

**First Southern Baptist Church - June 26, 2019**  
**The Fall - Genesis 3 (part 2)**

**I. Effects of the Fall (verses 7-8)**

1. Shame
  - instead of God-consciousness, now they are self-conscious
  - a tormentor
2. Hiding from God
  - we avoid church, it brings consciousness of God, and our own sinfulness
  - the same is true of the Bible
  - fear of God
  - seeks to excuse his own sin
3. Fall:
  - from the dream of being like God, to the reality of a new burden
  - from responsibility, to blame
  - all our astounding knowledge has left us “knowing” we are naked
4. “Naked”
  - stripped of honor, and dignity
  - shamed, left open to the contempt of heaven and earth
  - so, they sew leaves together, to cover themselves (man’s attempt to “cover”)
5. Are the horizontal relationships affected by our vertical relationship with God?
  - look at the relationship between Adam and Eve
6. Now they know “anxiety”
  - We attempt to resolve anxiety:
    - psychologically
    - economic means
    - cosmetic
  - These all fail because they do not deal with the “cause”

**II. The Encounter/ Answer (verses 9-13)**

1. I was afraid
  - I heard
  - I was afraid
  - I was naked
  - I hid
  - I ate
2. I must not let God see me like this
  - before the fall it was “we” now it is “I” and “thou”
3. God’s words/ questions of grace:
  - Where? - of Adam
  - Why?
  - What?
  - With Cain it is the same - 4:6,9,10
  - God pulls a confession from them
4. “Where are you” is not a place but a condition - like “what have you done?”
5. God found them - they did not find God

6. He owns his fear and shame, but not his sin (10)

### III. The Sentence (verses 14-19)

1. Life apart from the garden
2. \*Genesis presents real consequences from our sin... not just a spiritual state and problems - metaphysical reality
3. Curses
  - A. Addresses man, woman, then serpent - in that order - He shows how He sees responsibility
  - B. Punishments - in reverse order
    - 1) Serpent (14-15)
      - first on the serpent, then the devil that had used the serpent
      - crawl on the ground - eat dust
      - \*The “first Gospel” - “*protevangelium*” - first announcement of the coming Redeemer
        - the offspring of the woman and serpent are Satan’s family and God’s family
        - at the end of the age it will be Christ, against Satan’s counterfeit (*AntiChrist*) - two seeds
        - at the cross, Satan bruised Christ’ heel, but in the end Christ will crush Satan’s head
      - note that the man is passed over for the woman
    - 2) Woman (16)
      - you will bear children (so not immediately die) - but the punishment is not in bearing children... she was to multiply and replenish before the fall
      - multiplied pain in childhood
      - instead of “to love and to cherish” now it is “to desire and to dominate” - she acted independently from her husband, now she will be dependent on him all her life
      - she was used by Satan to bring sin into the world, now she will be used by God to bring a Savior
    - 3) Man (17-19)
      - the ground will be cursed
      - already works the ground, but now by the sweat of brow\*
      - Eve has pain in childbirth, man will have “labor” in the field
      - The ground - Adam’s disobedience, effected creation (Rom. 8:18-23)
      - Four parts of Adam’s punishment:
        - A. Sorrow and disappointment - ground cursed
        - B. Pain and suffering - thorns and thistles would hinder him
        - C. Tears (19) - struggle with a hostile environment
        - D. Physical death
      - \*By one “man” sin entered the earth, by one man sin was dealt with - why did God hold Adam responsible? After all it was Eve who sinned first? Man is the leader - bears responsibility for the

home

4. Man's "freedom"

- from God, but not from consequences
- God owns the entire world, not just the garden

**IV. God's Eviction (verses 20-24)**

1. New clothes

- A. God sheds blood - substitute death
- B. Adam and Eve did nothing - God did it all
- C. The clothes of our righteousness are as filthy rags... ours is imputed righteousness

2. A new home (22-24)

- A. Lest he take of the Tree of Life- and live forever as sinners
- B. He "drove them out"
- C. The angel is assigned the gate - with a flaming sword
  - God actively excludes the sinner - it is worse than "hard" to get back, it is resisted by God Himself
  - note that God told Moses to put picture of Cherubim on the curtain that "guards" the Holy of Holies
  - at Christ' death the veil was rent and the way opened!
- D. The way to the "Tree of Life" would be opened by Jesus - John 14:6
  - by eating of the Tree of Knowledge, he lost the right to the Tree of Life

3. God's mercy

- serpent is not killed, but made to eat dust
- woman is given a way to "make up"
- man is sent to the ground, but not the grave, -to toil but not torment
- clothes
- A new home - not immediate
- Comes looking for his creation (sounds like the gospel doesn't it?)

**V. Jesus, the Curse Bearer** - beyond this Garden, to the Cross

- 1. Made a curse for us
- 2. Acquainted with grief - Is. 53:3
- 3. Wore a crown of thorns - Jn 19:5
- 4. Sweat as it were great drops of blood - Lk 22:44
- 5. Adam was brought to dust - so was Christ - Ps. 22:15
- 6. Sword (spear) was sheathed in Jesus' side - Zech. 13:7
  - the sword that guards the way to the tree is extinguished in the side of Jesus
  - the sword is the sword of justice, Jesus took the sword that we might have mercy
- 7. Spiritual death - death is swallowed up in victory!