

End of the Testing of the First Man

... that which is spiritual [was] not first ----- then that which is spiritual (1 Cor. 14:46)
 The first man out of [the] earth, made of dust, ----- the second man, out of heaven (1 Cor. 15:47)

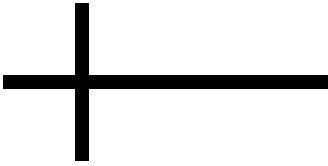
FINAL TESTING

Tested by the person of the Son, the Second Man

And at last He sent to them His Son (Matt. 21:37)

The perfect King and the Kingdom (Matt.)
 The perfect Servant and perfect service (Mark)
 The perfect Man and perfect dependency (Luke)
 The only-begotten, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)
 The revelation of the Father in the Son (John 15:24).

Note particularly that the first man, in the persons of the Jews, was tested by the kingdom in the offer of the King and kingdom; and was tested by grace in the person of the Son. Man is not now being tested by grace. God has concluded testing the first man, having shown all to be under sin (Rom. 3:9).



NOW

The Second Man has now displaced the First Man

In view of the end of the testing of the First Man, God declares:

Wrath of God revealed from heaven (Rom. 1:18)
 Every mouth stopped (Rom. 3:20)
 All the world under judgment (Rom. 3:20)
 All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)
 All are dead (2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 2:1)
 Now is the judgment of this world (John 12:31)
 In due time Christ died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6)
 Christ died for all (2 Cor. 5:14)
 Christ gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:6)
 Christ is the propitiation for the world (1 John 2:2)

The trial of the First Man ended at the cross. The declaration that man is lost followed upon the conclusion of the trial of man in the flesh. The case is closed and now God sends forth the gospel based on what the Second Man has done.

NOW: Rom. 3:21; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; Eph. 3:10; Heb. 9:26

God NOW enjoins men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30)

ADAM, The First Man

UNDER:
 Conscience
 Government
 Law
 Priesthood
 Judges
 Kings
 Prophets

“The fulness of the time” (Gal. 4:4)
 “In due time” (Rom. 5:6)
 (at the end of the time of testing)

“Yet sinners” (Rom. 5:8)
 “Still without strength” (Rom. 5:6)
 (conclusion at the end of the testing)

“Consummation of the ages” (Heb. 9:26)
 (ages of testing)

“Upon whom the ends of the ages are come” (1 Cor. 10:11)
 (ages of testing)