



“The Curse and the Clothing”

Genesis 3:14-24

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. When you think of “catastrophic failure,” what examples come to mind? How about when you think of “heroic valor?”

QUICK REVIEW

Genesis is the book of origins. In it, God reveals the beginning of the universe, the earth, all life, the human race, man & woman and marriage. All these things were created by God and appraised as very good. But very quickly, evil was found in God’s creation. Under the possession of Satan (Revelation 12:9), the serpent led the first human beings into sin. Following his wife’s lead, Adam rebelled against God’s prohibition, plunging the human race into sin. The LORD God quickly pursued. After drawing their confession, the Lord’s declares oracles of judgement. Yet even here victory and mercy are found.

Read Genesis 3:14-24

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. An oracle on enmity is recorded in the curse upon the serpent (3:14-15). How do these portions of Scripture help us cope with the hostility between the offspring of Eve and the offspring of the serpent?

John 15:18-20
Ephesians 2:1-10
Titus 3:1-7

2. The curse upon the woman touches her experience in childrearing and marriage. Both will experience pain and hardship. How has this been manifested in your life? How have you seen God's grace help overcome the curse? Luke 1:30-32

3. The curse upon the man includes pain in the various labor of life and the decline of the body in death. What is your occupation? What kind of "thorns" afflict it? How have you seen bodily weakening?

4. In view of question 3, what hope do you find in II Corinthians 4:16-18?

5. How do the following Scriptures reveal how Christ has and will "bruise the head" of Satan?

Colossian 2:13-15
Hebrews 2:14-15
Revelation 12:11
Revelation 20:7-10