

The Fallout from the Fall of Man

Gen 3:1-24

Introduction:

- A. The story of Adam and Eve undercuts some very popular theories:
 - 1. The theory of evolution.
 - 2. The theory that *one* sin does not hurt.
 - 3. The theory that “my sin is nobody’s business but mine.”
- B. The fall of Adam and Eve has had some tremendous *repercussions* for all of humanity.

Discussion:

I. It Has Resulted in *Death* for All People.

- A. Physical death has come upon all men — unconditionally.
 - 1. Adam and Eve’s sin and death sentence. (vv. 1-6; 22-24)
 - 2. Death sentence passed on. (“And he died” [Gen. 5]; 1 Cor. 15:22; Heb. 9:27)
- B. Spiritual death has come upon all men — conditionally.
 - 1. Sin kills one spiritually by separating him from God (Rom. 7:11; Isa. 59:1,2; cf. Eph. 2:1,5).
 - 2. Adam introduced sin, but each dies spiritually for own sins. (Rom. 5:12; 7:7-12; Ezek. 18:20)

II. It Has Resulted in *Profound Effects on Day to Day Living* for All People.

- A. Effects on the quality of life.
 - 1. Curse was not childbearing nor work, but made them harder (1:28; 2:15; 3:16-19).
 - 2. Physical evil caused by Satan & sin — God allows it for our good. (Cf. 2 Cor. 12:7; Job)
- B. Effects on the style of life.
 - 1. Sense of shame and need for covering nakedness (v. 7-12, 21; cf. Rev. 3:18).
 - 2. Man over the woman (v. 16; cf. 1 Tim. 2:12-15; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23)

III. It Has Resulted in *the Need for the Redemption* of All People.

- A. Scheme of redemption is announced.
 - 1. The Seed of the woman (v. 15; cf. Gal. 4:4; Isa. 7:14)
 - 2. According to eternal purpose of God. (Eph. 3:8-11).
- B. Scheme of redemption is implemented in history.
 - 1. Events of Old Testament: Call of Abraham; Forming nation; giving Law; preserving Nation.
 - 2. Christ came in fulness of time. (Gal. 4:4).

Conclusion:

- A. The fall of man was terrible, but the redemption in Christ is great.
- B. Sin has abounded, but grace has much more abounded (Rom. 5:20).
- C. You can escape the condemnation of sin today — then all its consequences in heaven.