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Everything Is Tainted by Sin

From childbirth to marriage to work to death, all of life is affected by the PAINFUL consequences of sin.

Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Eleven • Genesis 3:16-24

Paradise Lost: The Seriousness of Sin in the Fall

The Seriousness of Sin

Rebellion against God DEMANDS God's judgment (His just wrath toward sin), but God's grace also PROVIDES salvation from sin's ultimate curse.

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23*

The Seriousness of Sin in the Fall of Adam & Eve

1. We See the Seriousness of Sin in the JUDGMENT God Pronounces!

God's Judgment Pronounced to Eve

- Women will endure PAIN and sorrow in childbirth.

To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children..." Genesis 3:16

- Women will experience unhealthy DESIRE and disharmony in marriage.

"...your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16

God's Judgment Pronounced to Adam

- Men will endure TOIL and frustration in work.

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. 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..." Genesis 3:17-19

- Men will experience physical DEATH and decay.

"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." Genesis 3:19

2. We See the Seriousness of Sin in the SALVATION God Provides!

God's Salvation Provided

- Salvation is through faith in God's PROMISE of a Savior.

*And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
Genesis 3:20*

- Salvation is through God's PROVISION of a substitute.

*Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.
Genesis 3:21*

- Salvation is from eternal DEATH, sin's ultimate curse.

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:22-24

The Curse of Sin and The Covering of Christ

Because of the fall, we are all under the curse of sin. Because of grace, God provides the covering we need to save us from sin's ultimate curse.

The question is: What covering are you standing under?

Are you standing before God in the fig leaves of your own good works or are you standing in the righteousness of Jesus Christ by faith?

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Corinthians 5:21