

Sin: A State of Spiritual Death

“¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.” – Luke 15:14-16.

The young man longed to satisfy his hunger even if it meant eating pigs' food. Before, when he was in a better financial position, he hungered for and had his fill of worldly pleasures. In both instances, his only concern was in satisfying his natural hunger. But where was his desire or hunger for the things of God? While he yearned to feed his body, his soul starved and remained in a state of spiritual deprivation. The effects of sin in his life had caused the young man to become spiritually dead. The cycle of sin from a thought or desire (temptation) then to sinful action, and finally to spiritual death is captured in James 1:14-15 below:

“ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

Matthew Henry notes:

“The wealth of the world and the entertainments of sense will serve for bodies; but what are they to precious souls? They neither suit their nature, satisfy their desires, nor supply their need.”

Heavenly Father,

“Thank You for the hope in Christ Jesus. For I know that my body as well as my soul requires ‘food.’ I delight in Your Word which is food for my soul and health to my body. I thank You for Your everlasting love and mercy towards me. In Jesus’ mighty name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

Memory Verse:

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” - Matthew 4:4.

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