

“EFFECTS OF THE FALL”

Genesis 3:7-13

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INTRODUCTION

Sin must be judged; we must face our shame, guilt, and responsibility.

We must not make excuses, but must yield to the Lord’s powerful presence.

We cannot escape the Spirit of God; cf. Ps. 139:7.

I. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE THREAT (Gen. 2:17)

- What kind of death?
 - Bodily, spiritual, physical
 - Various separations caused by sin
- A. Between God and man
 - B. Man from himself
 1. Psychological
 2. Sexual
 3. Soul from body
 - C. Man from man
 - D. Man from nature

II. DEATH VISUALIZED

- A. Shame—Guilt of sin
 1. Eyes opened—to what?
 2. Knew that they were naked
 3. Sewed fig leaves together
 - Their shame was appropriate as the proper fruit of sin.
 - God confirms such in 3:21.
 4. “Made aprons”—loin coverings, girdles
 - a. Impurities of nature removed by these members.
 - b. Reproductive organs—sin is a race matter; the fountain of human life now contaminated.
 - c. Arguments of those promoting nudity are foolish and wrong.
 - d. Even the redeemed body will be clothed (Rev. 19:14; Rev. 1:13; 3:5)
 - e. Yet, their attempt was self-righteous. (Is. 64:6).
- B. Fear and Mistrust (8)—Curse of sin
 1. God’s Movement in the Garden—not a casual stroll!
 - The Son in a pre-incarnate form
 - The glory-Spirit
 - “Voice” is “sound”—coming in judgment [& then restoration!]
 - “Cool of the day” is really “wind of the day”—or Spirit of the Day! (of the Lord—see Rev. 1:10)
 2. The Man and Woman hide themselves

- Emotional perversion
 - Intellectual perversion
 - Guilt is felt; death is dreaded; guile is practiced.
- C. Guile—corrupt behavior (9-10)
1. God’s question (9)
 2. Man’s Answer (10)
- D. Fault-finding (11-13)
1. God’s questions to the man (11)
 - a. “Who told you that you were naked?”
 - b. “Have you eaten from the tree?”
 2. Man’s Reply (12)—blames the woman, but really God!
 3. God’s question to the woman: “What is this you have done?” (13)
 4. Woman’s reply (13)—The serpent deceived me

CONCLUSION

Where are you today?

Face your sin and guilt “head-on”!