

CREATION SUBJECTED TO FUTILITY

We are currently studying a new series of lessons entitled, Romans Creation, taken from (Rom.8:18-27).

In our last lesson, we studied Paul's introduction to Creation's suffering of this present time (Rom.8:18-19).

This lesson will study the difference between the Judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and the curses associated with it. We will focus on just one of the five things associated with the curse of Adam's Original Sin - the Ground.

We will study <u>four aspects</u> of Creation Subjected to Futility.

1. Our lesson will focus on Creation subjected to futility of ground or earth in Rom.8:20-21.

(Rom.8:20-21) "For (gar) the creation was **subjected** (hupotasso/ p.m.ind.3ps) **to futility** (to mataiotes), **not of its own will, but** because of Him who **subjected** (hupotasso/ a.a.ptc.asm) it **in hope that** (dioti) the creation itself also will be **set free** (eleutheroo/ f.p.ind.3ps) from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God."

The Greek word for **futility** is (to mataiotes). Vines says that mataiotes means **emptiness** as to result. In context, it refers to the emptiness of creation with regards to its original divinely creative purpose (Gen.1:3-2:1).

So, what happened to cause creation to become subjected to futility? And why is its freedom attached **to the freedom of the glory of the children of God?** (Rom.8:20-21)

The theological answer to science's origin questions is to understand the divine original causes. For example, original causes connected to this lesson come from Adam's Original Sin and the Curses associated with it (Gen.2-3).

2. It is important to understand the difference between Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and the Curses associated with it.

Adam's Original Sin resulted from Adam violating **the divine command and associated judgement of**

The Command / Judgment: (Gen.2:17) "but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." (Gen.3:6, 9-12; Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22).

The Consequences: (Rom.5:12) "Therefore, **just as** through **one man (5:14/ Adam)** sin entered the world, and death through sin, and **so death spread to all men, because all sinned.**" (Rom.5:12)

NOTE: There are [13 judicial charges of AOS](#) imputed to mankind.

Five of those curses are associated with AOS because of those who participating in it. Three are directly associated and two are indirectly associated with AOS.

Direct

- **Serpent** (Gen.3:13-19) [Ara]
- **Woman** (Gen.3:16) (Eve) [No Ara] (childbirth and marriage)
- **Man** (Gen.3:17-19) (Adam) [Ara]

Indirect

- **Satan** (Gen.3:15; Rev.12:9; 20:2; Rom.16:20; Heb.10:9-14)
- **Ground** (Gen.3:17; Rom.8:18-27) (Earth)

NOTE: We are currently studying the Ground or Earth subjected to futility (Rom.8:20-21).

3. Science observes the curses and give them names (second law of thermodynamics and entropy) like Adam (Gen.2:19-20).

Science and Adam observed creation and gave names, but Adam understood that the original cause was God and AOS.

Science can calculate life expediency but **can't** calculate how to live it or what happens to man after he dies or even why death. They can observe the heavens and earth but can't connect the dots to their original cause or final outcome. This takes Theology and Eschatology.

The present earth is running down (second law to thermodynamics) and the amount of available energy is constantly decreasing (entropy), but **God remains the same** (Heb.1:10-12; Ps.102:25-27; Isa.51:6; 1 Pet.1:24).

Creation Subjected to Futility: “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though **outwardly** we are wasting away, yet **inwardly** we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are **achieving for us an eternal glory** that far outweighs them all. So, **fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.** For what is seen is temporary, but what is **unseen is eternal.**” (2Cor.4:16-18)

4. Today all of creation is under the sovereign control of Lord Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of Father until the end of human history (John1:1-3; Col.1:15-17; Heb.1:1-3; 2:9-10; Eph.1:4) [The Eternal Life Conference] (ELC).

- Jesus has the divine authority to overrule fixed laws of creation (Heb.1:3; Rev.4:11).

“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (sunhistemi/ perf.a.ind).” (Col.1:17)

- Therefore, available energy will never reach zero in this present world.

“That the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” (**Rom.8:21**; Gal.5:1)