

# Fallen... Under the Curse

Genesis 3:7-24

Temptation always looks good, but while temptation promises pleasure, it always ends in pain.

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## 1. Effects of Sin (vv. 7-13)

- BEFORE sin (Gen. 2:25)
  - “nakedness” - more than being unclothed - symbolic of perfect innocence and intimacy
- AFTER sin (Gen. 3:7-13)
  - Innocence and intimacy replaced by...
  - Shame (v7)
    - Nakedness only comfortable when they had nothing to hide - now they do!
    - They rush to cover themselves from God & one another (v. 7)
  - Fear (v10)
    - They hide from God because they fear punishment
    - Fear always follows sin - Proverbs 28:1
    - Sin exchanges the peace of righteousness for the fear of punishment
  - Guilt (v12)
    - God invites Adam to confess. Instead...
      - Adam blames both Eve and God (v. 12)
      - Eve blames the snake (v. 13)
    - Why does Adam throw God and Eve under the bus? To rid himself of guilt
      - If I can make myself the victim, then it’s not my fault
      - Harmony replaced with strife as we try to offload our guilt
    - Guilt always follows sin
- These are the natural effects of sin, NOT part of the curse
- Sin is NEVER worth the price; promises pleasure, ends with pain

## 2. Curse of Sin (vv. 16-24)

- Cursed Labor
  - Work and childbirth designed to be easy, safe, and always successful
  - But because of sin, the labors of both men and women are cursed
    - v. 16a – the curse upon Eve’s labor - pain in childbirth
      - “pain” – more than just labor pains: miscarriages, infant mortality, mother’s death from childbirth
    - v. 17b-19a – the curse upon Adam’s labor - anguish in work
      - “in toil you will eat”
      - Work is NOT part of the curse
      - The curse is pain, futility, struggle, disappointment at work
- Cursed Relationships
  - To our spouse (v. 16b)
    - Marriage designed to be harmonious - now a competition full of strife
  - To creation (v. 17-18)
    - Creation designed to provide for us - now it hurts us and we hurt it
  - To our Creator (v. 24)
    - Expelled - friendship with God replaced with alienation from God
- Curse of Death

- Physical death (v. 19)
  - Access to Tree of Life is revoked with the curse - age/decay now irreversible
- Spiritual death
  - = separation from God
  - Psalm 5:4 - a Holy God cannot dwell with sin
  - Spiritual death uncorrected leads to eternal death - hell

### 3. Legacy of Sin

- We were not just broken by Adam's sin, we were changed - no longer innocent
- Romans 5:19
- Ephesians 2:1
- Original Sin
  - The sin nature inherited from Adam
- Depravity
  - Every part of human nature born broken and in bondage to sin
  - Human beings are not inherently good

### 4. End of Sin

- In grace He seeks (v. 9)
  - Adam & Eve hide; God seeks - draws them out rather than drives them out
- In grace He saves (v. 15)
  - v14-15a about the snake
  - v15b about the being behind the snake - Satan
    - Will be defeated by one male descendent of Eve, but at the cost of his life
    - This is the first promise of the GOSPEL
- In grace He provides (v. 21)
  - God provides clothing for Adam & Eve as a free gift

When temptation strikes you...

- Remember how much sin costs you
- Remember how much sin cost God (1 Peter 2:24)

# Genesis

## Sermon Reflection Questions

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### Sermon 9. Fallen...under the Curse

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*These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups dig deeper into our Genesis Sermon Series. Leaders: don't limit yourself to these questions or feel that you need to answer all of them. Pick and choose and create your own based on the needs of your group.*

#### Observe & interpret the passages:

Read Genesis 3:7-24 and then list the following:

- all of the negative consequences that resulted from Adam and Eve's sin.
  
- all of the evidences of God's mercy and grace to Adam and Eve in chapter 3.

How has Adam's sin affected us according to Romans 5:12, 18-19, 7:14-15, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Ephesians 2:1-3?

#### Apply it to your life:

Think back to a time when you gave in to sin. What were the consequences? Did you think about the consequences before giving in to temptation? Why or why not?

We all have particular sins that are especially tempting to us. Choose one of those sins and list at least ten specific reasons why you should not give in.

God graciously promises to forgive us of sin and cleanse us when we confess (read 1 John 1:9). Spend a few minutes confessing your sins to the Lord and thanking Him for the forgiveness that Jesus made possible on the cross.

**Memorize:** James 1:14-15

## Additional Questions:

What is "sin" based on the following passages: Matthew 5:21-22,27-28; Romans 3:23; James 4:17; 1 John 3:4?

Both Adam and Eve sinned. So why does the New Testament only hold Adam responsible for bringing sin and death to the human race? See Romans 5:12, 18-19, 1 Corinthians 11:8-9, 15:22.

What other reasons does scripture give for avoiding sin?

John 15:8-11

Romans 6:1-4

Romans 6:15-16

Hebrews 12:6

1 John 1:5-7

Revelation 2:26-27

Any other passages you can think of?