

Timeline of Truth #7 – Genesis 3:7-19 – Sin Breaks Everything

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

Two Other (Optional) Passages that Tell How Sin Has Broken Everything:

Romans 1:28-32 – And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 3:10-18 – As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." ¹³ "Their throat *is* an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps *is* under their lips"; ¹⁴ "Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness." ¹⁵ "Their feet *are* swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ Destruction and misery *are* in their ways; ¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known." ¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

What Adam & His Wife:

- **Seeing** – Changed the way they looked at things (7). They now saw things from an evil heart in a bad way, differently than God intended.
- **Working** – Made them try to cover the evidence of sin with leaves, attempting to fix what had been broken without God (7)
- **Hiding** – Made them afraid of God (8, 10).

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1. Our Eyes (how we see things)
"eyes of both of them where opened" (7)
2. Our Hearts (evil)
"they knew that they were naked" (7)
3. Our Actions ("god-less" actions – without God)
"they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings" (7)
4. Our Relationship with God (Spiritual Death)
"Adam and his wife hid themselves..." (8-9)
5. Our Words
"the woman You gave to be with me..." (12)
6. Our Relationship with Others (Selfish)
"the woman You gave to be with me..." (12)
7. Our Children (Pain in bearing and raising)
"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children;" (16)
8. Our Marriage
"Your desire [shall be] for your husband, And he shall rule over you." (16)
9. Our Work (became much harder)
"Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground," (17-19)
10. Our Health & Life (Eventual Physical Death)
"Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." (19)

We will cover other details in Chapter 3 in the next week or two. We are just emphasizing how sin ruined everything, and how we need God to do something. Stay on this topic (don't try to explain other topics), and we'll explain Chapter 3 more fully as we go.

EXPLANATION:

Sin Broke All These:

1. **Our Eyes (how we see things)**

"eyes of both of them where opened" (7)

Adam's sin changed the way we see things. We now see and are tempted by bad things, rather than seeing the good that God created.

2. **Our Hearts (evil)**

"they knew that they were naked" (7)

Part of the reason that we see the bad things now is that our hearts are now sinful. We now think bad thoughts which lead to bad speaking and bad doing.

- *Jer 17:9 "The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"*
- *Matt 15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."*

3. **Our Actions ("god-less" actions – without God)**

"they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings" (7)

Adam and his wife tried to fix their problems without God. After disobeying God, they left God out altogether. They became "god-less" because they left God out.

4. **Our Relationship with God (Spiritual Death)**

"Adam and his wife hid themselves..." (8-9)

Instead of fearlessly being with God as Adam had before (on Day 6, recorded in Chapter 2), Adam and his wife were afraid of God. Adam's sin broke the friendship between man (humans) and God.

5. **Our Words**

"the woman You gave to be with me..." (12)

Adam used his words to blame God ("You") and the woman for his own eating of the fruit. Instead of owning up to the responsibility, Adam used his words to try to get out of trouble. (The correct answer to God's question, as we will see next week, was "Yes.")

6. **Our Relationship with Others (Selfish)**

"the woman You gave to be with me..." (12)

This is amazing. The "bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh" that is named after himself that Adam was so wonderfully captured by in Gen 2 is now the target of his blame and excuses. Adam sinned, and instead of admitting it, he turns and becomes the enemy of his wife!

7. **Our Children (Pain in bearing and raising)**

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children;" (16)

The wife's sin affected her God designed areas of responsibility. One area is motherhood. Whereas before sin God intended to make the process of bearing children be without pain and suffering. Now, bearing and raising children was going to be hard because of sin. "Being a mommy" went from being something joyous to something that brings much pain.

8. **Our Marriage**

"Your desire [shall be] for your husband, And he shall rule over you." (16)

Sin made the woman's relationship with her husband difficult. There seems to be a struggle by the woman to push him or lead him (which is not what God designed). As a response, the husband will more harshly lead. A husband and wife now struggle to get along. This affects the woman's other God-designed realm – that of being a helper to her husband.

9. **Our Work (became much harder)**

"Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground," (17-19)

Adam's sin brought a curse to creation. This curse affected Adam's realm of responsibility – working to provide. Before sin, his assigned work was without trouble: no weeds, very little effort, etc. Now it is very hard work with lots of difficulties and weeds.

10. **Our Health & Life (Eventual Physical Death)**

"Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." (19)

Adam's sin brought what God had promised and warned – death. This includes physical death. Adam and his wife began to die right when he ate of the forbidden tree. That means that he started getting older, and eventually his body wore out, got sick and died. All people get sick and eventually die because of Adam's sin.