

IN THE BEGINNING

Part Thirty-Three: The Beginning of the Curse (cont.)

Text: Gen. 3:16-24

- In the Bible, to be “cursed” = to be under the judgment of God or “_____” from enjoying the blessings of God because of sin.

REVIEW

- Four universal constants of the Curse for all creation:

1. **Universal** _____.
2. **Universal** _____ **for life.**
3. **Universal** _____.
4. **Universal** _____.

I. THE _____ OF THE CURSE (vs. 16-19)

- A. **Greater pain to conceive and bear** _____.
- B. **Greater male** _____ **in marriage.**
- C. **Greater effort required to produce** _____.
- D. **The greatest penalty of all—**_____ **(vs. 19b).**

II. THE _____ FOR THE CURSE (vs. 17)

- The reason for a universal curse on the entire creation = “for _____ sake.”
- When Adam chose to move away from God in the direction of sin, God’s just and necessary response was to move the creation away from its original _____.

A. The _____ of the Curse

- God still sustains His creation (Col. 1:17), but He has removed _____ of His sustaining power both as a judgment and a reminder of the results of sin.
 - Because of sin, we no longer get to live in _____.
- #### B. God’s _____ for the Curse
- Two: _____ and mercy.
 - Justice—it’s what we _____ for defiling God’s perfect world with our sin.
 - Mercy—the farther we run away from God, the more God allows us to feel what life apart from Him is like. It teaches us about the _____ of sin.
 - **Illustration:** Like a parent disciplining a disobedient child, the Curse is God’s _____ for the sin of the human race.
 - The effects of Curse help us see that disobedience to God has consequences and were intended by God to _____ people to repent and return to God the source of all good blessings.

C. God’s _____ of the Curse

- Greater sin brings _____ judgment from God into our environment.
 - **Biblical examples:** The _____, the plagues on Egypt; the judgments upon sinning Israel and Judah.
 - **Present impacts:** Various disasters are increasing in severity and frequency across the globe as the nations of the earth engage in increasing _____.
 - **Future impacts during the Tribulation:** Most of the world’s ecosystem will be _____ as God pours out his wrath on sinful humanity.
 - As long as we think we are self-sufficient and don’t need God to create a Paradise on the Earth, the more _____ our problems are likely to become.
 - **Application:** Who are you trusting to _____ the problems of your life? Are you trying to go it alone in pride and self-dependence or are you _____ to the authority of Christ?
- #### III. THE _____ FROM THE CURSE (vs. 20-24)
- Adam and Eve’s response to God’s promise of a Redeemer (vs. 15) was to _____, and God justified them in response to their faith.
 - The clothes God made for them teach us 3 truths about God’s gift of _____ to undeserving sinners who trust in Him:
 - The only sufficient covering for the sin-caused nakedness of our souls is not our good works but _____ work.
 - God-provided righteousness required the blood _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, on the cross.
 - God’s perfect righteousness is received as a free _____ by faith in the One Who made it possible (Philip. 3:9).
 - The Redeemer came not just to save sinners from the personal consequences of their sins but also to redeem His entire _____ and reverse the Curse.
 - Genesis 3 = Paradise _____; the new creation = Paradise regained.
 - Genesis 3 = access to the tree of life revoked; the new creation = access to the tree of life _____ (Rev. 2:7).

CONCLUSION

- Two important questions:
 - Are you _____ in the perfect righteousness of God through faith in Christ?
 - Are you living in _____ to God’s will?