

The Journey

Series 02: Corruption

Week 10: God Judges, Curse Given, Deliverer Promised

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Review (Where We Have Been)

“Satan may have become jealous of the fellowship that Adam and Eve enjoyed with God. Satan may have observed their relationship and said, ‘I want them to worship me! I want to rule humanity. I want to walk with them in the garden. I will ascend unto the high heavens. I will take over the seat of the Most High.’” – Eric Hovind

Satan attacks what God loved most – mankind.

Genesis 3:6 (ESV) ...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

- Spiritual Death (immediate) – separation from a relationship with God
- Physical Death (future) – separation of soul and spirit from the body
- Eternal Death (forever) - separation from God eternally

BIG Idea

Adam, Eve, and Satan would now face God’s judgment for their sin. Would there be any hope?

Information (What We Need to Know)

Three Questions After the Fall...

Would Adam and Eve take responsibility for their sin?

Genesis 3:9 (ESV) But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

What do we learn about God after Adam and Eve sin?

- He doesn’t run away from them, but pursues them
- He wanted them to acknowledge and admit what they had done

✓ **Adam blames God and Eve**

Genesis 3:12 (ESV) The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

✓ **Eve blames the serpent**

Genesis 3:13 (ESV) The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

“Sin will not go unpunished. God sees and knows the truth about each person. No one can escape God’s punishment by blaming someone else. God holds each person fully responsible for his own sin.” – Firm Foundations

What judgment would Adam, Eve, and Satan experience for their sin?

- **The snake** was cursed to move in a different way (legs to belly?)
Genesis 3:14 (ESV) The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.”
- **The woman** was cursed with childbirth (bringing sin into the world) and struggles in marriage (*conflicting desire of wife and domineering rule of the husband*)
Genesis 3:16 (ESV) To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”
- **The man** was cursed with toilsome work and, eventually, physical death
Genesis 3:17 (ESV) And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **18** thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. **19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
- **Descendants of Adam and Eve** are cursed to death because we are related to them
Genesis 3:20 (ESV) The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
Romans 5:12 (ESV) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...
“Romans 5 has to do with representation, with one person acting on behalf of another. God has appointed two representatives in history: Adam and Christ. Adam did not represent the race well; he disobeyed God. As a result, all of his descendants are born with an inclination to sin, and they all share in his guilt and suffer the same penalty he received - death. This is what Paul means when he says in verse 12 that ‘all sinned.’” – R.C. Sproul

Application (What We Need to Do)

Is there any hope for Adam, Eve, or us to avoid death?

Adam and Eve were under Satan's control, and he became the ruler of the world. However, God promised a deliverer for man from the penalty of sin – death.

Genesis 3:15 (ESV) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

■ Struggle between the offspring of Satan and the offspring of the woman

- ✓ The offspring of the serpent was demons; anyone serving kingdom of darkness
- ✓ The offspring of the woman was Cain, humanity, Christ (and those in Him)
- ✓ The Deliverer would be the child of a virgin woman (*her* offspring; **He**)

Matthew 1:18 (ESV) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **20** ...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “...**21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

■ God promises a Deliverer who would overcome Satan

“In the midst of the curse passage, a message of hope shone forth—the woman's offspring called ‘he’ is Christ, who will one day defeat the Serpent. Satan could only ‘bruise’ Christ's heel (cause him to suffer), while Christ will bruise Satan's head (destroy him with a fatal blow).” – John MacArthur

✓ Satan's head is bruised

- *Head* implies authority (Satan's authority would be crushed by Deliverer)
- Satan would be robbed of power and people delivered from his control
- Through the Deliverer, people are restored to God

✓ The offspring (He) of the woman's heel is bruised

- In His fight against Satan, the Deliverer would be caused great pain
- Yet He would not be overcome by him

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV) All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. **10** But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants.

Romans 5:8 (ESV) ...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9 (ESV) ...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.