



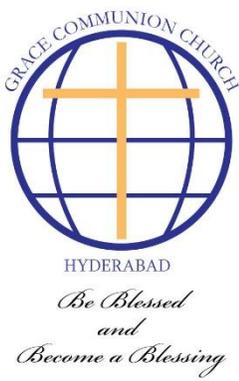
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*Be Blessed  
and  
Become a Blessing*

# LESSONS FROM THE GARDEN GENESIS



# SIN ENTERS THE WORLD



# Romans 5

- 12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— ...

# WHAT WERE THE EFFECTS OF SIN?

- Gen 3:7 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.
- “Good” looked evil.
- Mind got distorted / corrupted
- Sense of “shame” – Evil/darkness spread
- Evil can suppress the good – not destroy it.

- Gen3:8 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. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”
- *Where are you? – God came to man even in “sin.”*
- *Hid – man started running away from God, sense of alienation, loneliness, isolation*

- Gen 3:10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” 11  
And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”
- **Afraid – fear, anxiety, phobia, panic**
- **“who told you” – result of “eye opened”**
- **“Not to eat” – God did not intend evil in the world**

- Gen 3:12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
- **Blame-game – trust broken, integrity lost**

- Gen 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!
- “you have done this” – not God
- “You” – had choice, was not stopped
- “Cursed ...” – Blessings turned to curse

- 16 To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”
- “pain” – agony, suffering, distress
- “rule over you” – exploitation, Rulership turned against each other

- 17To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

- Cursed is the ground ...It will produce thorns and thistles
- **Environmental degradation**
- through painful toil you will eat food from it ...By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food
- **Joy of work lost, it has become drudgery**

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- **Death is the natural consequence for allowing darkness / evil to into our lives.**
- **What is this death?**

# DEATH OF ...

- *Naked* – death of innocence, dignity, honour, respect
- *Hid* – death of community, social order, openness, transparency
- *Fear* – death of confidence, assurance
- *Blame* – death of honesty, integrity, fairness, trust
- *Curse* – death of blessedness
- *Pain* – death of happiness, pleasure
- *Thorns & Thistles* – death of cooperation between nature and humans
- *Rule over you* – death of Benevolence, complement, concern

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- From nothing to humans in the image of God – back to nothing
- Death of relationships