

Genesis 3:15-24 - Lesson 11

Consequences of Sin

1. 3:15

- a. This chapter should not be underestimated; heresies come from ignoring it.
- b. Either we have flaws that need corrected, or God's word has flaws to correct
- c. Sin has consequences, and has affected creation and mankind wholly
- d. Gen 3:15 introduces near/far & historical/Christ fulfillment of prophecy
- e. The bruising of the heel: the cross; the bruising of the head: future - Rom 16:20
- f. The purpose of the curse is to issue the sentence, and to serve as a reminder
- g. A curse is not a command, but statement of their now deprived condition

2. 3:16

- a. These are the results of their decision to sin against God, not trusting his words.
- b. To woman: multiplied sorrow/conception, sorrow in childbirth, rule of husband
- c. Conception was good, but now the mothers sorrow is increased with conception
- d. Sorrow is physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental misery; the effects of sin
- e. It is now a fact that women travail in childbirth - John 16:21, Rev 12:2, Mic 4:10
 - i. Scientifically - mankind has longer and more painful labors than animals.
- f. *"he shall rule over thee"* - a fact of history that speaks of dominion over her
- g. What Eve desired rules over her when she ate (sin), as also now (husband)
- h. That these conditions may be alleviated proves the rule - 1 Tim 2:11-15
- i. In God's redemption these are cured, and godly husbands lead in love - Eph 5:25

3. 3:17-19

- a. *"because..."* these are consequences of sin - *"the voice of thy wife"* ... instead of God.
- b. In sin, a woman is a hindrance to the man, and a man is cruel to his wife.
- c. *"cursed is the ground"* - God provided it to Adam to keep, but now - Rom 8:20-23
- d. What was once God's work, became man's work which is now cursed - Gal 3:10
- e. *"in sorrow"* - travail, pain, work, trouble - Job 5:7, Ecc 2:22-23 (Solomon's vanity)
- f. *"herb of the field"* compare to Gen 2:5-9, the fruits are gone. Vegetables, anyone?
- g. Made from the ground, work the ground your whole life, put back in the ground
- h. The exceptions prove the rule. The curse removed in the end - Rev 21:1-4, 22:1-3

4. 3:20-22

- a. Sin produces guilt, guilt produces shame; shame causes men to hide and excuse.
- b. Sin wholly infects our heart, mind, soul - Jer 17:9, Psa 51:5 Rom 3:10, Eph 4:17-24
- c. Sin changed our nature into children of wrath, slaves to sin - Eph 2:3, Rom 6:17
- d. By man came death, and by man came resurrection - 1 Cor 15:21, Rom 5:12-21
- e. Adam trusted God's word to save them from death, and called his wife Eve.
- f. *"God make coats of skin"* - God did it for them, he clothed them with a lamb.
- g. The first death was God's lamb for man - 2Cor 5:21, Gen 22:8, Isa 53:11, Rev 13:8
- h. If there was no Adam, there is no sin, death, redemption, no need for Christ

Illustration from the Romans 5:12-19 lesson: By One Man

