

"Basic Bible Truths" - Message #2  
 "WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT MAN'S GREATEST PROBLEM"

Introduction:

- I. This is our second session on 12 "*Basic Bible Truths*".
- A. In our first session we looked at the subject "*What The Bible Says About Itself*".
1. And we saw that the Bible teaches that it is a divinely inspired...written revelation from God to man.
  2. Now, let's look at "*What The Bible Says About Man's Greatest Problem*".
- B. And nobody in their right mind is going to deny that man's got some serious problems!
1. More and more people these days are asking this question "*WHAT'S WRONG?*"
  2. The problems we're facing as a nation today are too numerous to mention... but let's just take one area.
    - a) We're witnessing the most hideous acts of violence and murder imaginable.
    - b) School shootings...7 people shot and killed in CHURCH!
    - c) Just to name a couple of things.
  3. I did a little unofficial survey recently.
  4. I asked people this question...

*"If you could reduce man's problems down to one thing, what do you believe is man's BASIC problem."*

- a) One person said: "*A lack of spirituality*".
  - b) Someone else said: "*We've completely lost our character.*"
  - c) Another said: "*Our basic problem is in the home, there's no family anymore.*"
- C. Now...the normal thing to do when people start behaving like animals, is to start looking for the "*cause*".
1. Modern psychology has led us to believe that *man is basically good.*
  2. And...when he goes bad, then, something must have happened to him to **cause** him to act that way.
  3. There must have been something that "CAUSED" him to do what he did.
  4. "He's a 'victim' of some **thing** or some **one**."
  5. So...modern-day America is portrayed as a nation of "victims".
- D. Example:
1. A man kills 6 people and wounds 19 others on a commuter train...
    - a) And...his lawyer hires a psychologist who comes up with a "*cause*" for this man's actions...
    - b) "*He's not responsible*", says his lawyer...
    - c) Because he has something called "**BLACK RAGE SYNDROME**".
    - d) Which is some kind of racial, prejudice-induced form of insanity...I guess.

2. An 18-year-old in Fort Worth, Texas shoots 2 unarmed people and gets a deadlocked jury...
  - a) After his lawyer argues that he's suffering from "URBAN SURVIVAL SYNDROME"..
  - b) Which is said to be the fear that inner-city people have of other inner-city people.
3. How about this one: A 14-year-old boy beats a 4-year-old to death in Savona, New York.
  - a) His lawyer says it's not his fault because he has an uncontrollable "sadistic side".
  - b) And how did this kid get this **"uncontrollable sadistic side"?**
  - c) Well...the problem is that his mother took epilepsy medication during pregnancy...
  - d) And now this boy has a problem called ***"FETAL TRIMETHADIONE SYNDROME"***.
  - e) So...beating that little 4-year-old to death wasn't his fault.
  - f) He's a VICTIM of a CAUSE!
4. My all-time favorite is Mr. Moosa Hanoukai of Los Angeles.
  - a) Moosa beat his wife to death with a wrench.
  - b) But...he was found not guilty of murder...but of *"voluntary manslaughter"*.
  - c) Moosa's lawyer argued that his wife was mean to him.
  - d) She had ***"psychologically emasculated"*** Moosa by forcing him to sleep on the floor and by calling him names!
  - e) And in doing that...she had destroyed Moosa's self-esteem!
  - f) So...Moosa's attorney came up with another kind of "syndrome"...
    - (1) Now get this one..
    - (2) **"MEEK-MATE SYNDROME!"**
5. And so...people aren't responsible for their behavior anymore...we're all victims of something *outside* of us!
6. When a kid goes into a school and starts shooting the other students and teachers...
  - a) We immediately start looking for the "causes" behind his actions...
  - b) Where did he get the gun?
  - c) What kind of family life did he have?
  - d) Etc.
7. It couldn't have been *"him"* that was responsible for his actions.
8. It had to be his genetics or his biology...
  - a) Or his brain, or his hormones, or his lack of self-esteem...
  - b) Or maybe it was *"psychic determinism"* the way his family treated him...
  - c) ***"THAT'S IT...HE CAME FROM A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY!!!"***

- E. I teach the Bible to 80-100 men at the county jail every week.
1. And on their behalf, I think I can say that very few of them would say they're not responsible for what they did!
  2. It's others who come along...
    - a) And sometimes convince some of them...
    - b) That the reason they did what they did...
    - c) Was because they were victims of one thing or another.
  3. Sometime it's blamed on a chemical imbalance in the brain...
    - a) *Or STP, or DDT, or WHATEVER!*
    - b) My sweetheart used to have one of those problems that can be identified with 3 or 4 letters of the alphabet.
    - c) For a long time, Jan had DDDD! (*Dunkin' Donut Deficit Disorder!*)
    - d) If she went two or three days without a Dunkin' Donut, she couldn't be held responsible for her actions...
    - e) She was a "victim" of **DDDD!**
  4. Well...if you believe the Bible, you're not buying the "victim mentality" as being **man's biggest problem.**

II. Now...without getting into a lot of detail, let me say that the Bible begins by telling us about how God created the world and all that's in it.

A. And that includes MAN!

1. The Bible says that when God created man...
  - a) He made him from the dust of the ground...
  - b) And breathed the breath of life into him (Genesis 2:4-7).

***"Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."***

2. And...He created man in His own image!

Gen 1:26-27

***"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"***

***And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."***

B. So...God created man as a **relational** being.

1. God made man to be a social being...and to live in relationships!
2. Now watch this...
  - a) Immediately after God created the first man and woman...
  - b) He initiated a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP between them and Himself!
  - c) You can read about that in the first 3 chapters of Genesis.
3. Now...why is that important?
4. It's important because...
  - a) We learn that God wanted to have an intimate, personal relationship...
  - b) With the man and woman that He created.

- III. But...something happened to that relationship which resulted in the #1 PROBLEM IN THE HUMAN RACE!
- A. Turn to the 3rd chapter of the Book of Romans.
    1. Why Romans 3?
    2. Because...in this chapter, God diagnoses *mankind's greatest problem*.
    3. Now...to "diagnose" means "**to identify**".
  - B. When we go to a doctor, that's what he's supposed to do.
    1. He's supposed to *diagnose* or **identify** what it is that's wrong with us.
    2. Now...sometimes the doctor is right, and sometimes, he's wrong!
    3. **ILL**: I remember my doctor saying to me...."*I'm looking for a cancer!*"
      - a) Now...that was BAD NEWS!
      - b) But...he was wrong!
      - c) THAT WAS THE GOOD NEWS!
      - d) So...sometimes the Dr. is right and sometimes he's wrong.
  - C. BUT...when God gives us His diagnosis of mankind...**HE'S NEVER WRONG!**
    1. Now...a lot of people like to think that He's wrong...
      - a) Because God's spiritual diagnosis of the man He's created...
      - b) AIN'T GOOD NEWS!
      - c) And many people don't like what God says about man's spiritual condition.
    2. So...there's the tendency on man's part...
      - a) To look to other sources for a less severe analysis of the human condition...
      - b) i.e. Humanism, religions, cults, psychology, etc.
- IV. But the fact is that man's got a real serious spiritual problem!
- A. And God makes it real easy for us to discover His diagnosis of man's biggest problem in Romans 1:18-3:20.
    1. But...he gets very specific about man's biggest problem in Romans 3: 10-18.  
***Here's God's spiritual diagnosis of mankind...***
  - B. There's not one that is righteous (Vs. 10).
 

**\*Now...that's not a good start, is it!?**

    1. There's not one who understands the ways of God (Vs. 11).
    2. There is not one who seeks for God (Vs. 11).
    3. All have turned aside (Vs. 12).
    4. Together they have become useless (Vs. 12). (***The word means "rotten fruit"***)
    5. There is none that does good...not even one (Vs. 12).
    6. Their throat is an open grave (Vs. 13).
    7. With their tongues they keep deceiving (Vs. 13).
    8. The poison of asps is under their lips (Vs. 13).
    9. Their mouths are full of bitterness (Vs. 14).
    10. Their feet are swift to shed blood (Vs. 15).
    11. Destruction and misery are in their path (Vs. 16).
    12. The path of peace they have not known (Vs. 17).
    13. There is no fear of God before their eyes (Vs. 18).

C. Now...that's **God's diagnosis** of the spiritual condition of the man He's created. Listen...God's talking here about the man He created in His own image...the man He created to have fellowship with...AND IT AIN'T A PRETTY PICTURE!

ILL: Jan's X-Ray

1. Now...what does He say about him?
2. How does He describe his spiritual condition...and that relationship?
3. HE UNLEASHES A 14-POINT INDICTMENT!

D. **"WHAT HAPPENED?"**

1. How did man get himself into such a spiritual mess?
2. What happened to that relationship that God originally established with him?

E. Well...we can know *exactly* what happened, because the Bible tells us in detail!

1. Here's what happened: **SIN HAPPENED!**
2. Now...as we'll see in the next session, God has a SOLUTION for the problem of SIN.
3. But...the only way to have an accurate solution is to begin with an accurate diagnosis of the problem.
4. *And God's diagnosis of man's biggest and basic problem is that it is SIN.*

V. Now...what does the Bible teach us about the SIN PROBLEM?

A. QUESTION #1...**"What is it?"**

1. A key meaning of the word in the Bible is *"to miss the target"*.
2. Sin is a failure to live up to God's standards.
3. And the Bible says that all of us miss the target.

Rom 3:23

*"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

\*ILL: Attempting to jump from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to the North Rim. Some would jump farther...but all would fall short. **All would miss the target.**

4. The fact is that there is not one person who is able in himself to fulfill what God requires of him.
5. So...we see the **"scope"** of sin.
6. It is a universal condition.

B. Secondly...SIN is an **act** or a failure to **act**...on man's part.

1. It's either a failure to obey God, or it's some action in opposition to God's standards.
2. And...it's an offense against God Himself.

## VI. QUESTION #2: WHEN & WHERE DID SIN BEGIN?

### *How did sin get here in the first place?*

A. When and Where was the 1st SIN committed and by whom?

\*Q: How do you think most people would answer that?

1. The Bible teaches that sin began in the universe, ***not with a man***, but WITH AN ANGEL!
2. The Bible tells us that *sin* had its origin in a beautiful and powerful angelic being known as ***Lucifer***...
  - a) Whose name was changed to ***Satan*** after his sin against God.
  - b) \*Now...in case you didn't know before...
  - c) Now you know where the devil came from!
3. The Bible teaches that Lucifer was created as a magnificent angelic being...
  - a) Who became so impressed with himself...
  - b) That he decided he wanted to take God's place.
4. Now...we're told in I Tim. 3:6 that Lucifer's sin was that of PRIDE.

***"...and not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil."***

5. Isaiah 14:13-14 tells us that Lucifer wanted to exercise the authority and control that only belongs to God.

***13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.***

***14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"***

6. So...Lucifer's sin was a direct challenge to the power and authority of the One and Only True God.
7. He wanted to be "like" God.
8. He wanted to BE God!!!

B. Now, remember...there was NO SIN previous to this...in the whole universe.

1. And here's this magnificent, intelligent angel...
  - a) Created by God...
  - b) Named "*Lucifer*".
2. And...he had everything going for him!
3. He enjoyed perfect fellowship with his Creator...
  - a) He lived in a perfect environment...
  - b) And yet...he rebelled against the One who brought him into existence!
4. But...he wasn't the only one affected by his sin!
5. His sin did more than just impact his own personal relationship with God.

- C. The fact is that his sin had a negative impact on a lot of other angels.
1. Now you know where "demons" came from...FALLEN ANGELS!
  2. His sin set him up as the one *"who deceives the whole world."*
  3. And...as the diabolical ruler of this world system.

\*He's called the "ruler of this world" in Jn. 16:11...

*"...and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."*

4. Furthermore...as a result of his sin, Lucifer was kicked-out of heaven...(Is. 14:12)
  - a) And his name was changed from *Lucifer* ("**morning star**")...
  - b) To *Satan* ("**adversary**").
5. And now, his purpose in life is to oppose God and all who are related to Him.
  - a) But...the Bible says that he will ultimately be thrown into the Lake of Fire...
  - b) Where he will suffer forever and ever (*Matthew 25:41; Rev. 20:10*).

D. So...the Bible tells us that's how SIN got started.

1. An angel sinned...and that sin spread to other angels.
2. **But...that was only the beginning!**
3. As Paul Harvey says...*"AND NOW... **THE REST OF THE STORY!**"*
4. Because sin spread much further than just to other angels.
5. It spread from Lucifer and the angels who followed him...
  - a) To the FIRST TWO HUMAN BEINGS that God created.
  - b) Mr. & Mrs. Adam (Eve)!!

VII. Now...(*don't forget*)...when God created Adam and Eve, He also initiated a personal relationship with them.

A. Now...we've got Adam and Eve...like Lucifer, living in a perfect environment.

1. They had everything goin' for them.
2. They were created in the image of God.
3. They enjoyed a perfect fellowship with their Creator.
  - a) There they were in the Garden of Eden...
  - b) And all they had to do was take care of the garden.
4. Furthermore...allowed them to eat from any tree in the garden...
  - a) *With one, single exception...*
  - b) They could not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
5. And...God told them there were gonna be some serious consequences if they disobeyed Him.

Gen 2:16-17

16 *"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;*

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 shall surely die."*

B. Now...that was the *only* CONDITION.

1. All Adam had to do in order to enjoy God's fellowship...
  - a) All Adam had to do in order to develop in God's purpose for his life...
  - b) Was to remain within the circle of God's will.
2. It was up-to-Adam...it was his choice to make.
3. And it still is...because God is PRO-CHOICE!
4. God wasn't interested in some kind of "*robotic response*" from His creation!
5. He didn't want some mere "*automated slave*"!
6. So...God had to give man a choice...
  - a) He could accept God's blessing and do God's will (*the way of eternal life*)...
  - b) Or...he could reject God's will (*the way of eternal death*)!
7. But...ADAM MADE THE MOTHER OF ALL MISTAKES!
8. ADAM AND EVE CHOSE TO EAT OF THAT TREE!
9. They failed to honor God's will.
10. **And any deviation from the will of God is...(Guess what?)...SIN!**

C. Satan comes to Eve and tempts her and she buys it...and gives-in to the temptation.

Gen 3:1-7

*1        "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"*

*2        And the woman said to the serpent, 'From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;*

*3        but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'"*

*4        And the serpent said to the woman, 'You surely shall not die!*

*5        "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

*6        When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.*

*7        Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings."*

1. Now...when Adam and Eve sinned, they broke their fellowship with God.
2. But something else happened, too!
3. SIN...which was introduced into the universe by Lucifer...
  - a) And was spread to other angels...
  - b) Had now spread to the first two human beings...
4. BUT...there's more bad news, because...when Adam sinned...
  - a) Something that affects every single one of us happened...
  - b) **SIN WAS PASSED ON TO THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!**
5. The "*nature*" of sin and rebellion against God was introduced **into** them...
  - a) And **through** them to their descendants.
  - b) And that "*sin nature*" is the source of every individual act of sin in the human race.

6. The Bible says that Adam...who had been created in the image of a holy God...
  - a) Later had a son...but not a son in the "*image*" of God...
  - b) But...a son was born to Adam after "*his fallen, sinful image*".

Gen 5:3

***"When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth."***

7. Paul put it like this in Romans 5:12...

***"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men..."***

8. Another translation reads like this:

***"Through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners."***

**You and I had nothing personally to do with the fact that we were born sinners! \*LIKE A BABY BEING BORN TO A MOTHER WITH AIDS!**

Now...in that sense, I guess you could say we are "*victims*".

D. Now...you find this truth is stated several ways in the Bible.

1. I Corinthians 15:21-22 says, that "*death came through a man*" and "*in Adam all die.*"

Ps 51:5

***"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."***

Another translation..."*Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*"

So...a baby in its mother's womb is a little sinner!

2. So...according to the Scripture...
  - a) We are born into the world in a sinful state...
  - b) Because when Adam and Eve sinned...
  - c) The sin nature is passed on from the moment of conception.
3. That's why Ephesians 2:3 says we are "*by nature objects of wrath*". (Rom. 1:18).

VIII. SO...*Sin started* with Lucifer (who became Satan).

- A. It spread to some of the other angels...and then to the first two human beings.
  1. And everything from that point on has been downhill all the way!
  2. Because the whole human race is now infected!
- B. So...we've seen briefly...what sin is.
  1. When, where, & through whom sin began...
  2. And that the "scope" of sin is universal.

IX. QUESTION #3...what are the RESULTS of sin?

And there are RESULTS, because the Bible teaches that there's a penalty for SIN!

A. **What's the penalty?** The penalty for sin is DEATH!

1. When Adam and Eve sinned, they passed immediately into a state of spiritual death.
2. Which means that they were spiritually separated from God.

**\*Remember God's Words: "when you eat of it you will die".**

3. The PENALTY for sin includes both spiritual **AND** physical death.
4. In the Biblical sense, "*death*" literally means "*separation*".
5. So..."spiritual death" is separation from God.

- B. Physical death is the inevitable result of spiritual death.
  - 1. Sin introduced into the human race...the process of aging and decay...
    - a) Which leads ultimately to physical death...
    - b) The separation of the spirit from the body.
  - 2. "*Spiritual death*" means that in his sin, man is separated from God.

X. Today...man is separated from God because of SIN.

**AND THAT...IS MAN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM!**

\*Not his environment!

\*Not his lack of education, money, or self-esteem!

\*Not being raised in a "dysfunctional family"!

- A. He still defies God's authority in his life and lives like he's god of his own life.
  - 1. Without Christ...people today are really no different than Adam and Eve.
  - 2. Each of us is born into this world in a state of spiritual death.
  - 3. Therefore, each of us is born in a state of separation from God.
  - 4. We have no communion with God nor fellowship with God.
- B. So...**MANKIND HAS A BIG PROBLEM!**
  - 1. Because we're talking our eternal destiny here...
    - a) To say nothing of the fact that we have a sinful nature...
    - b) That controls our thoughts and actions in this life.
  - 2. So...it's not just the **acts** of sin that separate us.
  - 3. It's the **condition of our heart**...that *sinful nature*.
- C. By the way...Jesus said a lot about man's sinfulness.
  - 1. In fact...He paints a pretty dark picture of the human predicament.
  - 2. He taught that since Adam sinned..all men and women are evil and are capable of great wickedness (*Mt. 12:34; Mr. 7:20-23*).
  - 3. That man is a sinner (Lk. 15:10).
    - a) He taught that man is utterly lost (Lk. 19:10).
    - b) That he is in need of repentance before a holy God (Mk. 1:15).
    - c) And that he needs to be born again (Jn. 3:3,5,7).
  - 4. He described sin in metaphors.
    - a) Blindness (Mt. 23:16-26).
    - b) Sickness (Mt. 9:12).
    - c) Being enslaved in bondage (Jn. 8:34).
    - d) Living in darkness (Jn. 12:35-46).
  - 5. And Paul taught that it is a universal condition and the whole world is guilty before God (Rom. 3:10-12).

D. Jesus also taught that both a man's inner thoughts **and** his external actions make a person guilty...

**Matt 5:28**

***"...but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart."***

1. He taught that from within the human heart comes evil thoughts...
  - a) Sexual immorality
  - b) Theft
  - c) Murder
  - d) Adultery
  - e) Greed
  - f) Malice
  - g) Deceit
  - h) Envy
  - i) Slander
  - j) Arrogance
  - k) and...Folly (Mk. 7:21-23).
2. He also taught that God is fully aware of every person's sins...
  - a) Both external acts...
  - b) And inner thoughts.
3. Nothing escapes His notice (Jn. 4:17-19).

**Conclusion:**

XI. Now...having learned some of the things the Bible says about SIN...*I'd say that without question...it IS the biggest problem in the human race!*

A. **QUESTION:** Is there a solution to that problem?

1. If you went to your doctor with an extra ear growing out of your forehead...
  - a) And he told you to go home and...
  - b) *"Take two aspirin and go to bed."*
2. You wouldn't be real thrilled about that, would you?
3. A band-aid won't do it!

B. The bottom line is that man is born into this world with a sinful nature.

1. We inherited it from our first parents.
2. We were born sinners.
3. And therefore...we are spiritually dead.
4. In Ephesians 2, God speaks of sinners as being...

***"...dead in your trespasses and sins..." and "by nature the children of wrath; having no hope, and without God in the world." (1,3)***

5. Spiritual death results in separation from the God who loves us.
6. And Who wants to have fellowship with us.

C. That's a tough spot to be in!

1. Sinful!
2. Spiritually dead!
3. Separated from God!
4. Headed for judgment!
5. And without any hope from this world!
6. CONDEMNED!
7. I'd say ***"That's a real problem."***

AND IT'S GONNA TAKE MORE THAN A COUPLE OF ASPIRIN TO HANDLE IT!

Next time...we'll see "WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT MAN'S ONLY HOPE".

## Basic Bible Truths - Lesson #2

**"WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT MAN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM"**

1. The Bible teaches that God created man as a \_\_\_\_\_ being. (p. 4)
2. God wanted to have a P \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ between man and Himself. (p. 4)
3. In the Book of Romans, which chapter tells us what God thinks of man's spiritual condition without Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 4)
4. When a man reads what God says about his spiritual condition, what does he have a tendency to do? (p. 5)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. God's diagnosis of man's biggest and most basic spiritual problem is that it is \_\_\_\_\_! (p. 6)
6. A key meaning of the word "*sin*" in the Bible is: (p. 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What is meant by the statement, "*Sin is a universal condition*"? (p. 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Sin began with whom? (p. 7) \_\_\_\_\_
9. I Timothy 3:6 tells us that Satan's sin was what? (P. 7) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who first followed Satan in his sin? (p. 8) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Satan's name was \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 8)
12. "*Satan*" means \_\_\_\_\_ (p.8)

13. God allowed Adam and Eve to eat of any tree in the garden but one. Which one? \_\_\_\_\_ (p.9) What were the consequences of disobeying God? (p. 9) (*Genesis 2:16-17*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. When Adam and Eve sinned, "sin" was passed on to: (p. 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Psalm 51:5 says "*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in \_\_\_\_\_ my mother conceived me.*" (p. 11)
16. Another translation reads..."*Surely I was \_\_\_\_\_ at birth, \_\_\_\_\_ from the time my mother conceived me.*" (p. 11)
17. Ephesians 2:3 says that we are "*objects of wrath*" by what? (p. 11)  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Sin started with \_\_\_\_\_ and spread to \_\_\_\_\_ and then to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ and then to the whole \_\_\_\_\_ (p. 11)
19. Of the following, which do you believe is man's biggest problem:
- His lack of education
  - His lack of self-esteem
  - Being raised in a dysfunctional family
  - Poverty
  - "Meek-mate syndrome"
  - Sin

20. List below the 11 things which Jesus taught came from the heart of a man in Mark 7:21-23: (p. 13)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_
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