

## The Bible's Big Message - Fall

Introduction – “The Story” (read Genesis 3:1-19)

1. Responsibility for the Fall
  - a. Adam – Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22
  - b. Eve – 1 Timothy 2:14
  - c. Satan – Revelation 12:9
2. Extent of the Fall
  - a. On all Creation
    - i. Death – Genesis 3:19; 4:8; 5:5; Romans 6:23; Eph. 2:1; Revelation 20:14-15
    - ii. Curse on creation – Genesis 3:17-19; Rom. 8:18-23
  - b. On Humanity
    - i. Total depravity – Isaiah 1:6; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:18
      1. Mind – Romans 1:28 (Noetic effect of sin); Ephesians 4:18
      2. Emotions – Titus 1:15
      3. Will – Romans 7:20
    - ii. Universal depravity – Psalm 51:5; 143:2; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:10-12, 23; 1 John 1:10
3. Responses to the Fall
  - a. Fear – Genesis 3:8 (Tribalists/animists)
  - b. Shame – Genesis 3:9-10 (Eastern World - Islam/Buddhism)
  - c. Guilt – Genesis 3:12-13 (Western World/Greco-Roman philosophical heritage)
4. Rejections of the Fall
  - a. Roman Catholicism (semi-Pelagianism) – man fully retains his will; original sin cleansed through baptism
  - b. Islam – There was no Fall; man's problem is weakness, not transgression
  - c. Buddhism – Every man falls into individualized, sentient being
  - d. Mormonism – Fall was a “glorious necessity;” without the fall there would be no procreation

Implications of Fall:

- Man is alienated from God – Isaiah 59:2
- All people everywhere are trying to make life work without God – Genesis 11:4
- Man is unable to rescue himself – Isaiah 64:6-7; John 6:44; Romans 8:8