

Sermon Discussion

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Read Genesis 3:14-19 together.

Dig Deeper

As the result of man's disobedience to God, the creation suffered a curse and began to deteriorate. Evolution teaches that man is improving his condition through self-effort. The Bible teaches that man is destroying his condition through sin.

Having been blessed three times by God (1:22, 28; 2:3), the creation now experienced a triple curse (3:14, 17; 4:11). Nevertheless, God also began re-creation with the promise of the seed, the land, the dominion, and the rest for trust in His powerful word.

Genesis 3 describes the most traumatic event in the history of mankind...

The Fall Affects Creation

First, we see that the Fall affects every part of the created world. Paul, in Romans 8:20, says *"For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it..."*

This brokenness is the reason we experience natural disasters, sickness, and a myriad of daily frustrations.

The Fall Affects Our Hearts

Romans 5:12 says, *"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..."*

Because of the Fall, we're born spiritually dead, incapable of desiring God or doing anything that would please or honour him. This explains why we desire sin and why we struggle to desire God in every area of our lives (see also Genesis 6:5, Romans 3:11).

The Fall Affects Our Relationships

In the aftermath of their disobedience, we watch as Adam blames Eve, Eve blames the serpent, and God explains that there will always be tension for leadership within the marriage relationship. The reason for this stems from Adam abdicating his responsibility to care for his wife and Eve failing at her role of supporting Adam. In fact, all human relationships are affected by sin. As sinners, when we fail to love others and when others harm us, we experience the reality that the world is indeed broken.

1. What's a decision that you've made that has had long lasting effects in your life? Talk about one that had positive effects and one that had negative ones.
2. Why would separation from God be the worst effect of the Fall?
3. How does Jesus reverse the effects of the Fall?
4. How can the promises of the Gospel help you fight against the effects of the Fall in your life?
5. How do the effects of the Fall cause us to long for Jesus' return?

Application & Prayer

- Think about these effects of sin: 1) clashing with the environment; 2) conflict with people. What specific things could you pray about and follow through on that would point toward God's plan for redemption in those areas?
- Spend some time praising God for sending a "2nd Adam" to right the effects of the first one's sin.
- Meditate of this verse: *"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."* (Genesis 3:15)