

Introduction

1. The world has gone wrong
2. Look at all the misery + death
3. Here God tells us how it happened

1. MAN'S FIRST HAPPY AND BLESSED STATE

- 1) Adam + Eve: perfect in body + soul
- 2) Inwardly perfect in every faculty
- 3) Outwardly perfect: health, beauty...
- 4) In paradise: a perfect home
- 5) Service + Duty: Marriage / Work / Sabbath
- 6) One single thing forbidden: the Tree. Why?
- 7) God was their supreme delight
APPLICATION: This world was created perfect

2. THE ENTRANCE OF SIN

- 1) What sin is. Definition.
- 2) Satan / Eve / Adam
- 3) "Eve sinned first; Adam worst"
- 4) How sin affects us all
 - (i) imputation: Adam a "covenant-head"
 - (ii) depravity: bad heart. **ILLUSTRATION**: apple
 - (iii) actual sins: breaking God's laws

- 5) Why is sin imputed to us? Explain
- 6) Effects of sin in our first parents:
 - (i) guilt before God – "naked"
 - (ii) attempt at cover-up – "fig leaves"
 - (iii) attempt to shift the blame
APPLICATION: Know your own heart.

3. THE JUDGEMENT UPON ADAM'S SIN

- 1) Indeed, upon the sin of each party:
 - (i) Eve – motherhood a trial
 - (ii) Adam – toil in sweat
 - (iii) serpent – cursed
OBSERVE: Sin is the one thing God hates
- 2) The alternatives + losses:
 - (i) man no longer perfect but a sinner
 - (ii) the whole world under "vanity"
 - (iii) death – the "wages of sin"
 - (iv) Satan able to do great harm.
OBSERVE: This explains subsequent history
APPLICATION: Every trouble we have here explained

4. THE GRACIOUS PROMISES OF GOD: 3:15

- 1) God left angels who sinned – but not man
- 2) The wonderful promises of God
 - (i) a Saviour would come – Christ
 - (ii) a righteousness given
 - (iii) a blood-sacrifice made
 - (iv) a two-fold human family
 - (v) the devil will be overthrown

CONCLUSION

1. God has kept His promise
2. How we should trust Christ!
3. And live to God's glory + so come to heaven.

PSALM**37: 3- 4****78: 29 – 33****146: 5 – 8**