

What Sin Has Done

What is it which sin has done and always will do?

The first effect of sin is *an altered universe*. The reaction against your sin is not only in your conscience and in your body.

It is in the world which environs you. You know that in the moment of your sin you spoiled all.

There is that sobering and chilling experience of “the moment after.” All the world of things seen, your relationships in life, the interests and activities of your days, the blue sky and the cool air, and the very flowers at your feet were altered.

The story in the third chapter of Genesis sets that law of sin in a clear light. Adam and Eve found themselves in an altered world.

They saw each other with new eyes. Thorns and briars sprang up in the garden. The sweat of toil through the curse on the ground stood upon their brows.

That word of revelation has been echoed by every sinner since...

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