

# Sermon Outline

## PARADISE LOST (2): THE PUNISHMENT *Genesis 3:8-19*

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### Introduction

- Question: What is your view on God, what is your world view?
- Paradise Lost: “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man [i.e., Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned” (Rom 5:12)
- Total Depravity of man: He needs to be born again. “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).
- Abounding grace: “where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 5:20).

### 1. The curse on the serpent (vv. 14-15)

#### a. Curse on natural serpent (v. 14)

- Leviticus 11:42, “Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet, any swarming thing that swarms on the ground, you shall not eat, for they are detestable.”
- Psalm 72:9, “May desert tribes bow down before him [i.e., the King], and his enemies lick the dust!”
- The serpent is a symbol for a constant reminder of the degradation of Satan.

#### b. Curse on supernatural Satan (v. 15)

- Satan thought that he has successfully created conflict and enmity between man and God.
- It is the Protoevangelium (the first gospel proclamation in its infancy form):
  - i. Irresistible grace: The promise that the woman who has become the enemy of God (a friend of Satan) is going to turn and become the enemy of Satan and the friend of God. The regeneration: She is going to be changed radically. The unmerited grace: The gospel enters into the Bible in the form of a curse on Satan.
  - ii. The unconditional election: The division of mankind. The unconverted (Satan’s offspring). Mat 3:7, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.” The elect (the woman’s

offspring). Eph 1:4, “he chose us in him before the foundation of the world.” Election is “according to the purpose of His will.” Eze 36:22, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name.”

iii. The Saviour’s definite atonement: The Lord Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, who will bruise Satan’s head and will be wounded on the cross (Isa 53:5) to secure victory for the woman’s offspring.

## 2. **The curse on the woman (v. 16)**

Two areas that define a woman’s life and role in the world:

- Relationship to her children: Pregnancy and pain of pregnancy are greatly multiplied. This can be extended “to all the mother's pains and anxieties concerning her offspring” (Barnes).
- Relationship to her husband: The woman seeks to control the husband, but the man will rule over the woman. Conflict in marriage.

## 3. **The curse on the man (v. 17)**

- The reason for the curse (v. 17)
- Adam chose to listen to his wife rather than the Word of God.
- The curse.
- It is not directly on man but also on the sphere in which he lives.
- When God cursed the ground, there is no more promise that the ground will always produce enough food for men and work becomes a mean for survival. There is no more delight in work of all kinds.

## **Conclusion:**

1. It is a reminder for mankind of why the world is as it is today. Apostle Paul: “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.” (Rom 5:12)
2. It is a reminder that there is always a constant battle between God’s people and Satan and his seed and the victory we have through Christ.
3. The first judgment Day is a preview of the last judgment.

4. It is to declare God's abundant grace: man was given an opportunity to return to God and escape his final destiny in hell. "For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many... For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." (Rom 5:15,17)
5. It is a reminder that He is a sovereign and compassionate God.
6. Brothers and Sisters, knowing the Word that God has given to us, what is your view on God?