

GENESIS

God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

Study 11: Grace amidst Curses (3:14-24)

READ Gen 3:14-24 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

After the Lord God elicited a confession of sin from the self-vindicating sinners, Adam and Eve, He decreed punishment for them and their progeny. Yet, within His curses and judgements God's grace is made evident. They were not going to receive just judgement for their sin, but this would fall upon a future seed of the woman who would one day crush Satan. God also provided coverings for their shame and prevented them from living perpetually in a sinful state by barring a return to Eden.

Main Lesson: God brings just punishment for our sin, affecting all areas of our life, while ultimately granting us God's covering grace in Christ

Questions:

1. **A. Challenge:** Did the entrance of sin into God's world take God by surprise? See Acts 2:23. Why might some people struggle with the idea that God ordained sin? If He did does that make God sinful? See James 1:13-14.

B. What do we know about God as a result of sin's entrance into the world?

2. Who is the offspring of Satan and the offspring of Eve, specifically and generally (v. 15)? See 1 John 3:8, 12; John 8:44; Eph 2:1-2; Rom 16:20. How does this help you understand the ongoing enmity between both offspring? See 1 John 3:13.

3. How might your struggle with sin confirm you are a believer ("offspring of Eve")?

4. Does the curse doom husbands and wives to rivalry for power? How does Christ redeem a person's sinful desire for control over the opposite sex? Explain.
5. Do you struggle with desires for control of your spouse? Explain. What must a person do to conquer those natural sinful desires?
6. How was grace and mercy shown by God to Adam in cursing the ground instead of him? What was the diversion of judgement foreshadowing?
7. Can a person sin without punishment or consequence? Does it make a difference if you are a believer or unbeliever? Explain.
8. How does Adam's naming of Eve (v. 20) prove his faith in God?
9. How did God clothe Adam and Eve and what was significant about this? What other elements of God's grace and mercy do you see in vv. 21-24?
10. What did you value most about this study and what will you do about it?

STOP AND PRAY:

Adore: the Lord for His indescribable wisdom and power seen in His sovereign rule

Thank: God for covering your sins with the righteous covering of Christ's blood

Pray: that you will trust in the Lord in all your challenges knowing He is sovereign