

The Fall of Mankind

Genesis 3:7-13

Context: After taking the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve immediately experience the results of sin.

Because of the Fall...

A. _____ the inner shame (vs. 7-10)

1. As the serpent had indicated, the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew, but instead of producing godlike power, the knowledge brought only a sense of human inadequacy, fear, and shame. (Robert Bergen)
2. "What is the meaning of this restlessness that is in human nature? And though we have lost this and though we have never known it, a memory lingers.... And thus men and women are ever restless, ever ill at ease, and find it difficult to live with themselves and with others." (Martin Lloyd Jones)

B. _____ the Blame Game (Vs. 11-13)

1. "With these words, Adam became the first in a long line of male blame-shifters, not accepting responsibility for his own sin but casting the guilt onto his wife." (Richard Phillips)
2. The woman passed the blame to the serpent and admitted that prior to eating, she was deceived (1 Timothy 2:14).

C. _____ the alienation from God (vs. 8-10)

1. Instead of running to God, Adam and Eve hid from his voice in the garden. The shame of their guilt responded in a panicked flight from the holy Creator. (Richard Phillips)
2. Many today hide themselves from God because of the sin in their lives. Jesus calls us to repent of our sins and to step out of the darkness and into the light.