

THE RESULTS OF MAN'S CHOICE

Genesis 3:7-24

When the woman and her husband followed their own desires as aroused by Satan's questions and lies, they sinned because they failed to obey God's direct command, and to heed God's specific warnings. Read now about the consequences of this sin:

A. The Natural Results of Their Sin: Read Genesis 3:7-13

1. What was the first natural result of the man and woman's sin? Genesis 3:7a

2. Therefore, how did they feel in the presence of each other? (See Genesis 2:25 and *THINK!*)

3. What did they do to try to remedy this? Genesis 3:7b

4. What did they do when they heard the voice of God as He walked in the garden? Genesis 3:8

5. How does this prove what they felt in relation to God? (*THINK!*)

6. What other emotion did they feel toward God? Genesis 3:10

7. Was God pleased with their actions? Genesis 3:11

8. When God asked the man if he had disobeyed His command, what did he say? Genesis 3:12

9. When God asked the woman what she had done, what did she say? Genesis 3:13

10. This is commonly called "passing the buck"--that is, blaming someone else for the wrong which we have done. But whom did God consider guilty? Genesis 3:14a, 16a, 17a

B. The Punishments For Their Sin: Read Genesis 3:14-19, 22-24

1. Read about several parts of the physical serpent's punishment: Genesis 3:14, 15
2. Notice that Genesis 3:15b goes beyond the physical serpent to the spiritual serpent, the devil.
What would the SEED (descendants: usually plural, but in this case, note the pronouns) of the woman do to the seed of the devil? Genesis 3:15b

- b. What would the devil do to the seed of the woman? Genesis 3:15a

- c. To whom do you think "the seed of the woman" refers? Who would eventually come to destroy the works of the devil? (See 1 John 3:8b)

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3. Genesis 3:15 is considered to be the first direct prophecy of Christ's coming. What parts of His life are foretold in the words:
- a. "seed of the woman" (not of the man, which would be the usual way of referring to offspring)? (See Matthew 1:20-23)

 - b. "Thou (the devil) shalt bruise His heel"? (See Matthew 27:35a, 50)

 - c. "He shall bruise thy (the devil's) head"? (See Matthew 28:5, 6; Revelation 20:10)

4. Watch as your study progresses for other prophecies concerning the coming of Christ. Read the three parts of the woman's punishment: Genesis 3:16. Did her punishment include the fact that she would have children? (Compare with Genesis 1:28a)

5. Read the man's punishments: Genesis 3:17-19. Did they include the fact that he would have to work? Compare with Genesis 2:15

6. What was the final punishment for both man and woman? Genesis 3:23, 24

7. What did this keep them from doing? Genesis 3:22

8. Therefore, what happened to both this man and woman, and all of their descendants? Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, etc. and (See Romans 5:12)

C. God's Provision In Spite of Their Sin: Read Genesis 3:20, 21

1. What provision did God make for the man and woman after their first sin? Genesis 3:21

2. What did He have to do in order to get this clothing? (*THINK!*)

3. Who else later had to die because of their sin? (See John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7, 10; Acts 8:32-35; Revelation 13:8)

4. What "clothing" may be ours because of His death? (See Isaiah 61:10; Romans 5:19)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was the knowledge which Adam and Eve gained worth the price they had to pay for it?

2. a. Can I ever get away with sin? Therefore, how should I feel toward sin?

- b. What must I do if I would avoid the natural results and direct punishments of sin? What must I do if I have fallen into sin already? (See Romans 6:13, 22, 23)

