

4. The Fall: rebellion and curse

Genesis 3:1 – 4:1

Discuss while waiting to begin...

- Why do you sin?!
- What do you say / do / think when you sin?! Be honest!

1. An act of rebellion

- The snake = Satan (Revelation 12:9, 20:2)
- Adam and Eve's rebellion: doubting God's Word and God's goodness

2. God's response: the curses of the covenant

- Marriages and childbearing (3:16, cf. 4:7)
- Creation and work (3:17-19, Romans 8)
- Death and the presence of God (3:19, 22-24, Revelation 21:8)

3. The Gospel is promised

- Bruising the serpent's head – Genesis 3:15
- Clothed through death – Genesis 3:21
- Adam: faith and obedience? – Genesis 3:20, 4:1

4. The significance of the Fall: we all sinned and fell with Adam (1 Cor. 15:20-22, Rom. 5:12-19)

- "Original Sin"
- Adam = the covenant head of the human race

Romans 5:18-19, Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- **We inherit guilt (“condemnation”)**

- **We inherit a sinful nature (“made sinners”)**

NOT: we sin → we have sinful nature

BUT: we have a sinful nature → so we sin

Psalm 51:5, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

Think about what we’ve learned today about the LORD and about US:

- Why do you sin?!
- How will salvation happen?
- What must the Gospel achieve?