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Genesis 3 Lesson 15 The Judgment of the Woman

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Genesis chapter 3:16 *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception ; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

I. MULTIPLIED SORROW (GENESIS 3:16)

Do not misread this verse into making the pain and suffering of childbirth the result of this judgment. Children are a blessing from the Lord. Psalms 127:3 *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.* The reason why women have more tears, fears, grief, and heartaches that are more frequent and severe than a man's; Is because God made her that way as a result of the "Fall" in Genesis 3.

The curse upon the woman is designed by God to help her maintain a right place and relationship to her husband, God made her the weaker vessel to drive her into the arms and support of the man. You say it is a curse. Yes, it is a curse designed to help the woman stay in the place where she can enjoy the fullest blessing of God.

Now gentlemen, what is your part in that responsibility? Not to scoff, sneer or laugh at the tears. Not to ridicule or make fun of the grief's and of the upsets. But it is the man's responsibility to be the strong one... have the open arm... dry the tears... speak the word of comfort and encouragement.

II. MULTIPLIED CONCEPTION (GENESIS 3:16)

Multiple childbirths were never intended by God. Before the fall a woman would have had only seasons of fruitfulness, as is true of the other creatures. God made the woman for the purpose of multiplying and replenishing the earth. Since God made the woman for that purpose he certainly did not intend it to be difficult, complicated or a burden – that is a result of the fall. The multiplication of the conception is definitely a part of the curse.

Nowhere in the Bible does God speak of contraception, so you are not sinning against God for having children. God has his position on stealing, fornication, adultery, and we understand. The reason why it is so difficult for people to understand God's position on contraception is because God never said anything about the subject in the entire Bible. The problem with Onan was Onan broke a direct commandment of God regarding the raising up seed to his brother Genesis 38. This had nothing to do with having babies.

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III. SORROW IN CHILDBIRTH (GENESIS 3:16)

The pain, difficulty and frequent complication of childbirth is all a result of the "Fall." When God talks about the time of Great Tribulation He says it is a time of trouble such as never has been before and never shall be again on the face of the earth. God uses this as an analogy in Old Testament & New Testament prophecies of travail upon a woman with child. Just as surely in the case of the man with the sweat on his brow, with the thorns, thistles, and adversity – it is God's constant reminder ladies, sin brings painful consequences. The joyous time in a woman's life should be time when she brings a child into the world. Instead she gets grief, pain, suffering, crying, and tears, when that child is born. Why? Again, God's reminder... the wages of sin is death. It is a consequence due to the "Fall" Genesis 3.

IV. DESIRE TOWARD THY HUSBAND (GENESIS 3:16)

All independence was forfeited in the garden. In this day of women's rights and women's liberation we are witnessing misunderstanding at its peak. The fairer sex is not in bondage to man but in bondage to self-will. Ever since Eve partook of the fruit, her gender has been free only in a the place their fallen nature detests.

The Bible says... *thy desire shall be to thy husband*. Why is it bondage to have to obey what God says? Why? Because... (Selfishly) "Nobody is going to tell me what to do... I am going to do my own thing..." The problem is not your husband; the problem is self-will.

Let us look back at Genesis 3, How did it work out for Eve when she was in the garden dealing with the devil by herself? She made her own decisions and went her own way. How did that work out for her? Not to good, she brought down the whole human race in bondage to sin. Nothing has changed ever since. God will never bless disobedience. It violates His nature and His word.

V. HE SHALL RULE OVER THEE (GENESIS 3:16)

For many these are the most hated words in the whole Bible. None can deny the facts noted in I through III, yet the same Divine Author inspired IV and V. All of these aspects of the curse upon the woman are for her benefit. In each case God has given her some unavoidable sorrow so that she might continually be reminded of the wages of sin. Each tear, each difficult pregnancy, each unhappy moment of trying to serve a far from-perfect husband is the Holy Spirit's reminder that sin carries terrible consequences.

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- a. The Headship of the man.
 1. This is God's order for family and society 1 Corinthians. 11:2-3.
 2. This order pictures the relationship between Christ and His church Ephesians 5:22-30.

First Corinthians 11:2 *Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.* There are about five hundred ordinances for the local church... and several of them are right here in this chapter. *3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

Notice the Bible did not say that the head of the wife is the husband. This thing extends beyond the bounds of marriage. It extends into the church, society, and the aspect of life. The Bible said the head of the woman is the man. Isaiah said "my people err when women are in leadership positions Isaiah 3:12 *As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.* Ephesians 5:22-24. *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands* This is God's order for the family and society. This order pictures the relationship between Christ and His church. Our churches will be no better than our homes.

- b. The Testimony of submission.

There are two identifying marks of submission on the part of the woman. One is long hair... and the other is silence when the church is gathered together.

1. Uncut hair (1 Corinthians 11:1-15). The cutting of the hair, according to the word of God, is an outward testimony of a woman's independent spirit. When she removes the symbol of her submission she is to be ashamed (1 Corinthians 11:6). In these last days she is not in submission and/or ashamed. (Zephaniah 3:5) (Colossians 3:18)

1 Corinthians 6:4. *Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered,* (wearing a hat is not what the Bible is talking about) *dishonoureth his head.* Who is the head of the man? (verse 3. Christ) *5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head:* (wearing a doily or a scarf is not being covered, the Bible is speaking about hair) *for that is even all one as if she were shaven.* (Who is the head of a woman? The man verse 3.)

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In the Old Testament days if you wanted to put a woman to shame you would shave her head. Deuteronomy 21:12-14

The Bible says, if you are not going to have your head covered, you may as well go ahead and shave it. **6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.** (Many women today wish that was not in the Bible.)

The devil has purposely mixed things up; he has men with long hair and earrings. Women with shorthair and tattoos (Leviticus 19:28) he has everything confused.

1 Corinthians 11:15 **But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.** It is a shameful thing for a woman to be uncovered. It shows that she is not in submission to God's order.

2. Silence when the church is assembled.
 - a. This is to prevent the woman from being deceived (1 Timothy 2:9-15). Her fall in the garden was a result of her being out from under the authority of Adam.
 - b. This is to prevent the woman from deceiving the man (1 Corinthians 14:34-35). Adam's natural affection for the woman led him to disobey God. For this cause a woman is forbidden any place of spiritual leadership.

A careful reading of the Old Testament will provide frequent warnings against along with examples of marriages to women of pagan beliefs. These often cost a man or his nation their right relationship to God. Mary Baker Eddy (Christian Science), Mary Ellen White (Seventh Day Adventists), Katherine Kulhman (Charismaticism) these are excellent examples in our generation.

1 Timothy 2:9-12. Learn in silence with all subjection, Silence when the church is assembled. **In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. 11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.** The context is not singing. The context is not fellowship before or after service. The context is when the teaching of the word of God is taking place.

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Verse 12 *But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man...* God ordained structure and order when the church is assembled in that the woman is not to take a place of leadership. Why? You say, "Well, that's not fair... my mom knows the Bible better than my dad. My wife knows the Bible better than I do."

Why? *...but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.* Why do you not let the woman teach, lead, speak in the teaching ministry of the church? Because she is too easily deceived by Satan.

Secondly... First Corinthians chapter 14. The second reason is to prevent the woman from deceiving the man. Solomon is the wisest man that ever lived but he yielded to his wives religion.

You gentlemen that are not married – you are deceived if you think that she will get saved after you marry her... that your influence will bring her to Christ. There several examples in the Bible where an ungodly woman with false gods pulled a godly man away into the false religion.

Pay very close attention to this next verse - 1 Corinthians 14:37-38. *If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.* God is not going to shut your church down. He will not drop you dead like He did Ananias and Sapphira. He will let you continue on your merry way. God said the man is to be the head... the woman is to take the place of submission. Believe it or be ignorant, your choice.

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

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Name _____

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

1. The curse upon a woman is designed for what?
2. Why is it not OK for a woman to be the pastor of a church?
3. What was the problem with Onan?
4. In the 21st. Century how has the devil mastered his will to confuse, people of the world?
5. What is God's order for family and society?
6. What is the purpose of women being silent in the church?
7. What did this lesson teach us?
8. What is God's definition of a woman who is covered?
9. God said the woman is the weaker vessel, what is the man's responsibility towards her?

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10. What was the Bible telling us in 1 Corinthians 14:37?
11. Why is it bondage to have to obey what God says?
12. How did things work out when Eve was in the garden dealing with the devil by herself?
13. Who is the head of a man?
14. Who is the head of a woman?
15. From what we learned in this lesson explain the correlation with Joshua 24:15?

True/false

- It is OK for the woman to speak during fellowship before and after church.
- The curse on the woman was for her benefit.
- The qualifications for Bishops and Deacons agree with this lesson regarding women Pastors.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
1 Timothy 2:11-12; 1 Corinthians 14:37-38;

Any questions?