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# Curses and Consequences

**Gen 3:14-24**





Romans 5:15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.





Romans 5:20 The Law came in so that  
the transgression would increase; but  
where sin increased, grace abounded all  
the more,



“Man no longer lives in the beginning—  
he has lost the beginning. Now he finds  
he is in the middle, knowing neither the  
end nor the beginning, and yet knowing  
that he is in the middle, coming from the  
beginning and going towards the end.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,  
Creation and Fall Temptation





14 The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you will go,  
And dust you will eat  
All the days of your life;





15 And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



# Curses 14,15

- Curses on the serpent
- Curses on Sin
  - Her Seed – Your Seed
  - Bruise the Head – defeat
  - Bruise the Heal – injury







“We should never argue with the devil about our sins, but we should speak about our sins only with Jesus.”

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16 To the woman He said,  
“I will greatly multiply  
Your pain in childbirth,  
In pain you will bring forth children;  
Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
And he will rule over you.”



17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;

Cursed is the ground because of you;

In toil you will eat of it


All the days of your life.



# Consequences 16,17

- Pain of childbirth
- Roles in home
- Pride
- Selfishness
- Autonomy





“They were created in the image of God according to Genesis 1:27 and so the relationship they have was supposed to be governed by equality of personhood, equality of dignity, mutual respect, harmony, complementarity, and a unified destiny.” John Piper



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18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall  
grow for you;  
And you will eat the plants of the field;



# Consequences 17,18

- Life is hard
- Work is hard
- Good and bad
- Life is NOT fair!








Man will continue to seek ways to gain  
life at no cost – something for nothing!





19 By the sweat of your face  
You will eat bread,  
Till you return to the ground,  
Because from it you were taken;  
For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return.”



# Consequences 19

- Rule of labor – no work no eat!
- Rule of life – dust to dust
- Temptation is now futility in life
  - “nothing matters!” Ecclesiastes
- Trial is trust in Creator!





“The fall of man is written in too legible characters not to be understood: Those that deny it, by their denying, prove it.”

George Whitefield






20 Now the man called his wife's name  
Eve, because she was the mother of all  
the living.






21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.





22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”





23 therefore the LORD God sent him out  
from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the  
ground from which he was taken.







24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.



# Coverings 20-24

- God clothed them – garments of skin
- Back to work
- Out of the Garden – Tree of Life
- Coverings
  - Innocent for the guilty
  - Righteous for the unrighteous
  - Living for the dying!





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"The recognition of sin is the beginning  
of salvation." Martin Luther



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