

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 14TH FEBRUARY 2018

TOPIC: Man where are you? Genesis 3:1-10, Mat. 6:16-18

A. Lent Season

Formative factors of our theological reflection

- i) Tradition
- Revelation
- Reason
- Experience
- Culture
- Scripture

Judeo Christian faith draws from revelation: General and special revelation recorded for us in scripture O.T and N.T

B. Lenten season: 40 days leading to Easter as preparation for:

- The Passion
- Death
- Crucifixion
- Burial
- Resurrection of Jesus Christ

40 days

Noah's flood were 40 days of rain. Gen. 7:4

Moses spent 40 days on Mt. Sinai. Exodus 24:18

Hebrews wandered 40 days in the desert from Egypt to the promised land. Numbers 14:33

Elijah took 40 days and nights walking on Mt. Horeb. 1 Kings 19:8

Jesus was in the desert being tempted for 40 days. Luke 4:1-2

But the Lented is emulating Jesus before Easter.

Why Lent.

- i) Prepare the believers for Easter through exercising spiritual discipline
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Fasting
 - c. Bible study and meditation
 - d. Subjecting the flesh to questioning it
 - e. Alms giving and acts of service
 - f. Self-denial of some pleasure to quieten noise and clutter and focus on the Lord.
 - g. Allowing the Holy Spirit to clean the house and grow in knowing and obedience.
 - h. Listening from God.

It is spiritual warfare

- Engage with the enemy
- The world
- The devil

Now back to our topic.

Adamah where are you? God asking Adam after Adam has been caught sinning against God.

He followed his wife and did not want to disappoint her.

Eve was deceived and temptation centered around the fruit.

V6 – She saw the fruit.

- Was good for food.
- Pleasand to the eye.
- Desirable to make one wise.
- She took.
- She ate.
- She gave out to her dear one.
- She spread.

Results.

- Eyes opened
- Nakedness
- Shame
- Estrangement
- Guilt
- Lost of God's prescence
- Loss of provision
- Harmony became disharmony
- Exile
- Loss of dominion
- Withdraw of responsibility
- Loss of the earth to the devil
- Increase in labour pain.
- Gender imbalance and dominion by male.
- Separation
- Death

The list is long.

Sin is rebellious and disobedient.

Adam: failed to admit and turned to go around the problem.

Story of a certain hunter who is a chiefdom.

Order of the chief. No eating of porcupines.

- Man was found hunting and trapping it, he said he was only trapping.
- Carrying it – just carrying
- Roasting – roasting
- Eating – testing. Tasted all of it.

In creation.

Adam had been

- a. Given God's presence and fellowship.
- b. Wondering provision of food fruit, roots and seed.
- c. Perfect environment.
- d. Wonderful marriage – beautiful wife
- e. Healthy body.
- f. Rulership and power.
- g. Intelligence – naming of species.
- h. Employment – job. Husband the garden and Eve.
- i. Co-creation and population. Generation and increase.
- j. Pleasure
- k. Wide playing space.