

"THE DEATH OF MAN"

GENESIS 3:7-13

I. THE CLEAR TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE IS THAT MAN IS NEITHER WELL NOR SICK, BUT "DEAD"

A. This Condition Had Been Previously Predicted By God, By Way Of Warning (2:17)

1. Initially, It Appeared That Not Only Had Adam Not Died, But That He Had Actually Advanced His Position, Since His Eyes Were Now *Opened* (3:7)

2. Adam, With One Act Of Disobedience, Began A Process Of Deterioration That Would Eventually Culminate In His Physical Termination

B. This Condition Became Fully Exposed Once The Results Of The Sinful Activity Had Been Made Manifest

II. SCRIPTURE HIGHLIGHTS THE EVIDENCE OF MAN'S DEADNESS (3:7-13)

A. In The New And Unnatural Distance That Results Between The Man And His Wife (3:7)

1. An Immediate Sense Of Shame Had Taken Place

2. The Initial Anticipation Of A Glorious Result Soon Proved To Be Nothing More Than A Sense Of Unworthiness In Each Others Presence

3. Adam's Disgust And Disappointment Was Verbalized (3:12)

a. Notice How Adam Puts Himself Last In The Sentence

b. All Marital Conflict Is Due To This Same Problem Of Self Interest And Denial Of Personal Responsibility

4. The Distance Is Permanently Concluded When Man Returns To The Dust From Which He Came (3:19)
- B. In The New And Unnatural Distance Between The Man And The Woman And God (3:8,10)
1. What Was Once A Source Of Joy Is Now A Source Of Fear
 2. What Was Previously Sought After Is Now Evaded
 3. What Was Formerly Unthought Of Now Becomes An Accusation Against God Himself (3:12)

III. SCRIPTURE EXPLAINS THE REALITY OF MAN'S DEADNESS

- A. Man's Spirit Was Affected
- B. Man's Soul Began To Die
- C. The Body Will Die
- D. The Second Death Is Eternity In Hell