

Genesis 3:14-19

☐ Monday - The Serpent Cursed.

Genesis 3:14-15

“The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life’” (Gen. 3:14). God’s judgment begins where sin began, with the serpent. The Lord asked the serpent no questions, for it was but a dumb animal. But though the devil’s instrument is punished, the harshest judgement is reserved for he who inhabited the serpent: That the seed of the woman, who is Christ, would one day deliver a death blow to the devil and his seed (cf. John 8:44). We will look at this in greater detail next week (Gen. 3:15). Read Revelation 12:9-11

☐ Tuesday - Pain in Childbirth.

Genesis 3:16

“To the woman He said, ‘I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth’” (Genesis 3:16). Women experience more pain in childbirth than any other creature, and not a little more, but a lot! And her pain continues as she sees the fruits of her own sin nature passed on to her little ones. But in Christ there is hope: “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). Read Psalm 103:17; Proverbs 23:24-25; Ephesians 6:4

☐ Wednesday - Desire to Control.

Genesis 3:16

The Lord said to the woman, “Your *desire* will be for your husband, and he will rule over you” (Genesis 3:16). The meaning of the word “desire” used here is more precisely revealed in Genesis 4:7 as the desire to control. The woman had taken the lead in the first transgression, and her desire to control her husband would be a continuing battle. To exacerbate the problem she now has a husband with a fallen nature who would interact with her, no longer with perfect love, but with a heavy hand. But in Christ there is a better way: “Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.” And as the woman *submits* everything to her husband, and as the man *sacrifices* everything for his wife, a little bit of paradise is restored ... but only in Christ. Read Ephesians 5:22-33

☐ Thursday - From Dust to Dust.

Genesis 3:19

At the Fall, the Lord pronounced this curse, “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Gen. 3:19). Think about it: King Nebuchadnezzar might be in your dust rag! Goliath is weaker than Endust! Einstein has the IQ of dirt! “Thus says the Lord, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,’ declares the Lord” (Jer. 9:23-24). Read Psalm 90:2-6

☐ Friday - Curses to Blessings.

Genesis 3:19

At the Fall, God pronounced judgment (i. e. curses) upon mankind. Four thousand years later, Christ bore those curses on the cross, for all those who receive Him. Scripture declares, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’” (Gal. 3:13). The cross is our Tree of Life! There, Christ not only bore God’s curse but restored God’s blessing for those who believe in Him. For this is contained in Scripture, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). Read Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:3