

Spiritual Warfare, Get Ready the Battle Is Here Part 4—Death, Satan’s Distortion of Man and Life

1. What Is Death?

Romans 3:23a—²³For the wages of sin is death . . . (NIV)

Romans 5:12—¹²When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. (NLT)

Genesis 3:8—⁸When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. (NLT)

Genesis 3:12-13—¹²The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” ¹³Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.” (NLT)

2. Satan’s Method and Man’s Choice.

Genesis 3:1-5 (Sel.)—³Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said” ⁵ . . . God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (NASB1995)

1 John 2:15-16—¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. (NIV)

Genesis 3:6a—⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate . . . (NASB1995)

2 Corinthians 11:3—³But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. (NLT)

Genesis 3:6b—⁶ . . . and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. (NASB1995)

1 Timothy 2:14—¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. (NIV)

3. God’s Witnesses and Man’s Accountability.

John 15:22—²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. (NIV)

Psalms 19:1-4—¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (NIV)

Romans 1:20—²⁰For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (NIV)

Psalms 19:7-13 (Sel.)—⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. . . . ¹¹By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. ¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. (NIV)

Romans 10:16-20—¹⁶But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. ¹⁸But I ask, have the people of Israel actually heard the message? Yes, they have: “The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world.” ¹⁹But I ask, did the people of Israel really understand? Yes, they did, for even in the time of Moses, God said, “I will rouse your jealousy through people who are not even a nation. I will provoke your anger through the foolish Gentiles.” ²⁰And later Isaiah spoke boldly for God, saying, “I was found by people who were not looking for me. I showed myself to those who were not asking for me.” ²¹But regarding Israel, God said, “All day long I opened my arms to them, but they were disobedient and rebellious.” (NLT)

Romans 1:18-19—¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. (NASB1995)

4. Man's Rejection of God and Its Consequences.

Romans 1:21—²¹For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (NASB1995)

Romans 1:22-23—²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. (NASB1995)

Romans 1:25—²⁵For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (NASB1995)

Romans 1:26-27—²⁶For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, ²⁷and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. (NASB1995)

5. God's Answer to Man's Rejection.

Ephesians 2:8a—⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith . . . (NIV)

Genesis 3:9—⁹But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" (NIV)

Genesis 3:15—¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (NIV)

Action Steps . . .

- Accept Jesus, repent if you get it wrong, and study God's Word