

EFFECTS OF THE FALL

GENESIS 2:16-17, 3:14-18, 3:23; REVELATION 21:1, 21:4

LEARN THE WORD

Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- The death and suffering we see today are a result of the sin that entered the world through Adam.
- God has promised to do away with the effects of the Fall—sin, death, and suffering—when Jesus returns to create a new heaven and new earth at the Consummation.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if your friends ask you why a loving God would create animals that viciously attack and kill each other?

What could you say?

We see how vicious animals are all the time on TV. It does seem cruel and could lead some to wonder why God would have created a world like this. But, He didn't! God's original creation was very good, with animals and man living peacefully together. It was only after Adam and Eve disobeyed God that death came into the world. That's when animals became vicious. The pain, suffering, and death we see in the world is a result of sin; none of it is God's fault.

Activity: Write in the missing letter of each word from our lesson. Then match the colors and numbers and write the letters in the boxes to finish the sentence below.

THORNS
PROMISE
COMMAND
SERPENT
NEW
DEATH
SIN
ADAM
DISOBEDIENCE
WOMAN
MERCIFUL
SUFFERING

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10. Mercful
11. Prmise
12. ew

God will make everything new

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HOMESWORD FOR PARENTS

What was life like before the Fall? First of all, there was no death. Death came as a result of Adam's sin (Romans 5:12) and is called an enemy that God will one day destroy (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). Second, the earth that God created was "very good" (Genesis 1:31; Deuteronomy 32:4). There were no hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, or other destructive events. Third, man and the animals were vegetarian (Genesis 1:29-30). Finally, Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with their Creator. He spoke with them, and they experienced unbroken fellowship with God.

The day that Adam and Eve disobeyed their Creator has been called the saddest day in the history of the universe. God had given them a perfect creation—no death, disease, or suffering. But the Fall and the subsequent Curse brought disaster to God's very good creation. We are now experiencing the futility, the groans, and the pains of a universe subject to darkness because of sin (Romans 8:19-20).

But that is not the end of the story because Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, has overcome death (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). And all who repent of their sins and turn to Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness will be redeemed to enjoy eternity in the perfectly restored universe—a universe that promises the end of death, mourning, crying, and pain (Revelation 21:4). We eagerly await this with hope and expectation of finally seeing our Savior face to face (Job 19:26-27).