

026, The Curse, Pt 1

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¹Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ⁸And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹²And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ¹⁴And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ¹⁶Unto 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. ¹⁷And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- I. The Curse Upon Satan – (First began with Satan because sin first began with him)
 - a. The Curse on the serpent – this animal was made by God and made use of by Satan. The reason it was cursed by God, was because it was used of Satan. No instrument that Satan uses can ever be viewed as undefiled or clean. The serpent was cursed above all beasts of the field, going on his belly and crawling on dust all of its days. Psalm 44:25, Micah 7:16-17. Must strike at heel, because he can strike no higher. Snakes hate people, and people hate snakes. Men by nature find the creature revolting. We crush their heads. The serpent and the woman had been in friendly discourse and they came to a wonderful agreement about it, but now they are direct enemies.

- b. The Curse upon Satan himself – Verses 14-15 also refer to Satan as well. Satan himself is to be cursed and humiliated more than any other human being in history. Christ will crush Satan in due time. When Christ died on the cross, Satan’s doom was sealed, and at His second coming He will do away with Satan and cast him into hell.
- II. The Curse upon the women – I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception.
 - a. She is to experience pain in childbirth – I will greatly multiply thy pain. Your life has been pain free, and now you will have pain, and not only pain, but also far more frequent conception of children than you would have had, had you not have fallen. Now they would have had children had they not have fallen (be fruitful multiply and fill the earth). Now there is a speeding up or multiplication of that process. Childbearing in reference to its frequency and its pain.
 - b. She is to be in subjection to a fallen husband – Subjection to the authority of her husband was eve’s condition before the fall. Eve’s subjection before the fall was a blessing and not a curse. But now part of the curse is that he would rule over her. She must now follow and submit not to a sinless husband, but now to a fallen one. Therefore she must often submit to the leadership of a man who is selfish, cruel, thoughtless, lazy, and insensitive. She can’t avoid childbirth and submission. God has put in woman an unavoidable attraction to men that causes her to seek a marriage partner, even though it involves submitting to man and painful childbirth. Women desire a husband, and God has put that in them.
- III. The Curse upon Man
 - a. A difficult life – Because man rebelled against God, now the earth is going to rebel against man and throw off his dominion over it. The earth now actively resists man as man actively resisted God. Work is now not a pleasant occupation, but it now involves the duress of the sweat of the brow.
 - b. A Certain Death – We get to die. We are kicked up out of the ground; walk around for 70 or 80 years, and then go back down to the dust. The earth wins the battle and swallows us up. The world that we live in now is an abnormal world. We are abnormal people, and our experiences in life are abnormal. This world and the people in it are not living as God designed them to, but as a result of the curse. God has delayed the execution of His justice that His people might be saved. When we realize how bad sin is, it causes us to realize the goodness of God, and the hope of deliverance. No remedy for Satan, no redemption, no promise, no deliverance. Why did God move man and not angels? God chose to save humanity and not lump him together with the devil. Adam and Eve’s sins have been replicated in all of their descendants.