

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART III
“The Curse”
Genesis 3:16-24

This chapter gives us one of the most realistic portrayals of life in the entire Bible. After sin entered the human condition God pronounced judgment on the serpent, the woman and the man respectively. This morning, we will get a picture of living life under the curse.

1. GOD’S JUDGMENT ON THE WOMAN, v. 16

- A. Your pain in childbearing will be severe
 - 1. Be fruitful and multiply – women bear children
 - 2. The woman will give birth to Messiah, v. 15
 - 3. The emotional & physical pain in childbirth escalates

APPLICATION POINTS

- 1. The pain in childbirth reminds us of original sin & the _____ we have in Messiah – Jesus, Matthew 24:8, Romans 8:22-25
- B. The marriage relationship is altered
 - 1. Your desire (*teshuqah – a longing*) will be for your husband, Gen 4:7, Song of Songs 7:10
 - 2. The example of Cain, Gen 4:7
 - 3. Your husband will rule (*mashal – to rule, reign, have Dominion*) over you

APPLICATION POINTS

- 2. Marriage was a harmonious relationship working with God exercising dominion over the creation. Now every marriage has _____
- 3. Marriage will at times be a _____ where each party tries to _____ over the other.
- 4. Paul shows us how to _____ the effects of the fall, Col 3:18-19, Eph 5:22-25

2. GOD’S JUDGMENT ON THE MAN, vv. 17-20

- A. Because you listened to your wife - Adam blew it!
- B. The nature of work is altered – Gen 2:15, 19-20
- C. The ground is cursed – it produces thorns and thistles
- D. Through painful toil you will eat food, by the sweat of your brow you will eat food
- E. You will return to dust – die
- F. Adam named his wife Eve – life-giver

APPLICATION POINTS

- 1. The greatest sources of joy for men & women become laden with _____: work, marriage & children
- 2. Every time we eat food we are reminded of the fall, God’s provision and the _____

3. ADAM AND EVE ARE EJECTED FROM THE GARDEN, vv. 21-24

- A. The Lord clothed them with garments from animal skin
- B. The Lord banned them from the tree of life – his grace
- C. The Lord had cherubim guard the tree of life
- D. They left the presence of God and step into a life of wandering and uncertainty.
- E. They must have experienced a high level of regret

4. THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

- A. We must understand, accept, and _____ with life in a fallen world.
- B. We live under the _____ of God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your thoughts about the pain in childbearing from a positive and negative perspective?
2. Discuss the issue of the woman's desire being for her husband, and the husband ruling over her.
3. What are some views of women having children and marriage that we hear from the world that conflict with Biblical values?
4. How does Col 3:18-19, & Eph 5:22-25 fit into the discussion of marriage?
5. Discuss how the nature of work was altered?
6. Every time we eat food what reminders should come to mind?
7. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

No longer will there be any curse.

Revelation 22:2-3

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY FEBRUARY 18

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series titled "Spiritual Warfare" and will be looking at the curse found in Genesis 3.

NEXT WEEK – COMMUNION SUNDAY

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Join pastors Bruce and Tim at 7pm in zoomland for Bible study and prayer. The Bible study is based on the discussion questions in the bulletin from the previous week's sermon.

LIFE GROUPS THURSDAY EVENING

You are still welcome to attend a Life group. The format is:

- Dinner at 5:45
- Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 – 7:30

There are 2 groups to choose from:

Tim Brooks & Keith Hallsten will be going through selected passages in the gospel of John. Pastor Bruce & Paul Milton will be doing a teaching on practical aspects of loving relationships. Childcare is available

STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY

We appreciate your financial support of Hillcrest church. You can place your donations (tithes & offerings) at the SPOT. A detailed report for January's finances is available there.

Budget \$6,066

Actual \$5,405

\$661 under budget

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

EAST INDIAN DINNER – APRIL 20 @ 5:30

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 23-25

Will be held in Cameron Park at Foothills Alliance Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the open sessions. Details are forthcoming.

CPR+ TRAINING, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 9AM – 4PM

Rick Mann will be offering a more intense training for all who wish to attend. CPR = Caring, Praying and Reaching Out. This is something that everyone can do because of its simplicity, yet it is highly effective. Write this down on your calendar, lunch will be served. There will be a signup sheet at the SPOT so we know how much food to prepare.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

March 16 at 1pm. Meet at church and go out from there visiting our neighbors and inviting them to church.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – MARCH 10

Move your clocks ahead one hour.

PRAYING FOR MUSLIMS DURING RAMADAN

Visit www.30DaysPrayer.com and download a prayer guide to facilitate praying for Muslims around the world. This prayer event takes place from March 10 – April 8.