

I. WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED?

THE BIBLICAL EXPLANATION FOR WHY MAN HAS PROBLEMS

INTRO

WHY IS THIS QUESTION IMPORTANT?

Because you cannot effectively find a solution to your problems until you accurately _____ the problem and identify its _____.

WHY THE NEED FOR CHANGE?

Because we are not who we were intended to be: [Genesis 1:26-27, 31](#)

[Ecclesiastes 9:3](#), "...the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives..."

[Jeremiah 17:9](#), "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?"

Sin lies at the very _____ of man; the core of man, says the Scripture, is sinful. [cf. Mark. 7:21-23](#)

"As salt affects every drop of water in the Atlantic; so does sin permeate every atom of our being. To deny this is to be deceived" (C.H. Spurgeon).

[Psalm 51:5](#), "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."

You were created to reflect God's _____.

[Isaiah 43:7](#), "everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

But man has fallen from that _____ of perfection.

Now that image is marred.

[Job 5:7](#), “For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward.”

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1. Man was created in the _____ of God. [Genesis 1:26](#).
2. As a creature, man was designed to receive and respond to _____
[Genesis 1:28-30; 2:16-17, 19](#).
3. As a created being, man is dependent on God's _____
[Matthew. 4:4](#).
4. Man willfully disregarded and disobeyed God's clear _____
[Genesis 3](#).
5. Adam and Eve had everything people _____ today:
perfect health, [2:7, 17](#); a perfect environment [1:25](#); every material
need met [1:29-30](#); meaningful responsibility [2:15, 19-20](#);
companionship [2:18-25](#). And perfect parents.

If one of the major reasons people sin is because of their environment, why did Adam and Eve sin?

SATAN'S STRATEGY

1. _____ God's Word: "...indeed, has God said...?" [Genesis 3:1a](#)
2. _____ God's Word "...You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?" [Genesis 3:1b](#)
3. _____ the consequences: "...God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it [she added this], lest you die.'" [3:3](#)

“Lest” Heb. *pen* (pro. ‘pane’) = ‘peradventure’ or ‘perhaps’
Our culture continues to minimize the effects of sin.

4. _____ “And the serpent said to the woman,
‘You surely shall not die!’” [Genesis 3:4](#)

The devil “...does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.” [John 8:44](#)

THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF THE FALL

1. A real experiential knowledge and understanding of _____
[Genesis 3:7a](#).
2. Attempting to make things right on our own _____
from God [Genesis 3:7b](#).
3. Real terrifying _____ [Genesis 3:8](#).
4. Separation from _____ [Genesis 3:9](#).
5. _____ [Genesis 3:10](#).
6. _____ [Genesis 3:11](#).
7. Justifying sin, _____ [Genesis 3:12,13](#).
8. Severe _____ in childbirth [Genesis 3:16a](#).
9. Marital _____ [Genesis 3:16b](#).
10. Exhausting labor and the frustration of _____
[Genesis 3:17-19a](#).
11. Physical infirmity and ultimate _____ [Genesis 3:19b](#).

Resources for Further Study

– *The Enemy Within*, Kris Lundgaard