

I. Introduction: Adam and Eve had committed open rebellion against God, but the Lord pursued them and offered them redemption even after they committed treason.

II. The Judgment of God's Image-Bearers (Gen 3:8-15).

A. The Confrontation of Adam (**vv. 8-10**).

1. God knew about mankind's rebellion, so He went to find Adam to confront him and give him the opportunity to repent of his sin.

B. The Interrogation by God (**vv. 11-13**).

1. God questioned Adam and Eve about their disobedience, but they now feared Him, so they attempted to hide and blame their rebellion on others.

C. The Condemnation of Satan (**v. 14**).

1. God condemned Satan for leading His image-bearers in rebellion against Him and cursed the snake so that he would forever be the symbol of humiliation.

D. The Prediction of Doom (**v. 15**).

1. God put enmity between Satan and humanity, sentencing the Devil to destruction by the offspring of the woman who would completely defeat him.

III. Conclusion: God cursed the serpent, who ruined His paradise, and prophesied that the offspring of the woman would one day deliver a fatal blow to him.

Study Questions: The Judgment of God's Image-Bearers

1. How were Adam and Eve less like God after they sinned? (**Gen 3:6-7**) How were they more like Satan? How did mankind's sin affect the physical universe? (**Rom 8:20-23**)
2. What happened to Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit? (**Gen 3:8-10**) What does it mean that their eyes were opened? (**v. 7**) Why did they cover themselves with fig leaves? (**v. 8**)
3. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God? (**Gen 3:8-10**) Why did God ask where they were? (**v. 9**) How was this a display of His grace? Why did they fear God after sinning? (**v. 10**)
4. What questions did God ask Adam and Eve? (**Gen 3:11-13**) What did Adam's hiding reveal about him? (**v. 10**) Why was he afraid? (**v. 10**) Where did he learn the word naked? (**v. 11**)
5. Who did Adam blame for his sin? (**Gen 3:11-13**) How did he imply that God was somewhat responsible for his sin? (**v. 12**) Why do sinners avoid taking responsibility for sin?
6. Who did Eve blame for her sin? (**v. 13**) Who do you blame for your sin? What is false repentance from sin? (**2 Cor 7:8-10**) What is true repentance? (**2 Cor 7:10; 1 John 1:9**)
7. What curse did God pronounce on the serpent? (**Gen 3:14**) Why did God pronounce a curse on the snake? What did it mean that the serpent would eat dust? (**Isa 65:25; Mic 7:17**)
8. What promise was embedded in the curse of Satan? (**Gen 3:15**) Who is the *seed* of the woman? Who was the One that would crush Satan's head? (**Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8**)

Prayer

1. Ask God to reveal to you if you have been trying to evade His judgment for sin.
2. Pray that God might forgive you of any sins that you have in your life as His image-bearer.