

## SESSION 7: SPREAD OF SIN

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### A. Results of Sin in Adam's experience.

*Immediate consciousness of loss.*

- 1) Guilt and fear enter the experience.
- 2) Afraid of God
- 3) Could not cure the difficulty

*Relationship changes*

- 1) Angry words from God.
- 2) Selfishness mars Adam and Eve's relationship.

*Relationship with the environment.*

- 1) Adam is no longer undisputed lord.
- 2) Adam is put out of the garden.

*Death enters the experience.*

- 1) God is true and just - Death touches Adam's experience immediately.
- 2) God is merciful- Physical death is delayed- Adam has time to repent.

### B. Rapid spread of the sin problem

- Adam eats the fruit
- Adam betrays his wife.
- Cain kills Abel
- Lamech kills, threatens, boasts and commands God.
- *At Flood*- Gen. 6:5 "every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- *After the flood*- Noah sins.

- *At Babel*- Men refuse to follow God's directives.

### **C. Limiting factors on the spread of sin after the flood.**

1. Death penalty allowed for murder.
2. Length of life is dramatically shortened.
3. People are separated into language groups.

### **D. Lessons on the Majesty and Glory of God.**

1. God tells the truth.
2. God is able to deal with man's sin.
  - a. He may allow certain things.
  - b. Always able to deal with men when He is ready.
3. God is merciful- actively seeking to remedy man's condition
  - a. Man does not die immediately
  - b. Even the curse holds the element of promised deliverance.
  - c. God creates national identities so that He can create His own for redemption.