

Sin, a Dread Disease

Gaining a Heart for Those Dying From It

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Are we praying for those dying from the “disease”?

Understanding the “disease”

- What is it?
 - Its entrance into humanity
 - Was it really like telling a kid “don’t do it”? (Gen. 2:16-17)

 - An act of rebellion (Gen. 3:4-5)

 - Not called “sin” in Gen. 3 – see Rom. 5:12
 - Is it *just* “the cycle of life”? (Rom. 8:22)
 - Rebelling against God takes different forms, but all are guilty.

- How bad is it really?
 - Bad enough for world destruction (Gen. 6:5-7)
 - What happened? Was widespread - eight were above it.

 - It “grieved God to His heart” (v. 6).

- Sorrow vs. anger

- A pleasing aroma (Gen. 8:20-21)
 - 1) “the intention of man’s heart **is** evil from his youth”

 - 2) The significance of Noah’s burnt offering
 - Worship on *God’s* terms

 - A sacrifice of great cost!

- God’s use of “outward judgments”
 - Traumatic events (or survival of them) do not bring salvation from sin

 - A response of faith is evidenced by action (Heb. 11:7)

Sharing the “cure”

Praying for those we know who are dying from sin