

***"HOW DID
THE FALL
AFFECT HUMANITY?"***

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Lost knowledge of self

- **Answer:** “Just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so sin spread through all men” ([Romans 5:12](#)). The effects of the Fall are numerous and far reaching. Sin has affected every aspect of our being. It has affected our lives on earth and our eternal destiny.
- One of the immediate effects of the Fall was that mankind was separated from God. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had perfect communion and fellowship with God. When they rebelled against Him, that fellowship was broken. They became aware of their sin and were ashamed before Him. They hid from Him ([Genesis 3:8-10](#)), and man has been hiding from God ever since.
- Because of the Fall, death became a reality, and all creation was subject to it. All men die, all animals die, all plant life dies.

Lost Sight of Man Created Purpose

- Another effect of the Fall is that humans have lost sight of the purpose for which they were created. Man's chief end and highest purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever ([Romans 11:36](#); [1 Corinthians 6:20](#); [1 Corinthians 10:31](#); [Psalm 86:9](#)).
- The Fall produced in humans a state of depravity. Paul spoke of those "whose consciences are seared" ([1 Timothy 4:2](#)) and those whose minds are spiritually darkened as a result of rejecting the truth ([Romans 1:21](#)). In this state, man is utterly incapable of doing or choosing that which is acceptable to God, apart from divine grace. "The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so" ([Romans 8:7](#))

Results Of The Fall

The promise of the creation was shattered by the fall, and the very fabric of human relationships based on true love, out of which the ideal world was to have been made, was torn asunder.

The Loss of True Love

- Adam and Eve's experience of love was colored by the fall. They had never received the true love of parents.
- They had not achieved true brother-sister love.

The Loss of Truth

- Adam and Eve lived in confusion, aware that they had made mistakes but unable to free themselves of the consequences. With their spiritual senses darkened, the God they had been growing to know and love was suddenly veiled to them.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

- The fundamental ignorance of human beings since the fall has been their inability to distinguish clearly between good and evil, to recognize how their lives contradict God's will.
- There is a continuous struggle between the evil mind and the original mind in fallen humans. These internal conflicts are the cause of conflicts between individuals and families, tribes and nations. The original mind, though faint, calls out to fallen people to unite with God's will.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

The Influence of Good and Evil Spirits

- The struggle between the original mind and the evil mind is greatly exacerbated by the intervention of spirit men and women in the affairs of people on earth. Good spirits, that is those close to God, have a beneficial influence on the spirits of men and women on earth. However, evil spirits, who are close to Satan in character and direction, have a bad influence on the spirits of people on earth. Because of the dislocation of spirit and body brought about by the fall, fallen individuals are generally unaware of the influence of good and evil spirits in their lives. They tend to attribute fallen spiritual influences to their own moods, sentiments and inspirations.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

The Influence of Good and Evil Spirits (contd.)

- Whenever the spirit of a fallen man or woman unites with the thoughts or activities of evil spirits he or she multiplies the power of Satan and evil in the world. Satan's power will end only when people cease to interact with his ideas and activities. By encouraging faith and obedience to God, religions have enabled people to cast off their relationships with evil spirits and strengthen their relationships with good (guardian) spirits and angels. As with Adam and Eve, it is each person's individual responsibility to choose either the path of faith in God or the way of the world with its negative spiritual influences.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

Fallen Nature

- Due to the fall, the original good human nature became twisted into fallen nature. Careful analysis of the fallen nature of humankind reveals that it has four major components that derive from four fundamental errors at the time of the fall.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

Fallen Nature

- First, fallen humans fail to see people and situations as God sees them. Because of disbelief and distrust, they do not appreciate the value of their circumstances and those of others, leading to erroneous concepts and actions. All human sins (thoughts and actions which alienate human beings from God) are the result of individuals taking positions contrary to God's point of view.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

Fallen Nature

- Second, fallen people, lacking God's perspective, have a tendency to misjudge their own value, to be arrogant and to go their own way in seeking power and prestige at the cost of the fulfillment of God's will. They are not satisfied with what they have and seek to gain for themselves what belongs to others. This fallen nature comes from the Servant's dissatisfaction with his position as the teacher and servant of Adam and Eve. Failing to recognize his own value and special role in the creation.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

Fallen Nature

- Third, as a result of the second fallen nature, human beings tend to dominate those whom they should follow. In life one frequently sees unrighteous usurpation of position, with resultant chaos and suffering; as when the proud lord it over the meek, unrighteous people kill prophets, students rebel against their teachers, children against parents. On a national scale, violent revolutions typically lead to widespread misery and bloodshed.

Results Of The Fall (contd.)

Fallen Nature

- Fourth, fallen humans tend to seek others to share in their wrongdoing rather than taking responsibility to correct it themselves. They justify their evil deeds and try to win approval and participation from others.

Irresponsible action causes the multiplication of evil.

Why Humankind Needs True Parents?

- The fall of Adam and Eve meant the postponement of God's will until such time as a new Adam and new Eve could take their place and fulfill the three blessings. It also meant that fulfilling humanity's original purpose became nothing more than a hope for fallen people, a promised Kingdom of Heaven instead of a reality from the beginning of human existence.

Why Humankind Needs True Parents? (contd.)

- The fall resulted in the creation of human relations devoid of true love. Instead of the first ancestors establishing a model family to be emulated by their descendants, they created a world in which people are alienated from God and do not know themselves or how to establish true relationships of love with other people and nature.

Why Humankind Needs True Parents? (contd.)

- Realizing the three blessings became a remote ideal as men and women burdened by a legacy of sin and ignorance have struggled with themselves and one another, as individuals and groups. History has been shaped by this sad condition of humanity.

Why Humankind Needs True Parents? (contd.)

- To end the dominion of evil and create a world of true love centered on God, true parents must come to restore fallen love, life and lineage to God. This purpose has been the central thrust of history.