

Have You Considered The Consequences Of Sin?

Isaiah 59:1-2; 1 Peter 3:12

Global Consequences

- Flood of Noah's day had upon our planet.
 - Subterranean "fountains" yielded vast and violent explosions of water. (Genesis 7:11; 8:2; Job 38:16)
 - Great outpouring deluge from the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11)

National Consequences

History is a record of the rise and fall of nations.

- There is a moral standard the Creator expects of nations (Proverbs 14:34), and when wickedness prevails sufficiently, the Lord God can remove kings (Daniel 2:21), and overthrow empires (Psalms 22:28; Daniel 4:17).
- The ancient Assyrians were subjugated by the Babylonians.
- The Babylonians fell to the Medes and Persians. Jeremiah, chapters 46-51
- The Medo-Persian empire was conquered by the Greeks.
- The Greeks were overtaken by the Romans. Each of these nations was characterized by accelerating wickedness, and God held them accountable for such. (cf. Genesis 15:16; Daniel 8:23)

➤ Isaiah 47:11, "Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know the dawning thereof: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou knowest not."

Physical Consequences

Physical death, and all of its preliminary problems, are the consequences of human disobedience to the Creator.

- Spiritual Death. In the garden of Eden, the Lord warned Adam that "the day" he ate of the forbidden fruit he would "die."
 - "Death" is used in several senses in the Bible, yet it always implies some type of "separation."
 - When the original couple ate of that "fruit" they immediately were separated from their Creator in a spiritual sense.
- Physical Death. When they were banished from Eden and the "tree of life," they were subjected to a process of degeneration which eventually would culminate in physical death (Genesis 3:22-24; 5:5), the separation of the spirit from the body. (James 2:26)

Physical Consequences

Every disease / calamity common to humanity is the result of man's rebellion against God. (cf. Amos 4)

- "Death" is viewed as our "enemy." (1 Corinthians 15:26)
- Man born of woman is but of few days and full of trouble. (Job 14:1)
- The woman who was afflicted terribly with a condition that had left her "bent over," the Lord attributed her affliction to Satan. (Luke 13:11, 16)

Mental Consequences

Unless one is so hardened that his conscience can no longer feel guilt – a potential possibility (cf. John 12:37ff; Ephesians 4:19; 1 Timothy 4:2) – the consciousness of sin will trouble the sensitive soul.

- It is the sorrow of guilt that leads one to repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- David was told, "Thou art the man." (2 Samuel 12:7) "For I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me" (Psalms 51:3).
- Paul (Galatians 1:13), labored under the memories of his bloody days as an enemy of Christ. (cf. Ephesians 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:15b)

Societal Consequences

There are numerous lingering consequences of sin, both collective and individual, that plague the human family.

- For example, the refusal of the descendants of Noah to “replenish the earth” (Genesis 1:28), and their insistence that they would remain in the land of Shinar, and not be “scattered” (Genesis 11:1-4), caused Jehovah to “confound their language” and scatter them abroad (verses 7-8).
 - As a result of language isolationism and genetic pool developments, various “races” ultimately sprang up.
 - The sad history of racial rivalry and hostility within the human family is too well known to need documentation.
- It is a lingering effect of humanity’s disobedience.

Societal Consequences

For a society to exist there must be laws.

- Violation of laws must be resolved. (Ecclesiastes 8:11)
Murderers may be executed, lengthy prison terms are imposed, and fines have to be levied.
- Forgiveness does not nullify the consequence of lawbreaking.
 - Convicted murderer does not escape the death penalty. (Acts 25:11)
 - Convicted thief does not escape “due reward.” (Luke 23:40-43)
 - One who has embezzled funds does not profit. (Luke 19:8-9; Leviticus 6:1-7)

Family Consequences

Matthew 10:34-37

Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law: and a man’s foes (shall be) they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Eternal Consequences

1 John 1:3-7; 1 Corinthians 1:9;
Ephesians 5:7-11

➤ Sin separates us from God in this life.

Genesis 3:23-24

➤ Man not born away from God. Ezekiel 18:20;

1 John 3:4, “Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.”

➤ James 4:17, “To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

➤ It separates us from God in eternity.

Matthew 25:30, 41, 46

➤ Sin is incompatible with God. 2 Corinthians 6:14ff

The Remedy For The Eternal Consequences Of Sin:

➤ The Blood of Christ. Matthew 26:28;
Hebrews 9:11-12; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5

➤ WHY? Romans 3:23-26

➤ Remedy must be applied. Hebrews 5:9;
Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6;
2 Peter 3:9; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38;
1 Corinthians 15:58