

The Results of Adam and Eve's Sin

Genesis 3:7-24

Introduction

In Genesis 3:1-6 we saw Satan's attack on Adam and Eve.

- Satan questioned God's goodness and generosity to raise a doubt in Eve's mind.
- Satan then lies to Eve promising only positive results for eating the forbidden fruit.

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The immediate result of their sin:

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Comments

- **“Eyes opened”** – their perception of reality is changed by sin.
- Their eyes were opened **not** to see wisdom as promised (3:5), but to behold their nakedness which they immediately wanted to cover.
- Their solution: loincloths from fig leaves.

Scripture

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

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⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Comments

- The immediate results of Adam and Eve's sin are:

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- **Because they are afraid to meet with God, they hide.**
- **Disobedience brings guilt.**
- **God calls to Adam, “Where are you?”**

Comments

- From Adam's response it appears God's question is not about his location but a request to explain why he is hiding.
- Adam says: I was afraid because I was naked and hid myself.
- Adam confesses his nakedness, but says nothing about his disobedience.

Scripture

¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

- **Who told you that you are naked?**
- **Have you disobeyed me?**

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¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

- **The man indirectly blames God and directly blames his wife for his sin.**
- **The man confesses his guilt without accepting the blame.**

Scripture

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- **The woman shifts the blame to the serpent for deceiving her.**

Comment

The reason for God's judgment was stated in each case:

1 Satan beguiled the woman

2 The woman listened to the serpent

3 The man listened to the woman

No one listened to God!

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¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this, cursed are
you above all livestock and above all beasts
of the field; on your belly you shall go, and
dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

- **The serpent – because he deceived the woman – is cursed above all beast of the field – will crawl and eat dust. No other animal is cursed.**

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¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

- **This verse is known as the first evangelic promise.**

Comments

- **A prophetic word of hope appears: a singular “he” of the woman’s seed will deliver a lethal blow to the head of Satan.**
- **Who “he” may be is not immediately revealed.**
- **Ultimately, we know it is fulfilled in Jesus who defeats Satan.**

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¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

- **Great pain in childbearing**
- **She will seek to control her husband but the husband will rule over her.**

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¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

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¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Comments

- **The ground is cursed and will produce thorns and thistles.**
- **Work will be painful for the rest of his life.**

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²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good

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and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever— ” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the

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garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Comments

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

- **Adam's sin brought death into this world.**
- **Human rebellion against God caused all the evil on earth.**

Comments

- **Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Comments

- **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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