

Student Ministry CE: Week 5, Oct. 8, 2017

Our sin. The Fall

[WSC Q. 13-19]

Q. 13 Did our first parents remain as they were created?

Left to the freedom of their own wills, our first parents sinned against God and fell from their original condition.

Genesis 3:6-8, 13;

Ecclesiastes 7:29 "See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes";

2 Corinthians 11:3 "But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

Q. 14 What is sin?

Sin is disobeying or not conforming to God's law in any way.

Lev. 5:17 "If anyone sins, doing any of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, though he did not know it, then realizes his guilt, he shall bear his iniquity.

James 4:17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

1 John 3:4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

Q. 15 By what sin did our first parents fall from their original condition?

Our first parents' sin was eating the forbidden fruit. **Genesis 3:6, 12**

Q. 16 Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?

Since the covenant was made not only for Adam¹ but also for his natural descendants, all mankind sinned in him and fell with him in his first disobedience.²

¹ **Genesis 2:16-17** "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"

James 2:10 "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

² **Romans 5:12-21;**

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Q. 17 What happened to man in the fall?

Man fell into a condition of sin and misery.

Genesis 3:16-19, 23; Romans 3:16 "in their paths are ruin and misery"; **Romans 5:12;**

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Q. 18 What is sinful about man's fallen condition?

The sinfulness of that fallen condition is twofold. First, in what is commonly called original sin, there is the guilt of Adam's first sin³ with its lack of original righteousness⁴ and the corruption of his whole nature.⁵ Second are all the specific acts of disobedience that come from original sin.⁶

Q. 19 What is the misery of man's fallen condition?

By their fall all mankind lost fellowship with God⁷ and brought His anger⁸ and curse⁹ on themselves. They are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life,¹⁰ to death itself,¹¹ and to the pains of hell forever.¹²

³ **Romans 5:12, 19.** ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

⁴ **Romans 3:10** as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; **Colossians 3:10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Ephesians 4:24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness

⁵ **Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit;

Romans 3:18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Romans 8:7-8 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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⁶ **Genesis 6:5** The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Psalm 53:1-3 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. 2 God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. 3 They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

Romans 3:10-18, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Galatians 5:19-21

James 1:14-15 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

⁷ **Genesis 3:8, 10, 24; John 8:34, 42, 44; Ephesians 2:12; 4:18.**

⁸ **John 3:36; Romans 1:18; Ephesians 2:3; 5:6.**

⁹ **Galatians 3:10; Revelation 22:3.**

¹⁰ **Genesis 3:16-19; Job 5:7; Ecclesiastes 2:22-23; Lamentations 3:39; Romans 8:18-23.**

¹¹ **Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23.**

¹² **Matthew 25:41, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 14:9-11.**