

V. Conclusion: Weakness and Sweetness

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Extra, Extra

A few really good books on marriage which you can get and read on your own...

- *Love that Lasts* by Gary & Betsy Riccuci
- *This Momentary Marriage* by John Piper
- *What Did You Expect?* by Paul Tripp
- *When Sinners Say I Do* by Dave Harvey
- *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim and Kathy Keller

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Marriage Core Seminar, Class #3 *Marriage and Sin (Gen. 3)*



I. Introduction

II. Sin's Arrival (Gen. 3:1-7)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

A. Sin disputes God's goodness

B. Sin disputes God's truth

The world, the flesh, and the devil are all lying to us.

The danger of isolation (Proverbs 18:1)

III. Sin's Effect (Gen. 3:8-13)

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

A. Sin corrupts your relationship with God

Psalm 51:4

B. Sin corrupts the relationship with a spouse

1. Responding to your own sin

2. Responding to your spouse's sin

- Not all that you *think* is sin in your spouse is really sin.
- Beware the danger of growing to disdain your spouse.
- Trust God with your spouse's sin and weakness.

IV. Sin's Curse (Gen. 3:14-19)

A. God's curse on Eve

"To the woman he said, 'I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.'" – Gen. 3:16

We better understand what "desire" and "rule" are in Gen. 3:16 by looking at Gen. 4:7. Neither term is being used in a benevolent way.

B. God's curse on Adam

And to Adam he said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

Note how God's curse on both Adam and Eve lines up with his command in Genesis 1:28. Our attempt as a human race to find satisfaction in being fruitful and exercising dominion as ends in themselves will fail. Labor and love have lasting significance and satisfaction only in how they show off the one who made them.

C. God's curse on the serpent: the gospel in seed form.