

THE FALL OF MAN, PART 2  
(Genesis 3:6-24)

- I. Man and SIN (Gen. 3:6-13)
  - A. The willful SIN (3:6)
    - 1. The APPEAL (cf. 1 John 2:16)
      - a. To the LUST of the FLESH: “good for FOOD”
      - b. To the LUST of the EYES: “DELIGHT ...”
      - c. To the PRIDE of LIFE: “to make one WISE”
    - 2. The ACT
      - a. She TOOK and ATE its fruit
      - b. She gave some to ADAM, who was WITH HER
  - B. The immediate SHAME (3:7a)
  - C. The inadequate SOLUTION (3:7b-13)
    - 1. Tried to hide by their OWN EFFORTS
    - 2. Tried to explain why they were ASHAMED
      - a. May be RATIONALIZING
      - b. May be REPENTING
- II. Creation and the CURSE (Gen. 3:14-24)
  - A. The demoted SERPENT (3:14)
    - 1. Cursed MORE THAN other animals
    - 2. Go upon its BELLY and “eat DUST”: ETERNALLY
    - 3. Affected ALL of man’s DOMINION

- B. The promised SEED (3:15-16)—*Protoevangelium*
  - 1. The SEED of the woman would ultimately DEFEAT the serpent, implying the VIRGIN BIRTH
  - 2. Imposed upon women greater PAIN in CHILDBIRTH and greater SUBJECTION to her HUSBAND
  - 3. Woman would neither SERVE the SERPENT nor CONTROL the MAN
- C. The lifelong SORROW (3:17-20)
  - 1. General curse upon ALL the “GROUND”
  - 2. Four-fold curse upon HUMANITY
    - a. SORROW: continual DISAPPOINTMENT and FUTILITY
    - b. PAIN and SUFFERING
    - c. SWEAT and TEARS
    - d. DEATH to TRIUMPH over all man’s EFFORTS
  - 3. A ray of HOPE in Eve’s name—“MOTHER of all LIVING”
- D. The covering SKINS (3:21)
  - 1. Required DEATH (cf. Heb. 9:22)
  - 2. Provided by GOD
- E. The enforced SEPARATION (3:22-24)
  - 1. A JUST punishment
  - 2. A CRUCIAL lesson
    - a. Without a STRUGGLE, sin ABOUNDS
    - b. Without DEATH, sin SURVIVES and redemption is IMPOSSIBLE
    - c. Without SEPARATION, the NATURE and EFFECTS of sin are not RECOGNIZED
  - 3. An appropriate GUARDIAN (cf. Ex. 25:18-20; Isa. 37:16; Heb. 9:5)