

## Genesis 3 part 2

## God addresses the rebellion. Gen. 3:11-24

*The Blame Game: Genesis 3:11-13.* Instead of harmony- we now see the blame game. This habit of blaming others for our rebellion and failure is epidemic in our society. When we believe in Christ and are no longer in our sins, we should become committed to truth- with God, others, and ourselves! The automatic setting in sinful humans is to blame others. Adam blamed Eve and God. Eve blamed the serpent.

*God pronounces judgment. Genesis 3:14-19*

*Curse on the serpent. Vs. 14-15.* The curse was on all animals but the creature that was cursed above all was the serpent. It was both natural toward the possessed creature- snakes will have to slither on their bellies-they are all cursed by God, and spiritual toward the Devil- He will strike the offspring of the woman's heel, but the offspring of the woman will crush Satan's head. Romans 8:20-23; Hebrews 2:14-18

*Curse on the Woman Genesis 3:16* Childbearing- part of the initial responsibility to humankind was to reproduce- This would now, instead of being a purely wonderful experience, would be bittersweet because it would now become painful for the woman.

*"Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you..."*

Where there was at one time perfect balance and compliment in the roles of husband and wife, there will be a tension that exists. A tension that can only be relieved through Christ.

Eph. 5:22-33

"The judgement against the woman relates first to her children and then to her husband. She will now bear children in increased pain or toil. Her desire will be for her husband, and he will "rule over" her. The sense of this divine word within the larger context of the book lies in the role of the woman portrayed in chapter 1 and 2. The woman and her husband were to have enjoyed the blessing of children and the harmonious partnership of marriage. God's words of judgment relate to these two points. What was to be the woman's source of blessing- to be a marriage partner and have children- this is now tainted by the curse. In those moments of life's greatest blessing: marriage and children, the woman will feel most painfully the consequences of her foolish act." Expositors Bible Commentary. Genesis-Leviticus, Longman, and Garland

*Curse on the Man Genesis 3:17-19*

Where they had enjoyed a beautiful garden without real struggle or effort. Survival now would require hard work. This would involving painful labor and even injury. Adam and Eve would be sent out into a dangerous world. (In the context of thorns, let us not miss the significance of Jesus, sweating drops of blood, then having a crown of thorns placed on his head- he was paying the price for sin- all the way back to the first Adam. Let us also not miss the point that Adam and Eves transgression was at a tree and the remedy for that transgression was at a tree (a cross) and that the tree of life reappears in heaven at the restoration of all things.

(Rev. 22:1-2)

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*God extends mercy but with additional boundaries.* Genesis 3:20-24 Because of sin- Adam and Eve would now one day die. God in his mercy did not kill them immediately. He is merciful. He is pro-life. He extends himself and an animal, most likely a lamb was slaughtered to cover their sins. One day Christ would come and by his blood, all who believe in him would have their sins washed away. (Heb. 10:1-14)

Sin is the reason for all death and suffering. History is relevant to our present condition.

God removes Adam and Eve from the Garden- out of mercy. To be able to live forever in a sinful state is not merciful. They now had intimate experiential knowledge of good and evil. Evil now resided in them and they could no longer be allowed to access the tree of life- to sustain them forever.

However, by faith they could walk with God again. The consequences must be bore, but they could look in hope to the future when the offspring of the woman would crush, the head of Satan.

As Christians we are to look ahead with anticipation to the restoration of all things. History is moving forward. Christ was victorious over Satan at the cross and one day He will be dealt with in finality. As will the rebellion of humans who have rejected him.

The Biblical worldview holds that humankind that has rejected Christ have knowingly or unknowingly joined in a rebellion with Satan and his demons against the LORD God. There is a war being waged against God. Those outside of Christ are against Christ and HIS people.

In the meantime, we can rejoice that the sting of death for the Christian is gone- and although for now we must still live in this sinful environment- God will walk with us through it.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (NIV)

*I declare to you, brothers, and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”*

<sup>55</sup> *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”<sup>[i]</sup>*

<sup>56</sup> *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

Adam and Eve had believed the lie that they were being shortchanged in their service to God- he was holding something back. We can rest assured that as we serve God in the here and now- we can be assured that our service to God is not in vain.