

“THE PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES OF SIN TO MEN”
(Genesis 3:17-19)

I. The DIVINE CURSES & CONSEQUENCES of SIN. (3:14-19)

1. The DIVINE PUNISHMENT toward the SERPENT. (3:14)

2. The DIVINE PUNISHMENT toward SATAN. (3:15)

3. The DIVINE PUNISHMENT toward the WOMAN. (3:16)

- How can these consequences of the Fall be mitigated or minimalized in your marriage through believing the Gospel, being filled with the Spirit, and fulfilling your God-given responsibilities in marriage?
 - 1) By Christian wives remembering their identity, acceptance & security in Christ, and recognizing their tendency to want to control their husbands so as to respect & submit to their own husbands as to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22-24)
 - 2) By Christian husbands remembering their position and possessions in Christ, and recognizing their tendency to either allow their wives to control them or to abuse their authority for selfish purposes instead of principally leading and unconditionally loving their wives like Christ loved the Church. (Ephesians 5:25-33)
- How does this apply to single believers?
 - 1) Remember that marriage is still God’s will for most people – though it is not God’s will for every believer. If you can stay single and be content & pure, _____ and serve the Lord without the responsibilities of marriage & family..
 - 2) If you sense you are gifted for marriage and desire this, then choose wisely another believer in Christ _____ to marry, as marriage is designed for the rest of your life.
 - 3) Recognize that there will be _____, as no marriage is perfect by any stretch of the imagination, but you are still a team in a very important relationship.
 - 4) Realize that whomever you marry you are to _____ and/or _____. Are you willing to obediently follow this design in marriage?
 - 5) Remember that whomever you marry will become the _____ of your children resulting in their good or not. Choose wisely with God’s values in mind.
 - 6) Realize that when you violate God’s design for marriage & family, life becomes much more complicated with many more _____.

- Where does real hope all begin?

4. The DIVINE PUNISHMENT to the MAN. (3:17-19)

a. The *divine pronouncement* is: “Then to Adam _____”.

b. The *divine punishments* to the man:

- 1) The *cause* of Adam’s transgression was: “Because you have _____ the voice of your wife...” (3:17a)

- What should we learn from this about listening to others, including our mates?
 - How have some totally misunderstood Adam's actions as a type of Christ?
- 2) **The *crime* involved in Adam's transgression was: "and (you) have _____ from the tree of which I _____ you, saying, 'You shall not _____ of it'. (3:17b)**
- What does this teach us about God?
 - What again should be highlighted about God's Word & personal responsibility?
- 3) **The *curse* from God toward Adam and his descendants involved:**
- a) **The _____ - "Cursed is the ground ..." (3:17c)**
- Who is to blame?
 - What was the result?
 - What is reversed from the original state?
 - How long would this last?
 - What would this involve? (3:18a)
 - What would be his diet? (3:18b)
 - What would providing for himself and his family now entail? (3:19a)
 - Is this still an issue in our day?
 - How long would this last? (3:19b)
- b) **Their _____ . (3:19c)**
- Why would this be the case?
 - What is the word play in these verses?
 - What is the punishment and what does this imply?

Allen P. Ross writes, "The oracles thus all express talionic justice; they sinned by eating, and so would suffer to eat; she led her husband to sin, and so would be mastered by him; they brought pain into the world by their disobedience, and so would have painful toil in their respective lives; and the serpent ruined the human race, and so he would be destroyed. These declarations list the inevitable consequences of disobedience. As long as sinful life exists all of this evil consequence will continue, for all of it will be repeated." (Creation & Blessing, pg.148)

- Isn't this what God promised in Gen.2:17 & is now evidenced worldwide for centuries?
- How does all of this apply to you?