C. The Old Testament affirmation – Affirming humanity as a unique and special creation (Deuteronomy 4:32; Psalm 8:5-6; Psalm 119:73; Ezekiel 28:12, 13)
- D. The New Testament affirmation
 - 1. Attesting to a literal Adam
 - 2. Paul in Athens (Acts 17:24-26)
 - 3. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; 1 Timothy 2:13; Jude 14
- E. Christ's affirmation
 - 1. A man and a woman (Mark 10:6-8)
 - 2. Adam's son, Abel (Luke 11:50-51)

II. Adam in Biblical Theology

- A. The basis of human dignity and dominion
 - 1. In God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26)
 - a. A separate work of creation
 - b. An "image bearer"
 - 1) We are like our Maker
 - 2) We share attributes of our Maker
 - c. Responsibility to rule
 - d. The "image" is still there after the fall (Genesis 9:1-6)
 - 2. Humanity is united in Adam (and Eve!)
 - a. From one set of parents (Genesis 3:20; Acts 17:26)
 - b. All sharing the same image
NOTE: If all ethnicities have different roots then who bears God's image and who does not? Which is the superior race?
 - c. With barriers torn down (Ephesians 2:14, 15; Galatians 3:28)
- B. The basis of human sexuality
 - 1. God's design for marriage
 - a. A Man and a Woman – a binary system (Matthew 19:3-6; Ephesians 5:31)
 - b. With "complimentary" design
 - 1) A suitable helper (Genesis 2:20, 21)
 - 2) Order in creation (1 Corinthians 11:8-9; 1 Timothy 2:13)

2. A picture of His love for the church – Representing a greater love relationship (Ephesians 5:31, 32)
- C. The basis of sin in the world
 1. How do we explain sin in the world without Adam?
 2. Paul's argument collapses without Adam (Romans 5:12, 14)
- D. The basis of hope in the Savior
 1. Sin "took root" in Adam – If we can't find the root of sin we can't "uproot" it
 2. Adam as a type – picture/representative (Romans 5:14; I Corinthians 15:21-22)
 3. There is another with our nature (Philippians 2:7, 8; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3)

III. Adam and Good News

- A. In Adam we are born as those who bear the image of God
NOTE: Our sin does not destroy that image
- B. We are reborn in the image of God in Christ who has our nature