

Genesis 3:14-24

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵I 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.”

¹⁶To 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.”

¹⁷And 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; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By 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.”

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Where do you most feel the effects of sin and judgement?

EAST OF EDEN The curse

- ‘why does a loving God allow innocent suffering?’

Judgement on THE SERPENT

- curse ¹
- enmity ²
- defeat ³

Judgement on THE WOMAN

- as mother
- as wife ⁴

Judgement on THE MAN

- hard work
- dusty death ⁵
- spiritual exile ⁶

¹ Psalm 73:9; Micah 7:17; Isaiah 65:25; Revelation 20:10

² Galatians 4:4; Revelation 12:5; 1 John 3:8

³ Colossians 2:15; Romans 16:20

⁴ 1 Corinthians 11:3-12; 1 Timothy 2:12-15; Ephesians 5:22-33

⁵ 2 Timothy 2:10;

⁶ 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 21-22