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Genesis 3

Lesson 13 – The judgment or curse upon the man

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There are certain consequences that come from the fall which affect the male descendants of Adam to this day. We want to talk about the reasons for the curse, then the aspects of the curse Genesis 3; First Timothy chapter 2. Why did God place a curse upon Adam and the male descendants of Adam?

I. THE REASON FOR THE JUDGMENT

a. Placing human relations before God Genesis 3:17-19. *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

God is not unjust in placing these curses on all the male descendants of Adam because all the male descendants of Adam would have done what Adam did had they been in his situation. You say, “How do you know that?” What was the first thing Adam did? He placed human relations before his relationship to God. And gentlemen, there’s not a one of us that at times in our lives have not failed God for the very same reason. He placed human relations family ties and affections... loyalties to certain human beings... certain men... certain women ahead of his loyalty to God and to the word of God.

There are people all over town that are not in a Bible-believing church listening to the word of God because it would displease some of their family members.

There is nothing strange about Adam we would of all done the same thing given the opportunity. You and I are Adam’s seed; we are Adam’s lineage. We will forfeit the blessing of God to maintain the blessing of some man or some woman, that is what Adam did in the garden. That is what made God so angry that he pronounced the curse upon Adam and all of His descendants.

b. Directly disobeying the word of God 1 Timothy 2:14 *And Adam was not deceived* Adam directly disobeyed the word of God. *Therefore to him*

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that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. James 4:17 The Psalmist prayed in Psalm 19:13 *Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins...* Our problem is not the sinful things we do not know about or understand, but more like the sins that we do understand and just do not care what God says about them. Our problem is willful disobedience. God does not take disobedience lightly as we do. God cursed the entire human race because Adam broke one direct commandment of God. It is serious business to God.

Why is the human race suffering under a curse? Is it because God is cruel? No, It is because man is so sinful and rebellious. Now this curse is four-fold in its aspect.

II. THE ASPECTS OF THE JUDGMENT

1. The first aspect, God said cursed shall be the ground. God strikes at the source of physical life Genesis 1:29; 1 Corinthians 3:6; James 5:7. From Adam's time forward the corruption of the ground began to take its toll upon man. Not only do the wages of sin decay the body of flesh, taken from the dust, but the toll is exacted more rapidly with each passing generation. All the advancements of science and medicine have not altered this fact.

Genesis 1:29 *And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.* What does man do to stay alive? God made us where we have to eat to stay alive. We get our food from the ground. Adam seeking to live outside the will of God... God struck Adam at the very source of his life, the ground.

Spiritual terminology but it is certainly a natural/physical principle as well. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7. *I have planted, Apollos watered; but GOD gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but GOD that giveth the increase.* You can have the best seed the best fertilizer, the best soil. If God Almighty does not germinate that seed by His grace and make it grow by His grace. You will not be having tomato on your BLT sandwich.

Whatever increase you get from this ground came by way of a merciful and loving God. It would be a good idea to bow your head every time you sit down at the table to eat and thank God for feeding you.

a. For his sake Genesis 3:17. The curse becomes a blessing in that it prevents the idleness which would allow the natural man to bring his society to complete moral ruin Ezekiel 16:49.

Why? Look in Genesis 3. This is a strange thing about this ground being cursed. Get Genesis 3 in one hand and get Ezekiel 16 in the other. Save the earth, Ecology, We must do all we can do to protect the soil and

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the environment. You can protect it all you want. God is going to mess it up.

Genesis 3:17 *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; A curse for thy sake? Surely we need a new translation. That must have been translated incorrectly. Could God of meant that it was a blessing and a benefit for the ground to be cursed?*

Ezekiel 16:49 *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, (Not homosexuality) pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her...* What destroyed Sodom? Not sodomy. Sodomy was a result. What was it a result of? They had too much money... to much ease... and too much time on their hands. God said, "Adam...you will have to work from sun up to sundown it will wear you out to put bread on your table because if I don't do that you will have too much time on your hands to go places and do things you ought not. *For thy sake...* It is a blessing... the Bible says the sleep of a labouring man is sweet. Ecclesiastics 5:12 People that have the energy to party and stay up till late hours at night, yet do not have the energy to work a job and rely on the government to pay their salary is wicked. God wants us to work and earn a living, that way we will not become idle and tempted to sin.

2. Sorrow all his days Job 14:1; 5:7 The second aspect God said he shall have sorrow all his days. Job 14:1. *Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.* You say where does all this trouble come from? Sin. Job 5:7. *Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.* This is a fixed law of life. Just as surely as the sparks go up the chimney, you're going have trouble. Why? Placing human relations before God and directly disobeying the word of God. As a result of that, you're going to have trouble. Okay?

3. The third aspect to the curse Genesis 3:18 Thorns and thistles. Even as a man seeks to obey God and earn an honest living there are countless forms of adversity resisting his every effort? Have you ever said: *"Seems like the harder I try to do right – the more obstacles, oppositions, and more trouble I get."* It is the curse of God on rebellious disobedient men, constantly reminding us of the wages and consequences of our sin. That is a picture of life. God allows these thorns and thistles to constantly remind us that, sin does not benefit. It hurts. It costs.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 having a good day today, rejoice, tomorrow is going to be a bad day. That is not negative that is God helping you through life, God is telling us that life is not always a bowl of cherries with all mountain top experiences. There are going to be some valley's some low spots in our lives and we will do best when we depend on Him. Psalms 37.

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a. Such is part of Satan's work 1 Peter 5:8 ***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*** This is part of the devil's work. God has turned this roaring lion loose on humanity. Adam said, I think I will listen to the devil instead of listening to God. Every now and then God will allow the devil to bring you a little payday for your sin just to remind you that it is a terrible mistake to make to follow the devil and listen to his voice. God uses Satan to be your adversary to oppose you, *the wages of sin is death...*Romans 6:23a this chapter is written to saved people. Romans 6:1-4 It is God's reminder. *The soul that sinneth, it shall die...*Ezekiel 18:4, 20.

b. Such requires strength to overcome Proverbs 24:10 ***If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.*** It takes a real man to live right and do right. It takes determination... perseverance...dedication, not a hard heart; but a tough skin. What do you do when you have a big challenge in your life, do you cower and crawl in a hole or drowned yourself with alcohol, No! You face the challenge and move forward with all the strength you can muster to overcome and push on. Do you give up on your children when they oppose you guidance? No! You keep trying till they get it right.

4. The fourth aspect to this curse is the sweat upon thy face. Notice in those verses we read in Genesis 3, work is not the curse. God had put Adam to work before he ever fell into sin. Wonder how it was to till soil that was not cursed? Harvesting crops in ground with no weeds, no briars no thorns no thistles. Wonder what it was like to work all day in a perfect air conditioned environment where you never sweat? Wonder how it felt to work in the strength of a perfect body made by God with not one dead cell in the whole body? God intended work to be a joyous fellowship with God Himself. Work has become a misery when it was intended to be a blessing all because of sin.

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

1. What are three of the consequences of the fall?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Who is Romans 6 written for?
3. Give us an example how God uses Satan?
4. Explain Psalms 37?
5. What was the sin of Sodom and Gomorra?
6. What was Adam's sin?
7. What is the second aspect of man's judgment?
8. Why is it important to know that life is not a bed of roses?
9. How should we approach challenges in our lives?

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10. Is work the curse of sin? Why?
11. Is God unjust in placing curses on mankind?
12. Why is the human race suffering under a curse?
13. Explain James 4:17 in your own life? Give an example.
14. What will you need to grow anything, after you have the best seed, the best irrigation, the best fertilizer?
15. Explain Ecclesiastics 5:12 and the contrast?
16. Why is Ezekiel 18:20 so important for us to understand?

True/false

- Work is not the curse for Adam's sin.
- We should thank God each time we have a meal.
- Trouble is a natural fact of life on earth.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
James 4:17; Job 14:1; Ezekiel 18:20

Any questions?