

GENESIS: Where Grace Begins

The Response of the Almighty to the Sin of Man

... the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"
- Genesis 3:13

First, God **Confronts** Sin

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

Genesis 3:8-10

Aware of _____ for the first time ever, Adam and Eve _____.

God's presence is no longer _____, but is now _____.

_____ with God has given way to _____ of God.

Instead of _____, they now have _____.

Surely their eyes were opened, but opened only to the reality of _____.

In choosing infinite _____, Adam and Eve forfeited infinite _____.

¹¹ Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ So the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:11-13

Their response to confrontation is _____: They shift _____.

Adam first blames _____, then blames _____!

Eve blames _____.

Both reluctantly _____.

When confronted with the _____ of God's Word regarding our sin, how do we typically respond?

Second, God Declares the **Consequences** of Sin

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

¹⁶ He said to the woman: I will intensify your labor pains; you will bear children with painful effort. Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will rule over you.

¹⁷ And he said to the man, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it': The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow until you return to the ground, since you were taken from it. For you are dust, and you will return to dust."

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For the Serpent, God declares the _____ he will live under until final judgment.

All creation is affected by the curse, but the serpent especially. He will be _____ and will exist primarily in the _____.

For Satan, there will be continual _____ that ends when the seed of the woman delivers the _____ blow after receiving a _____ blow. This, of course, points to _____.

For Adam and Eve, God declares the new _____ they will live under due to sin.

Mankind will now be caught in the battle of _____ until the final judgment.

Genesis 4:7 will be the struggle of us _____:

"... sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." (CSB)

For woman, childbirth now include "_____". The word used here for "pain" may not be limited to _____ pain, however.

For men and women, there will also be ongoing tension and conflict. Woman at her worst would be a _____ to the man, and the man at his worst would _____ the woman.

For man, now all of his "eating" will come at the expense of "_____". His punishment would perpetually remind him of his sin.

As a final consequence, man will continue in this state until he dies and returns to the _____.

God is _____ in allowing man to _____.

Man chose the _____ when he chose to _____.

In his quest for _____, man utterly _____.

Third, God Offers a **Covering** for Our Sin

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living. ²¹ The Lord God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them. ²² The Lord God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." ²³ So the Lord God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:20-24

_____ will go on.

Birth of children ...

The promised _____ ...

Sin forever _____ from God.

³¹ "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. ³² And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. ³³ And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. ³⁴ You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.

- Exodus 26:31-34

But _____ is possible.

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

- Hebrews 9:11-12

There is a _____ for sinners!

For next week: From God to Far From God – The Story of Cain