

SPIRITUAL WARFARE – PART II

“The Curse”

Genesis 3:14-24

Things didn't go well for Adam and Eve when they ate the forbidden fruit. The consequences of their disobedience were enormous as sin corrupted the human condition. In today's episode, God pronounces judgment on the three characters: the serpent, the woman, and the man, which has more dire consequences for humanity.

1. GOD PRONOUNCES JUDGMENT ON THE SERPENT, v. 14

- A. God cursed the serpent above all the animals he made
- B. There is no chance of redemption for the serpent

2. THERE IS _____ BETWEEN THE OFFSPRING OF THE SERPENT & THE OFFSPRING OF THE WOMAN, 3:15

A. God placed _____ between the two seeds

B. The offspring of the serpent includes:

1. All demons
2. All nonbelievers
3. The _____

C. The offspring of the woman includes:

1. All believers
2. The Messiah – Jesus Christ
3. The woman is _____ by God

D. This is the first prophecy about the serpent's total

_____, Revelation 20:10, Romans 16:20

E. This is the first prophecy about the coming of

_____ & the _____, Colossians 2:15,
Hebrews 2:14-15

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3. THE TWO SEEDS REPRESENT TWO WARRING _____,

- A. The Kingdom of light – Jesus, Col 1:13-14
- B. The Kingdom of darkness, Acts 26:17-18

4. THE FIRST _____ OF WAR IS _____, Gen 4:7

1. Abel was offspring of the woman – believer, 1 John 3:11-13
2. Cain was offspring of the serpent – nonbeliever

5. THE NATURE OF LIFE FOR BELIEVERS IS _____ WITH THE DEVIL

1. We share in the sufferings of Christ, Phil 3:10
2. Our enemy is a roaring lion seeking to devour us, 1 Peter 5:8-9

NOTES:

ANSWERS: War, Enmity, Antichrist, Honored, Messiah, Crucifixion, Defeat, Kingdoms, Casualty, Cain, Warfare.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#1. What does it mean that God put enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent?

#2. Describe the nature of the warfare we face with the Devil.

#3. In what way is the prophesy in Genesis 3:15 a demonstration of God's grace?

#4. In what way is God honoring the woman in this prophesy?

#5. Describe the downfall of Satan in the following passages: Revelation 20:10, Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14-15

#6. How do we defend ourselves against the Devil. 1 Peter 5:8-9

#7. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

NOTES:

Welcome To Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness

*And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers; he will
crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

Genesis 3:15

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series titled “Spiritual Warfare.” The passage under consideration is known as the curse, from Genesis 3. We will also be gathering at the Lord’s table.

NEXT WEEK – FEBRUARY 11

Rick Mann will be our guest speaker. He works in the district office as a coach of leadership development, which is what he will be talking about along with church health.

WORSHIP WITH TWO CHURCHES – FEBRUARY 18

Hillcrest Church, and Roseville City Church will be worshipping together at 10:30, our normal time. The service will be followed by a big feast. This should be a great experience for all of us to worship together and have the sanctuary packed.

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

THE SPOT

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STEWARDSHIP

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