

BLOCK FOUR

ROMANS

3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

SIN & SEPARATION



- 1. Sin separates.
- 2. Sin will take you farther than you expected to go.
- 3. Sin will keep you longer than you wanted to stay.
- 4. Sin will cost you more than you are able to pay.
- "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." -ROMANS 3:23

Sin has power to separate. That's its goal, it separates.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."

GENESIS *3:1-4*

These subtle seeds planted by the enemy become accusations against God that surely God didn't really mean what He said. Satan sows seeds of separation.

For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

> GENESIS *3:5*

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Notice that Satan leaves the woman alone, left to her own imaginations.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

GENESIS *3:6*

The seed of separation was sown. It was reinforced by an accusation.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

GENESIS 3:7

The first thing that happened when sin entered was separation. It was the first time Adam and Eve were separated from each other and then from God.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

COMMENTARY

God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and they



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enjoyed a close relationship until one day Eve was tempted by the serpent to separate herself from God's Word for a moment.

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The subtle question she was asked to consider seemed harmless -Certainly God couldn't mean what He said? This seed of sin was sown in her mind and then she was left to think about it on her own. She began to imagine how good and pleasant and desirable it seemed and then she decided to eat of the forbidden fruit and gave it to her husband to eat as well. Eve was deceived and nurtured a lie. Sin was born and with sin came separation.

Sin did not make mankind more like God but rather, more like the devil. This reveals an eternal truth: Sin does not keep its promise.

Sin separated Adam and Eve from one another; sin separated Adam and Eve from God; sin separated Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden; and sin separated Adam and Eve, along with their offspring, from an eternity with God. Sin not only separated man from God but also God from man. Sin required the loving Father God to become a critical judge who pronounced punishment, created laws, and established penalties for sin throughout eternity.

Today sin still holds two distinct powers which separate. The first power of sin is to damn a soul to hell and thereby separate a person from God for eternity. The second power of sin is the power to deceive and control. This power of sin separates people from God's will and blessings in this life.

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