



Section 3: Concerning Man (Cont.)

Question 3: What was the consequence of man's choice to disobey?

Answer 3: The consequence of man's disobedience was the curse of death.

Memory Verse: **Genesis 2:17**

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Support Verses: **Genesis 3:19**

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Romans 6:23a

For the wages of sin is death...

James 1:15

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Discussion Points:

1. Define death:

- What is death?
- According to Webster's 1828 death is, "In theology, perpetual separation from God, and eternal torments; called the second death. (Rev 20:14-15) Separation or alienation of the soul from God; a being under the dominion of sin, and destitute of grace or divine life; called spiritual death."
- Death, according to the Bible, is separation. (Genesis 35:18)
- We see that practically worked out as well in the death of a loved one, or a friend.
- They do not cease to exist, but rather, they cease to live in our physical reality.
- Death is also separation from God, not a state of ceasing to exist.

2. The consequence of death:

- The death that was suffered by Adam as a result of the fall in sin was immediate, and affected his whole being, body, soul, and spirit.
- Adam's body immediately began to break down (Second Law of Thermodynamics/Entropy). [Ecclesiastes 12:1-8]
- He was dying physically, and would eventually die completely, corrupting back to dust. (Genesis 3:19)
- Adam's soul (the very creature/identity) would be severed from his relationship/sonship with God and he would become a child of disobedience.



- Sonship must be restored because of sin. (John 1:12)
- Adam's spirit would be dis-fellowshipped, cut off from communion with God. (Genesis 3:23-24)
- Sin has severe immediate and eternal consequences!

3. The specifics of the curse:

- According to Genesis 3:15-19 the curse brought:
- "Enmity" = hatred
- "Bruise" = crushed
- "Sorrow" = pain, labor, hardship, toil
- "Cursed"
- "Thorns and Thistles" = Constant reminder of the curse.
- "Sweat of thy face" = Hard labor
- Banishment from all that God created for our to enjoy.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" (Hymn #240 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Why Should He Love Me So?" (Hymn #101 - Rejoice Hymns)