

## “Sin’s Deathtrap”

*Genesis 3:7-19*

### Introduction

After Adam and Eve sinned against God by disobeying Him, they experienced death – not a physical death but other forms of death as well. God told them in Genesis 2:17 that if they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they would “surely die”. Death means separation. Physical death happens when our souls separate from our bodies, but we find that Adam and Eve came to experience multiple types of death when they choose sin over obedience to God. Their choice of sin would become a death trap that would permeate all of existence.

Adam and Eve first experienced the consequence of an emotional death. Genesis 3:7 tells us that the couple was living in guilt and shame. They were afraid of God (Genesis 3:8) and they hid themselves from God. The emotions of guilt, shame and fear were a direct result of their disobedience. Sin separates us from our own emotional well-being. The consequence for sin also resulted in relational death, as conflict was introduced into their relationship. God told the woman that her desire would be for her husband and that he would rule over her (Genesis 3:16). This represented a break within the harmony of their relationship; one that was without conflict was now wrought with power plays and selfish ambition. Even today, we know that marital conflict, separation in marriages, and divorce all find their root in disobedience to God.

Consequence for sin did have physical implications for Adam and Eve. They would now die a physical death and also experience physical pain. Eve would have pain in childbirth and Adam would have pain in labor. Ultimately their sin would lead to their physical demise. Social death was another consequence. Their son Cain would later kill his brother Abel (Genesis 4:8). The whole world would eventually spiral out of control as sin spread and infiltrated society (Genesis 6:5). One more consequence of sin was spiritual death. Adam and Eve were excluded from the garden. They could no longer enjoy God’s best because they were outside of God’s will.

Sin is serious. While Eve only considered her desire in the moment, her choice to disobey God came with a multiplicity of consequences that affected her present and her future. Sin also affected her personally and pervaded her family and her descendants. We must be careful not to fall into a “deathtrap” when the momentary pleasures of sin tempt us to disobey God. For when we disobey God we bare these same consequences

### Getting Started

1. What resonated with you most from today’s sermon?
2. What sins do you think people commit but don’t take seriously? Why do you think this is the case?

### Let’s Get Personal

1. What type of death have you experienced in your own life as a result of sin?
2. What sins do you currently commit but don’t take seriously – possibly because you don’t see the consequences?
3. What death do you think has resulted or that may be “in process” that you may or may not have taken notice of?

### Take the Next Step

1. What does God say in His Word is the antidote to sin? (1 John 1:9)
2. What actions can you take today to walk in obedience to God so that you can restore fellowship with Him?
3. Is there anyone in your life who is currently experiencing the consequences of their sins? What can you do or say today to encourage them and give them hope?

### Renew Your Mind

*“So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him;” Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a*

---