

I. Introduction: Adam and Eve committed rebellion against God, so He informed them that their lives as His image-bearers would be significantly impacted.

II. The Punishment of God's Image-Bearers (Gen 3:16-24).

A. The Pain of the Woman (**v. 16**).

1. God declared that the woman would experience pain regarding her husband and children, resulting in her primary role as a procreator to be severely affected.

B. The Penalty of the Man (**vv. 17-19**).

1. God proclaimed that the man would experience pain regarding the earth, resulting in his primary role as God's vice-regent to be severely disrupted.

C. The Provision of the Lord (**vv. 20-21**).

1. God provided clothes for Adam and Eve to cover the shame of their sin, foreshadowing the need for sin's penalty to be covered by God's sacrifice.

D. The Plan of the Creator (**vv. 22-24**).

1. God expelled Adam and Eve after damaging their relationship with Him, and He cut them off from the tree of life so they would not live forever.

III. Conclusion: God brought severe sorrow on the man and woman so that they would know the penalty of their sin, and so that He might redeem them in the future.

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

1. What's an image-bearer? How did Adam and Eve rebel against God? (**Gen 3:1-7**) How did they try to evade His judgment? (**3:8-15**) How did God judge the serpent? (**3:14-15**)
2. What did God say would happen to the woman as a consequence of sin? (**Gen 3:16**) How would she experience pain regarding her children? (**v. 16**) Why was this so devastating?
3. How was the marriage relationship affected by sin? (**Gen 3:16**) What does it mean that she would desire her husband? (**v. 16b**) How would her husband respond to her? (**v. 16b**)
4. Why did God say Adam would experience His punishment? (**Gen 3:17-19**) What did God curse? (**v. 17**) Why is it important that God didn't curse Adam? How did he die? (**Gen 2:17**)
5. How would Adam experience pain? (**Gen 3:17-19**) How did God emphasize that Adam's vice-regency was affected? (**vv. 17-19**) What did God say would happen to Adam? (**v. 19**)
6. Why did Adam rename Eve? (**Gen 3:20**) Why did he call her this name though she had no children yet? (**v. 20**) How did this demonstrate Adam's faith in God's promise? (**Gen 3:15**)
7. What did God do to cover their nakedness? (**Gen 3:20-21**) How did this foreshadow the Gospel? How does Jesus cover the guilt and shame of His people? (**Isa 61:10; Rev 7:9**)
8. Why did God expel Adam and Eve from the Garden? (**Gen 3:22-24**) Why would living forever in their sinful state have been horrible? How will God redeem us one day?

Prayer

1. Pray that God will reveal to you how He can cover your sins, like Adam and Eve.
2. Ask God to show you how you can get back to paradise through Jesus' sacrificial death.