

Alpha and Omega

Genesis 3:14-24

Judgment

Sin has consequences.

- Genesis 3:14-15

God cursed the snake with humility and disgrace.

- A curse is the loss of God's blessing. He didn't curse ?
- There will be hostility between the seed of the woman and Satan: Spiritual Warfare in this earth.
 - Genesis 3:15
- The "protoevangelism" **is the first** prophecy of the Good News of Jesus. GOD always has a plan to save !!!
- Jesus crushed Satan in the past through His resurrection and will finish crushing him with His second coming.

God passed judgment on the woman.

- Genesis 3:16
- She will have increased pain in childbirth and struggles in her relationship with her husband.

God passed judgment on the man. Adam listened to his wife and not God.

- Genesis 3:17-19
- The ground would be cursed.
 - Romans 8:20-22 Sin affected everyone and everything.
- Natural disasters occur in a world broken by Adam's sin.
- Death will come.

Consequences for Adam's sin go deeper than the grave.

- Romans 5:12-14 Sin entered the world through Adam
- Romans 5:18a all are condemned
- Romans 5:19a all made sinners
- Sin and death entered the world through Adam's sin.
- Adam's sin nature and its consequences are passed along to us.
- We sin because we're sinners. Before Jesus we can't not sin.
 - Romans 3:23 We all fall short

- Our righteous deeds are not enough to meet God's standards.
 - Isaiah 64:6

There's grand h even in God's judgment.

- God promised a coming Savior.
- God promised childbirth and marriage for Eve.
- God promised provision for Adam.
- Adam named the woman "Eve" which means "living".
- God provided clothing for the man and the woman.
 - Genesis 3:21 How was it better then our fix up?

God banished them from the garden to spare them eternal brokenness.

- Death can be an instrument of God's grace.
- The greatest injury to Adam and Eve was the loss of God's presence.
- We long to return to God and to the Garden.
 - Psalm 42:1-2
 - Ecclesiastes 3:11
 - What do you fill the hole in your heart with and how is working out being your own God?
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Paradise is lost but grace is found!

We confess and turn from our sins, placing our faith in Jesus.

- God's sufficient covering for our sin comes at a high price.
 - Hebrews 9:22
 - Romans 6:23
- The righteousness of Jesus is our sufficient covering.
 - Romans 5:17- see below

Action Steps

- Rejoice in the good news of God's grace toward you.
- Seek to be satisfied only with God's presence.
- Share the good news of God's grace with someone this week.

Romans 5:17

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Gen 3:14-24

¹⁴ And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all [domestic] animals and above every [wild] living thing of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust [and what it contains] all the days of your life.¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her ^[a]Offspring; He will bruise *and* tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait *and* bruise His heel.¹⁶ To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply your grief *and* your suffering in pregnancy *and* the pangs of childbearing; with spasms of distress you will bring forth children. Yet your desire *and* craving will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.¹⁷ And to Adam He said, Because you have listened *and* given heed to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it, the ground is under a curse because of you; in sorrow *and* toil shall you eat [of the fruits] of it all the days of your life.¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return.²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve [life spring], because she was the mother of all the living.²¹ For Adam also *and* for his wife the Lord God made long coats (tunics) of skins and clothed them.²² And the Lord God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us [the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit], to know [how to distinguish between] good and evil *and* blessing and calamity; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also from the tree of

life and eat, and live ^[b]forever—²³ Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.²⁴ So [God] drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden the ^[c]cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep *and* guard the way to the tree of life.

Isa.64:6 For we have all become like one who is unclean [ceremonially, like a leper], and all our righteousness (our best deeds of rightness and justice) is like filthy rags *or* a polluted garment; we all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away [far from God's favor, hurrying us toward destruction].

Psalm 42:1-2 ¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet^[a] no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

What area do you need God to redeem in your lie today?