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Genesis 3

Lesson 20A The Curses Borne then Removed

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So far we have learned about the curse upon the man, curse upon the woman, curse upon the serpent, curse upon the earth. The Lord Jesus Christ took all those curses upon Himself and either has or will remove them completely from the face of the earth.

Genesis 3: 14-19 Seven curses pronounced by God: pain, subjection, the curse of the law, sorrow, thorns; sweat and death. Since Jesus Christ is a God of justice and holiness, He cannot simply lift the curses or He would be guilty of breaking His word. God cannot violate His holiness. The only way we can understand the suffering of Jesus Christ is to understand these curses of Genesis 3.

God removed the curses by taking them upon Himself; when His love and His justice met together then all was made right. The Bible says that *God so loved the world...* How did He manifest that love? Through suffering, torture, blood, crying, crucifixion, death. His love and His justice came together on a hill called Golgotha. On the cross at Calvary a loving God satisfied His righteous demands by taking upon Himself all the curses of Genesis chapter 3. That is the only way God could let anybody into heaven. That is the only way God could someday restore this earth.

I. Seven curses pronounced by God

a. Pain – We have come to understand that Isaiah 53 is speaking prophetically about the Lords crucifixion. Isaiah 53:10-11 *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.* We learned Jesus Christ suffered the greatest pain anyone would suffer on this earth. God used the example of the travail of a woman bearing a child to help us understand the amount of pain that He (Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh) suffered. The Bible says when God the Father looked down from heaven to the cross at Calvary He saw His son in travail... great, terrible, excruciating pain.

b. Subjection - The second curse was that of subjection. In Galatians 4:3-5 *Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the*

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elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. This idea of subjection, having to obey, to submit, having to be told what to do all the time... You say, "I don't like this idea of roles and authority structure somebody telling me what to do all the time..." That's our problem! Jesus was in subjection to the will of His Father to the greatest extent. Jesus Christ took upon Himself all the shame, humiliation, and difficulties that are involved in this matter of subjection.

c. The curse of the law- Thirdly. Galatians 3:13 *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:* Considered the treatment involved in a crucifixion. It used to be in western society that a man wore the mark of his manhood on his face. He wore a beard. It was a shameful thing for a man... especially a Hebrew man to be without his beard. When they took the Lord Jesus Christ they ripped His beard out by the roots.

According to the Old Testament Law, there is no greater shame a man can know than have someone to spit in his face. The Bible says mere mortal men spit in the blessed face of the Lord Jesus Christ. No real man... no true man (and Jesus was a man in every sense of the word)... no real man wants to be humiliated by being slapped around by other men. Jesus took all this and more; being punched by sinners. Jesus was whipped like a beast till His back looked like a plowed field (Psalms 129:3). The Bible says in front of the multitude they hung the Son of God on the cross naked. Do you know what the Bible says? *Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.* In fact the scene was so horrible, so grotesque that God the Father turned out the lights on planet Earth so no one could look upon that scene. The Bible says there was darkness three hours (Matthew 27:45).

Many people have argued that God is not fair, but how can they? How do you argue with all that He did for you? If you go to hell it will be because you chose to be ignorant of the payment Jesus Christ made. He bore that curse in His own body on that cross at Calvary.

d. Sorrow - The fourth curse there in Genesis 3 was that of sorrow Isaiah 53:3. *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief...* None of us will ever know or comprehend the heartache, sorrow, and the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ. You know how you feel when one of your dear loved ones is sick, ill, hurt, mistreated, or used. Think of the heart of Jesus who loves every man. Can you imagine that kind of suffering? For Him to do what He did for His creation, it would

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take a heart completely comprised of love and grace. For us we can love those close to us, and excuse them for minor mistakes, Jesus Christ loves forgives everyone.

Think of the heart of Jesus Christ filled with love the Bible says for every man He tasted death (Hebrews 2:9)... and imagine the sorrow involved, we say it hurts my feelings when people reject me, curse me, or mistreat me. Millions reject Him daily, millions curse Him daily, and millions mistreat Him daily. Nobody knows the sorrow that Jesus Christ knows. He has taken upon Himself the curse of sorrow insomuch that the Bible actually characterizes Him as a man of sorrows.

e. Thorns - Matthew 27:29. *And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.* At the first coming of Jesus, he wore a crown of thorns, at His second coming He shall be wearing many crowns (Revelation 19:12) Imagine what it would be like to be standing on nothing (Revelation 20:11) at the White Throne Judgment when the men that took part in crucifying the Lord Jesus realized He was the one sitting on the throne in front of them? Thinking about that crown of thorns that they beat with a reed into His precious head. Why did God allow that? Because He was redeeming not just the souls of men but planet earth from the curse of those thorns. He did not just buy our souls, He bought this whole creation when He went to the cross at Calvary. He bore the curse of those thorns upon his precious brow.

f. Sweat – Luke 22:44. *And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.* Let's clarify this passage before we continue, the Bible says "*as it were great drops of blood*" it does not say it was great drops of blood. Most of the commentaries do not agree with this statement, but call this sweating of blood Hematidrosis – which is a rare disease brought on by fear and stress. One could argue, but instead let's see what the Bible says about the usage of the term "*as it were*" is used 41 times in the Bible. Here are a few:
Genesis 21:16; Revelation 6:1; Revelation 8:8; Exodus 24:10;
Psalms 17:12; Numbers 23:22; Ezekiel 1:16; Ezekiel 1:27; James 5:3;
Revelation 15:2; Ezekiel 10:1; Revelation 4:1; Revelation 21:21

These terms are used by the Holy Spirit to try and explain something that there are no words in any language to explain. For instance you might say, my car looks like a box, or the sound of the tornado was as it were a

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large freight train. Here are some other terms used in the Bible to explain where no words can.

Like as – 29 times in the Bible

Like unto – 86 times in the Bible

Like a – 145 times in the Bible

As it had been – 5 times in the Bible

Conclusion: Jesus Christ did not sweat blood (Luke 22:44), on the day of Pentecost no one had tongues of fire on them (Acts 2:3), the kingdom of heaven is not leaven (Matthew 13:33) and the Holy Spirit is not a dove (Mark 1:10).

Did God curse the man with sweat? Then Jesus would come and sweat as no men ever sweat before. Sweat drops so large that the only way the Bible can describe those drops is "as it were" great drops of blood.

g. Death - Philippians 2:7-8... *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.* God who pronounced all the curses came as a man and bore all of them Himself. Would that not prove His love? It certainly would. At Calvary and only at Calvary the love of God removed the curse.

The curse of Genesis Chapter 3		The Curse borne by Jesus Christ
1. Pain	Genesis 3:16	Isaiah 53:11; Acts 2:24
2. Subjection	Genesis 3:16	Galatians 4:4
3. The curse of the law	Genesis 3:17	Galatians 3:13
4. Sorrow	Genesis 3:17	Isaiah 53:3
5. Thorns	Genesis 3:18	Matthew 27:29
6. Sweat	Genesis 3:19	Luke 22:44
7. Death	Genesis 3:19	Philippians 2:8

Three last points regarding the curse to finish up this lesson:

- prior to the fall...
- after the fall...

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- fall to be reversed...

BEFORE THE FALL

Notice the condition prior to the fall of man. Romans 8:19-20. *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity...* Before man the creatures that God created were not subject to all of this vain, empty, meaningless, cursed life that is on planet earth today. Prior to the fall there was no death, no sin, no sorrow, no heartache, no vanity, no misery. Everything God made He saw it and He said, *"It is good..."* It was all good prior to the fall.

AFTER THE FALL

Romans 8:20. *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope...* What happened to this creation? Because of the fall of man all of this creation became subject to death... to fear... to terror... to heartache... Did you ever think about the results of man's sin upon the rest of God's creation? All the animals suffer from the decreasing quality of the soil and the water due to man's violation of God's laws for conservation. I am not going to get all wrapped up in this environmental issue. The truth of the matter is the reason fish, birds and animals are dying is because man has disobeyed the laws of God. We have wrecked and ruined our planet, fish and animals are suffering because of man's sin.

The animal creation suffers, each time we eat meat, or buy another pair of shoes. That cow did not desire to give his life for you to have a leather coat or handbag. Also, the animals that eat other animals in order to survive, you never had that before the fall. This is part of the curse.

In Isaiah 65:25, after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, He turns all those animals into vegetarians. The Bible says a lamb will eat straw like the ox. The wolf and the lamb lie down together. You say a lion eats meat how can God do that? Many of us remember being alcoholics prior to being saved, then came salvation, now just a taste of alcohol make us sick. He completely change your appetite for that poison. Jesus will do a lot of things when He shows up. All of creation is groaning, waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 8:22

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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. Why couldn't God just remove all the curses?

2. What example does the Bible use to describe the greatest pain a person could suffer?

3. How did God manifest his love?

4. Explain Romans 8:22

5. What are the seven curses pronounced by God in Genesis 3:14-19?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.

6. What came together on a hill called Golgotha?

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7. Name at least 3 terms used in the Bible when there are no words to explain?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. Name 3 characteristics of our world before the fall?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
9. Name 2 places in the Bible where it says the serpent shall eat dust?
 - a.
 - b.
10. Not only did Christ bear all the sins of the world on that cross at Calvary, name at least 7 other things He suffered.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.

True/false

- At Jesus Christ's second coming all the animals will become vegetarians.
- There are always consequences in sinning.
- There were no tongues of fire on the Day of Pentecost.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
Any questions? Isaiah 53:10-11; Romans 8:22-23