

## ILLUSTRATION ON DISOBEDIENCE

A certain miserable man was walking along the street spitting fire and heaping blames on Adam and Eve as those responsible for his suffering. He accused them of gross disobedience. According to the man, if Adam and Eve had obeyed God's injunction and did not eat of the forbidden fruit suffering would not have come upon him.

As he went on blaming Adam and Eve, a prominent man, who was standing by his car parked by the side of the road, and listening to his lamentations, called him and asked him to get into the car, that he was going to give him some gifts in his house. The miserable man obeyed and as they drove into a big compound, he was asked to come down. The prominent man showed the miserable man the compound, houses and other possessions of his, and asked him to be the caretaker over all that is there. The miserable man was given sufficient money and every necessary thing but the rich man warned him; "Do you see that little room (there was a little room in the compound) do not enter therein". He however handed the key of the little room to him and left.

The miserable man started enjoying everything in the compound except, entering the forbidden little room. One day he questioned "what is really in that small room? Why did this man ask him not to enter there? I will go in, may be there is something of great importance in that room".

He unlocked the door, entered. All he saw was a little table with a plate turned upside-down. He was curious to know why the plate was covered. To quench this curiosity he opened the plate, and beholds a rat came out and ran away. The miserable man tried to catch the rat and put it back into the plate but he could not. He was greatly worried since he knew that his master would certainly know that he had entered the room.

Almost at the same time, his master returned and he ran and hid. His master called him and asked why did you run, what is the matter? He explained “I was afraid because I went into the room you warn me not to enter”

Consequently his master reminded him; “Do you remember that day you were blaming Adam and Eve for being responsible for your suffering due to their disobedience?” His master said, “What happened to them would now happen to you also”. His master drove him away from the compound.

**Father’s Comment:** You are advised to desist from putting blames on Adam and Eve any more, for you also behave like them. Christ has by shedding his precious blood for the forgiveness of sins, reconciled mankind unto God; the disobedience of Adam is no longer responsible for your suffering, but your own disobedience.

**SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE :**

*“Looking diligently lest any fail of the grace of God: (Hebrew 12:15)*