



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“The results from a spiritual fall will last much longer and more painful than a physical fall.”

Since the Fall

My wife falls easily. She fell at a friend's funeral. She fell at our son's house. She has fallen over the cat. She has fallen out of bed several times. She had messed up her knees, broken her rib, broken her wrist, and cut open her ear. The biggest issue was when she fell and broke her heel. For over a year that heel did not heal. They had to put screws in it. She then had to be off it for months. The doctor said that she will be in pain for another year. It will be two years since the fall.

I know of two other friends who had serious falls. The one took months to heal. The other lives alone with a hospital bed in the living room and is still not totally healed after years of issues. Both of my friends are also Christians and trust the Lord for healing and hope. I just heard of a coworker who was being chased by hornets and fell and broke his nose.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve did not have a physical fall but a spiritual one. They had both a world perfect and a perfect life. They did not have to work, do laundry, worry about the weather, put up with problem neighbors, be afraid of animals, or keep a busy schedule. They could enjoy it forever. They had free food and could eat anything except for fruit from one tree. Gen 2:16,17 (The Bible does not say, but I wonder how long they lived in this paradise?)

Then Satan tempted Eve with the same tricks that he still uses today. “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” I John 2:16.” And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” Gen 3:6

There were so many consequences to their fall. There was a curse upon them, all future people, animals, plants, and the very ground. (Gen 3:14-19) Their sin had brought the judgment of God upon all. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Roms 5:12


Side note: If they knew the fruit from that tree was wrong, why did they not stay far from it. What is one tree, when they had a whole world of trees to eat from it? If they had kept far away, they would not have been tempted and would not cause their and man's fall. If we as Christians know that something is wrong, we must keep far from it. If a wrong situation does come to us, we must not stand there and try to reason. We must run as fast as we can.

Like with physical falls, God has provided restoration for our eternal fall. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Rom 10:13 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Rom 10:10 God also provided restorations for our slips with Him. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9



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“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” I Cor 15:21-22



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