



## Why is Life on Planet Earth so Chaotic?

**Psalms 32:5** states, “I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin”” (NKJV).

Life as we know it today became tumultuous when Adam and Eve rebelled against God’s only commandment not to eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 2:17; 3:3). As a result, sin entered the world. Romans 5:12 states, “Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death.” Isaiah declared earlier that “all of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left [God’s presence] and path to follow our own path.” (Isaiah 52:6). So, “no one can say, I am innocent; I have never done anything wrong.” (Proverbs 20:9).

Our chief crime of rebellion according to our text verse, Psalms 32:5, manifests in three ways.

1. **Sin** – The word “sin” can be described as missing the mark or falling short, not measuring up to God’s perfect standard. Due to the sin nature in us that we inherited from Adam, we sin consciously or unconsciously at any given moment in this life. Paul said, “For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.” (Romans 7:15 NKJV).

2. **Transgression** – The sin of transgression is knowingly committing an evil act by going beyond the set boundaries. An individual knows what the rules of engagement are yet intentionally breaks them. For example, drivers who drive beyond the speed limit are actively committing a crime.

3. **Iniquity** – This is the worst kind of sin because the individual purposes in his heart to do harm—to steal, rape, or commit murder as it was in the case of David who intentionally



committed adultery with Bathsheba and killed Uriah while trying to cover it up (2 Samuel 2:11).

Since rebellion is ubiquitous, it causes incalculable damage to the Earth. Nothing works perfectly like the Creator designed it, and no area of life has gone unaffected. Significantly, we can list nine key areas where sin has spoiled the perfect environment created in Eden.

1. **The Earth** – Creation suffers from constant disaster and deformities. Our air, water, plants, fish, birds, animals, and humans all suffer in one form or another since sin was introduced on Earth. The Bible declares that “creation was condemned to lose its purpose”, “creation is confused”, and up till now, “all of creation groans with pain.” (Romans 8:20 GNB; Romans 8:20 CEV; Romans 8:22 NKJV).

2. **Physical** – Before sin entered the world, there was no death and decay. The Scriptures states, “No one can control the wind or stop his death” (Ecclesiastes 8:8 NCV), and “our physical body is becoming older and weaker” (2 Corinthians 4:16). In the final analysis, everyone dies because we all are related to Adam—the first man (1 Corinthians 15:22).

3. **Emotional** – Due to our sinful nature, our feelings vacillate with every passing moment. We are all stressed out; distressed, depressed, and disappointed when things don’t go our way. The Scriptures teach that “Everything under the sun is meaningless, like chasing the wind” (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

4. **Relational** – Once Adam and Eve were kicked out of God’s presence because of sin, they became alienated from God and each other. That is why no couple can experience true intimacy in marriage without first re-establishing their relationship with God. They will always feel distant from one another and have discord or disagreements. An example of this is the hatred between Cain and Abel where Cain committed the first recorded murder in human history (see Genesis 4:1-16). Sin always makes you defensive, distant, and demanding in a relationship.



5. **Mental** – It is important to note that Adam, before the fall, was given extraordinary abilities to give names to all plants, birds, animals, and bodies of water. Today, it is hard to find a human being who can name all the species of plants or animals because we have intellectual deficiencies (see Genesis 2:19-20).

6. **Recreational** – Our bodies get fatigued after a hard day's work. Nobody worked as tirelessly as Adam before the fall. After the fall, God created rest because man's broken body feels tired. The Scripture teaches, "After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace who has called you in His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you (1 Peter 5:10 ESV).

7. **Financial and Material** – The Scripture provides clear guidelines for financial planning and management; however, mankind has chosen to ignore God's principles of accounting, spending, giving, and investing. The "Preacher" also known as Solomon, said, "Here is a terrible thing that I have seen in this world: people save up their money for a time where they need it, and then lose it all in some bad deal, and end up with nothing left to pass on to their children" (Ecclesiastes 5:13-14, GN). People live irresponsible lives— spending money on goods and services they don't need to please people they don't like. As believers, our financial and material "blessings [from] the Lord makes a person rich, and He adds no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22, NLT).

8. **Vocational** – Many people do not enjoy their work because they do not do the things that they are gifted to do. As a result, work becomes purposeless and meaningless. They work in jobs that they do not enjoy and spend money on goods and services they do not need. Ecclesiastes states, "I hated life because the work I did under the sun was meaningless to me...so I turn in despair from hard work. It was not the answer to my search for satisfaction in this life" (Ecclesiastes 2:17, 20, NLT).

9. **Spiritual** – As indicated earlier, man's ousting out of God's presence left mankind in total spiritual darkness and discontentment. "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated you



from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear (Isaiah 59:1-2 NKJV). Paul later echoes Isaiah's sentiments when he wrote "They refused for so long to deal with God that they've lost touch not only with God, but with reality itself" (Ephesians 4:18 MSG). People are searching for God in all the wrong places which leads them further into darkness and into more discontentment.

### **What is the solution to mankind's problem?**

First, we should acknowledge that Jesus is the solution to mankind's problem. Therefore, it is imperative that every person accepts Jesus as their personal Savior. Jesus came to undo the damage done by sin in the world. He bore the curse of sin on His body, paid the cost of sin in full with His blood, and has provided the cure for sin by offering humans God's righteousness. Jesus said, "In this world, you WILL have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

Second, we must follow Jesus as our light. Jesus again says, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12).

### **PRAYER**

Lord, help me to hate sin with a passion and in all of its appearance. Grant me the grace to honor You in all I do and say, and reject sin in all forms, as well as Satan's snare.