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Shorter Catechism

Q17: Into what state did the fall bring mankind?

Answer: The fall brought mankind into a state of sin and misery.

"To the woman he said, 'I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.' And to Adam he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it," cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'"

Genesis 3:16-19 (ESV)

"Therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken."

Genesis 3:23 (ESV)

"...in their paths are ruin and misery,..."

Romans 3:16 (ESV)

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—"

Romans 5:12 (ESV)