Characters In The Making

"Adam: First In Line To Need A Savior" (Genesis 1-3)

Introduction: 1. It is very easy to point an accusing finger at Adam and sarcastically say, "Thanks a lot!"

- 2. However, such an attitude wreaks with pride and overlooks our own weaknesses.
- 3. There is relatively little said about this key figure in our history, though he lived for 930 years.
- 4. What is recorded are a few crucial mistakes, by which we should not measure his life, and from which we can learn some important lessons.

I. Adam Introduced Sin Into The World

- A. (Romans 5:12).
- B. (Genesis 3:6).
- C. Adam failed in his headship.
 - 1. Headship is not about power, but about responsibility.
- D. Ananias and Sapphira is an example of failed headship (Acts 6:1-11).
- E. (Romans 14:13).
- F. (Luke 17:1-2).

II. The Residual Effects Of Adam's Sin Were Great

- A. (Romans 5:17-19).
- B. (Genesis 3:22).
- C. How would you like to know that you were personally responsible for some great tragedy?
- D. (Romans 14:7).

III. Adam Foolishly Tried To Hide His Sin

- A. (Genesis 3:8-9).
- B. (Numbers 32:23).
- C. (Psalm 44:21; Jeremiah 17:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14).
- D. (Psalm 32:1).

Conclusion: 1. Adam made some pretty serious mistakes that effected the entire history of the world.

- 2. We too, have within our ability to change the course of countless lives.
- 3. What's more foolish than the mistakes of Adam are the mistakes we make when we repeat his mistakes.
- 4. Resolve to avoid sin, influence others for good, and not only will you save yourself, but others also.