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Story of the 2 Adams¹

“Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.”

Rom.7:1-2

“I knew a man” [Rom.7:1] (not in Christ) who was married to a woman who loved him very dearly; she was a dutiful wife and obeyed him as the marriage vows had been spoken. He provided her with lovely things but he was a habitual criminal. Eventually he was apprehended by the law and executed.

After her husband died the woman was married to another [Rom.7:4]. This second husband of hers was a good man, as good as the other one was bad and even more so. But the wife [Rom.7:5], who had been associated with her evil husband, had some very obnoxious habits—even before her first husband's death. She had developed a desire for things of the world so that her covetousness [Rom.7:7] led her to do things which were even forbidden by The Law [Rom.7:8].

Finally she was apprehended by the law along with her husband [Rom.7:11] and they both were sentenced to death; he was executed while she sat in prison awaiting her execution. However, an evangelist (Jesus), who visited her in prison while she was awaiting execution, intervened on her behalf and obtained pardon for her from the Governor (God).

After her release, this wonderful Friend of hers married her (as stated before in Rom.7:4). His tender love awakened in her a longing to please him and return His love but some of those old obnoxious habits clung to her; even the old desires still possessed her [Rom.7:14]. So much so that she was not able to do the things that she would and she often did the things that she would not. She wanted to please her new husband but she found herself doing the things she had done when her first husband was alive.

She came to the conclusion that there was no good in her, even though her heart desired to have perfect fellowship with her husband, the Last Adam. There seemed to be a compulsion which drove her to the old life which she had formerly lived [Rom.7:21]. She came to the place of despair but she also came to the place of help to the Lord, crying out “*Oh wretched...that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*” (this old sinful body that is destined unto death). The Lord heard her cry indicated by the thankfulness of her heart [Rom.7:25]. He revealed to her what He revealed to Rebekah when she was having a conflict within her womb [Gen.25:22-23]. Rebekah's conflict was typical of that of Mrs. Adam. The answer to the spiritual conflict:

“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Rom.7:25

¹ Excerpts taken from tract titled “*The Two Adams*” by Alice Mooneyhan, May 1962.