



Genesis 3:17-19—The Fall—Part 5  
From sermon 6.14.20

Read *Genesis 3:17-19*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Jesus now sentences the final party in the Fall—Adam. Adam will be the representative of all mankind. Just as the curse on woman effects all men, the curse on Adam affects all woman as well. Jesus sentences man to a life of conflict. No realm of his life will be untouched. One of the most important considerations, in reading and understanding the curse, is just different life has been for mankind prior to the last century. Also, Genesis 3 gives us the answer to the questions of the day: Why? Why is the world the way it is? And: what's the answer?

1. The curse brought conflict to 5 spheres of man's life. Name each and give a brief description.

<u>Sphere of Life</u>	<u>Curse Description</u>
Environment	the entire universe is cursed. The animal kingdom, earth, and space turn on him. He will have to labor, every day, in that hostile environment. All die.
<u>Enemy</u>	The devil is now his father, master, king. The enemy has no concern for those in his kingdom. Any elect of God will be persecuted.
Woman/Men	<u>the home will be a place of conflict. In the world, there will be crime, hate, prejudice, envy, greed, war. Man will demand and invent laws, only to break them</u>
<u>Mortality</u>	physical sickness, injury, aging, & death. Spiritual death, guilt, shame, uncertainty
God	<u>man will be at war with God. his total depravity will prevent him from ever choosing God and true salvation on his own.</u>

2. What was man's access to food and water, prior to the Fall? It was in abundance. Every tree in the Garden was good for food. Nothing died. Water was the main feature of paradise.

How did it change after the Fall? Man would have to plant/cultivate edible crops, with no guarantee of produce. Fresh useable water would be scarce and prized. Most plant life became inedible and some became poisonous.

3. What are ways man has addressed and dealt with his sin/guilt/shame? Various answers, but include: run, hide, deny existence of God/judgment, medicate, reinvent God to his liking—change history, change nature of God, change the Word of God. Calloused conscience. Do works/religion. Buy his own lie about his goodness, righteousness, and how God judges (scales). Compare to others  
See *Romans 1:18-32*

4. Discuss the very common "Compared to Others" philosophy/doctrine. How is this fatally flawed and unscriptural? Especially in our culture, those who claim to believe in God like to think they will be okay in judgment if they only avoid the biggie sins (murder, stealing, cheating, harming a child, abuse, etc. If they are better than the next guy, somehow God will understand and forgive the "little". The Bible says everyone is a sinner. Any righteous acts are insignificant toward salvation. God doesn't require being better—He requires perfect, sinless holiness. No one even comes close.  
See also *Romans 5:10-12, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:23, & Romans 6:23*

5. Having lost a living spirit and having inherited a total sin nature, what is man's only hope of salvation, following the Fall and curse? An outside righteousness granted by grace. He needs a new spirit, a new representative, a second Adam. He must be made alive, first, in order to believe.  
See *Ephesians 2:1-9 & 1 Corinthians 15:45-49*