

The Fall

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Before the Fall

- Adam & Eve in state of innocence
 - 2 Nephi 2:22-23
- Without Adam's transgression all things would have remained in the same state
 - No Children 2 Nephi 2:22-23

Adam's transgression

- Knowingly
 - 2 Nephi 2:25
- choice clear – to leave
 - 2 Nephi 2:22-23
- Without Adam's transgression all things would have remained in the same state
 - No Children 2 Nephi 2:22-23
- Adam and Eve now living in a telestial world

Fall is universal - All mankind

- 1 Cor 15:22
 - " For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Effects of the Fall

- Earth to a telestial state
- Effects of the Fall (Millet – Grace Works)
 - All mankind lost and fallen
 - We inherit a fallen nature through mortal conception
 - One may be faithful and still be buffeted by the pulls of a fallen world
 - Little Children are innocent by virtue of the Atonement *not* by nature

- The natural man is an enemy to God and to all righteousness
- Moses 6:55
" And the Lord spake unto Adam, saying: Inasmuch as thy children are conceived in sin, even so when they begin to grow up, sin conceiveth in their hearts, and they taste the bitter, that they may know to prize the good."
- Stephen Robinson:
"To be conceived in sin means to be conceived in mortality, with a fallen nature. It does not mean we are conceived guilty, but the constant enticement of the carnal nature does make sin inevitable in our lives."
(Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)

Physical

- Death
 - JST Romans 5:12-14
"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;...
Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. For I say, that through the offense, death reigned over all."
- Sickness, injury, illness

Spiritual

- Cut off from presence of God
 - Moses 5:4
"...they heard the voice of the Lord from the way toward the Garden of Eden, speaking unto them, and they saw him not; *for they were shut out from his presence*"
 - Alma 42:11
"...if it were not for the plan of redemption, (laying it aside) as soon as they were dead their souls were miserable, *being cut off from the presence of the Lord.*"

Mental

- 1 Corinthians 2:14
"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

- Stephen Robinson:
"Fallen intellect can never arrive at the whole truth on its own. Thus those who rely on intellect and human reasoning alone as their surest guides in this life are doomed to be "ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." They have a self-verifying—but nevertheless defective—yardstick. Only the gospel gives us a reliable indication of when we are working beyond our rational limitations. Only a revealed yardstick can be used to check the calibrations of human wisdom, for the false yardstick of human wisdom will always validate itself when used to measure itself." (Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)

Emotional

- Stephen Robinson:
" Our emotions, like our flesh, are part of our carnal natures. They are flawed and often out of control. We cannot choose our temperament. We don't usually choose what will "bug" us. Sometimes our emotional state can be influenced by physical or chemical factors in the brain, and in these cases may not be governed by agency or subject to accountability. However, in most cases our fallen emotions, like our fallen bodies, can and must be subjected to the rule of our spirits. Moreover, we can't very well choose whom or what to love or determine how intensely we will love them. If we have too much of the wrong kind of contact, our emotions can create new attachments or dissolve old ones when we didn't intend for that to happen. Our emotions are a poor substitute for the Spirit as a guide in our lives, and to follow our unbridled emotions is as foolish as to follow our unbridled flesh." (Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)

Moral

- Stephen Robinson:
"That means our sense of right and wrong is defective. While it may be true that we can usually let our conscience be our guide, many times different individuals get contradictory indications from their consciences, and often conscience does not state any opinion whatsoever. The desire to do the right thing doesn't help much if we don't know what the right thing is. The light of Christ gives all people enough information to be held accountable for some sins, and perhaps to avoid certain sins, but it cannot be a substitute for the Holy Ghost. The light of Christ does not have sufficient intensity to serve as a guide for all people in all circumstances—especially if a fallen reason and a carnal nature are urging us in a different direction. Yet mortality requires us to make complex moral judgments about what is right and wrong. In the absence

of the gift of the Holy Spirit, we will simply come to the wrong conclusions, and we may even do it while thinking we are right."
(Following Christ, pg 55 – 56)