

Rather than God being in charge, with the man, helped by the woman, ruling creation for Him, a complete reversal takes place: Satan, in the form of a serpent approaches the woman, who draws the man with her into rebellion against the Creator. - Andreas Kostenberger, *God, Marriage, and Family: Rebuilding the Biblical Foundation*

How admirably the satisfaction our Lord Jesus made by his death and sufferings answered to the sentence here passed upon our first parents. Did travailing pains come in with sin? We read of the travail of Christ's soul (Is 53:11) and the pangs of death (Ac 2:24). Did subjection come with sin? Christ was made under the law (Ga 4:4). Did the curse come in with sin? Christ was made a curse for us, dying a cursed death (Ga 3:13). Did thorns come in with sin? He was crowned with thorns for us. Did sweat come in with sin? He for us did seat as it were great drops of blood. Did sorrow come in with sin? He was a man of sorrows; his soul was, in his agony, exceedingly sorrowful. Did death come in with sin? He became obedient unto death. Thus is the plaster as wide as the wound. Blessed be God for Jesus Christ! - Matthew Henry, *Commentary on the Whole Bible*

I find it difficult to understand how it is possible for anybody really to read this third chapter of Genesis and not at once to recognize that here we have nothing but a perfect description and delineation of what has been true of every one of us. It is astounding to me that anybody could read that book and not say, "That must be true because that is exactly what I've been and what I've done. It's an account of me; it's an account of men and women as I see them in the world today." - Martin Lloyd-Jones, *The Gospel in Genesis*

Assignment:

1. Read Genesis 3:7-8. Is this a right description of how we act when we know we have sinned? Why or why not?
2. What is shame?
3. When, in Genesis 3:7, what do you think that Adam and Eve realized?
4. Read Genesis 3:15. Why is this declaration called the "first-gospel"?
5. How have you seen the curses for the woman and the man play out today?

**Where art thou?
Shame, cursing, and redemption in Genesis 3**

I. The GLORY has departed (3:7-13). *Ichabod*

- A. Adam and Eve are NAKED.
- B. Adam and Eve CLOTHE themselves.
- C. Adam and Eve HIDE from God.
- D. Adam and Eve BLAME another.
- E. Adam and Eve are ESTRANGED from God and each other.

Principle: When I sin, no matter how ashamed I am, I must confess my sins, and trust God to make me right again. (1 John 1: 9).

II. Three CURSES (3:14-19).

- A. For the Serpent:
 - 1. Cursed = BANISHED, separated.
 - 2. Belly and dust = DEFEAT. (Psalm 72:9; Isaiah 65:25)
 - 3. “He shall bruise your head” = my Redeemer will defeat you.
- B. For the Woman:
 - 1. Pain in CHILDBIRTH.
 - 2. “Desire” for the MAN. (Genesis 4:7)
 - 3. “Ruled” by the man.
- C. For the Man:
 - 1. Pain in WORKING.
 - 2. Toil in PRODUCING.
 - 3. Humiliating DEATH. (Psalm 90).

III. A SAVIOR is coming (3:15).

- A. The *proto-euangelion*
 - 1. Satan shall wound CHRIST and those in Christ.
 - 2. Christ shall mortally wound SATAN..