

Let's Start at the Beginning: Genesis 1-11

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The Fallout from the Fall (Genesis 3:7-24)

"...for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17)

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

1. Spiritual Death:

2. Psychological Death:

3. Social Death:

For Further Thought and Discussion:

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

Going Deeper:

2. In Genesis 2:16-17, God says, *"You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* Yet, after eating from the forbidden tree, Adam and Eve live a long life (see Genesis 5:1-5). What are we to make of this? How does this reframe our understanding of *"death"* (see Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1f)?
3. What does God do in response to Adam and Eve's rebellion (Genesis 3:22-24)? What's the significance of the cherubim guarding the entrance to the garden (see Exodus 25:18-25)? How is God's judgment of exile also an act of mercy? How is exile from God's presence a kind of living death? How do Adam and Eve exile themselves from God's presence (see Genesis 3:8)? How does this story help us understand the nature of spiritual death (see Ephesians 2:1; 4:18)?
4. How does Adam respond when God confronts him (3:12)? How are Adam's words inconsistent with his actions (see 3:7-12)? How does sin create a fracture in the human psyche? How does this story help us understand the nature of psychological death (see Romans 1:21-23, 28; Ephesians 4:18)?
5. Why is it significant that Adam and Eve clothe themselves to hide from each other (3:7)? Why are they now ashamed? How has sin impacted their relationship? How does this story help us understand the nature of social death?

Application:

6. When we see that the problem of sin is a condition (rather than merely actions), how does it reframe the way we understand the problem of sin? How does it reframe the way we look at the solution to sin?
7. What's one thing from this week's sermon that you can apply to your life?