

5-Finger Plan of Salvation: The PENALTY – SEPARATION

Key Verses:

Rom 6:23a: “For the **WAGES** of sin is **DEATH**” (Mt 25:41; Jn 3:16,18; 2 Thes 1:6-9)

Rev 20:11-15: “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were **JUDGED** according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were **JUDGED**, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **SECOND DEATH**. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

What Is Death?

a. **Common View:** Death Is _____ to Exist

b. **Biblical View:** Death Is _____

Death’s Beginning:

1. God’s commandment to Adam

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

2. Adam’s response after sinning

Gen 3:7-8 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

3. God’s curse upon Adam

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

4. Adam’s expulsion from the garden

Gen 3:22-24 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever” —²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

5. Adam’s physical death

Gen 5:5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

6. Adam’s continued impact

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

Death’s Forms:

1. _____: Separation from a perfect body to a body which is imperfect, mortal, and sinful

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

2. _____: Separation of the immaterial (soul & spirit) from the material (body).

Gen 5:5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

3. _____: Separation from a personal walk with God to a life of darkness away from God

Eph 2:1-3 And you [He made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4. _____: Separation from the presence of God to the eternal lake of fire

Matt 25:41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

2 Thes 1:9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (6-9)

Rev 20:11-15

Some of the Effects of Death:

From	To
acceptable	unacceptable
blessed	cursed
connected	disconnected
Eden	expulsion
freedom	bondage
friendship	enmity
God-enjoying	God-rejecting

From	To
God’s presence	God’s absence
immortal	mortal
innocent	guilty
light	darkness
sin-free	sin-driven
spiritually conscious	spiritually unconscious