



Genesis 3:16—The Fall—Part 4  
From sermon 6.7.20

Read *Genesis 3:16*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Having sentenced Satan for his role in the Fall, Jesus now turns to Eve (Woman). The reader and the student must keep in mind that these are not "passive" consequences of the first couple's choice. God is active here. He is the agent of curse, wrath, and death. Too many, historically and contemporarily, want to dismiss or apologize for this side of God—judgment/punishment. But, God is holy and faithful to His Word and Nature. The judgment handed down is not just for Eve, but all womankind.

1. What has been your understanding and feelings about God being the agent of wrath? Various answers. Many have been raised/taught God is only love/blessing and all curse, pain, and calamity comes from the devil and man. In the end, every person ever born will face only ONE of God's dual natures: holiness = wrath or grace = salvation. Only through Jesus, as revealed in Scripture.

2. List the Components of the Curse on Eve (Woman):

- Multiple and Successive Conceptions & Births
- Pain in Childbearing—*Revelation 12:2*
- The Sorrows of Motherhood—*Jeremiah 31:15 & [Matthew 2:18]*
- Male Authority
- Submission became Twisted, Distorted, and Hated: "Desire"
- Female Rebellion & Male Oppression

3. What are some of the Unique Sorrows of Motherhood: Various answers: from Sunday and personal. Infant mortality. Loss later in life. Hurt when they hurt. Best identify with God's experience—children in their image. Love, protect, provide—rebellion, defiance, hurt.

4. Why does this text and topic conjure up so much emotion and uneasiness in us, even as Bible-believing Christians? Various answers. Teaching of the world, pressure from the culture, the lies of the enemy, & the battle with our old nature. See Romans 7:21-25

5. Besides the curse components unique to woman, what else is she forced to endure? All of Adam's curse (ground, animals (microscopic), universe). Sinful, inadequate, overtaxed male leadership (competition). See also 1 Corinthians 15:22

6. What solution does the New Testament give for women battling the stigma of having initiated the Fall? Submission to Jesus Christ & the Word of God. Voluntary compliance to Male leadership in the home and in the Church. Godly demeanor and conduct. Raising godly children in the Lord.

7. Ultimately, complete freedom from the curse is found in Heaven.  
See *Galatians 3:28 & Matthew 22:29-30*