

Help I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up! - Genesis 3:1-19 and Romans 3:9-20

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Introduction – my addiction to pride and how God broke it

I The meaning of sin –

- 1) The standard of judgment - SC # 14 / Romans 3:23
The challenge of the serpent – Genesis 3:5
- 2) Three words - Psalm 32:1,2
Sin - Judges 20:16 / Romans 3:23 / James 4:17
Transgression – Deuteronomy 27:17
Iniquity – Joshua 22:17 & Numbers 25:1-6 / Psalm 104:15 & Proverbs 23:20,21
- 3) Not all sin is the same – some are worse than others, but here too our judgment is impaired
Debauchery - Ephesians 4:17-19
Sin against knowledge – John 7:49 & 19:11 / 2 Peter 2:20,21 / Hebrews 10:26
The worst sin - Matthew 23
All are infected - Romans 3:9-12 / 7:14-25
- 4) God's estimate of it - Isaiah 59:1,2 / Genesis 3:16-19
Deserving of everlasting punishment – Revelation 14:11
The most awe inspiring display of the evil of sin - 1 Peter 3:18 / Matt. 27:46

II The problem of sin –

- 1) Total depravity - Isaiah 5:20, 21 / James 1:14, 15 / Romans 8:7 / John 6:44 & 5:40
Deeply rooted in our nature – Jeremiah 13:23 / Matthew 12:33
Unable to free ourselves - Exodus & Jeremiah 31:11
The unholy trinity – John 2:15-17 (Ephesians 6:11,12 / Proverbs 29:25 / Romans 5:6)
- 2) From our text – Romans 3:9 / Matthew 8:13
The power of sin is the law? – Romans 6:14 & 7:1-5, 8-10 / 1 Cor 15:56

III The solution to sin's power – is Jesus

- 1) The mercy and compassion of God - Exodus 34:7 / Psalm 32:5
- 2) The purpose of his coming – Luke 19:10 & 1 John 3:5, 8b / Galatians 4:4,5
- 3) Result – Romans 6:14 & 7:6
- 4) The purpose of his dying – Galatians 1:4 / Ephesians 5:25-27 / Titus 2:14
- 5) The purpose of his coming again – Romans 8:23 / Philippians 3:20
- 6) Toward those who confess and make amends - Leviticus 26:40,41 / Psalm 32:5 note / 1 John 1:9

IV Some take aways from this sermon

- 1) Don't trip – Romans 9:32-10:4 / Galatians 1:6-9 & Acts 15:1-5
- 2) You can't get up – Romans 11:11,13
- 3) Don't look down on your unsaved neighbors – 3:9 / 7:14f
- 4) Don't be misled by a growing conviction of sin – Isaiah 6 / Job 42:5,6
- 5) Don't be misled by a deceived heart – Jeremiah 17:10 / Psalm 139