

In the Beginning

A Study Through the Book of Genesis



Lesson 9: "The Consequences of Sin" Chapter 3:12-24

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I. The Blame Game (12-13)

² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

¹³ And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

- From verse 11 "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
- Adam answered and said, "the woman gave it to me."
- Adam also said, "And I ate."
- God asked the woman, "What is this you have done?"
- The woman blamed it on the serpent, saying she had been deceived.

II. Consequences for the Serpent (14-15)

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

- Cursed more than the cattle and the beasts of the field
 - The consequences reached far beyond the serpent
- The serpent was cursed to crawl on his belly
- The serpent was cursed to eat dust
- There was now enmity (Hebrew word *e-bah* that means hatred, hostility, the state of being an enemy) between the serpent and the woman and between her offspring and the offspring of the serpent and the God's descendants – an ongoing struggle between Satan and mankind.
- Satan would cripple mankind – with sin.
- But the Seed, Christ Jesus, would deliver the final and fatal blow.

III. Consequences for the Woman (16)

¹⁶ To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

- God multiplied the sorrow of pregnancy for the woman
- God added pain in childbirth for the woman
- God added a desire to control her husband to the woman
- God placed the woman under the rule and dominion of her husband

IV. Consequences for the Man (17-19)

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

- In verse 17, God told the man why He was receiving these consequences
- God cursed the ground for man's sake; the produce of the ground would now come through toil and labor
- The land would bring thorns and thistles (weeds)
- Man would not eat his food that he labors and works for from the field
- That labor will be hard labor that causes sweat – misery
- Man would now realize the truth of the death that God had promised if he ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. Man would return to dust from which he was made.

V. The Further Consequences (20-24)

²⁰ And Adam called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. ²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

- Adam names his wife Eve, the mother of all living
- God made tunics for Adam and Eve and clothed them
- God acknowledged that man had become like the Trinity, knowing good and evil
- God banished Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden so that they would not eat the fruit from the tree of life and live forever
- He put cherubim at the East of the garden and a flaming sword that turned in every direction that protected the tree of life