



## In the beginning God.... Leaders Guide Week 9

(Times are approximate) – start time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Welcome

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### Opening prayer

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### Opening Comments –

- We are to the last few verses of Genesis 3 which relate to the consequences of the sin Adam and Eve committed and the effects we still experience today.
- Its not all doom and gloom though.
- Warren Wiersbe summarizes these last verses very well.
- **“The voice of judgment (14,16-19).** God cursed the serpent and the ground, but did not curse Adam and Eve. The consequences of man’s fall are all around us, and we suffer because of them. The ultimate judgment is death. Man can overcome a difficult environment to some extent, but he can do nothing about “the last enemy,” death (1 Cor. 15:26). His only victory over death is through faith in Jesus Christ (John 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 15:57-58).
- **The voice of grace (15, 20-24).** In verse 15, God declared war on Satan and gave the first promise of the Redeemer. Satan would bruise Christ’s heel, but Christ would bruise Satan’s head and defeat him (John 12:31; Col. 2:15).
- Adam believed the promise that his wife would bear children, and his faith saved him. He called her *Eve*, which means “life-giver.” In response to their faith, God shed innocent blood and clothed them. The only way sinners can be saved is by faith in the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:22; Isa. 61:10; Eph. 2:8-9).
- Jesus Christ is “the last Adam” (1 Cor. 15:45-49). The first Adam’s disobedience plunged us into sin, but the Last Adam’s obedience brought salvation (Rom. 5:12-21). The first Adam was a thief and was cast out of Paradise. The Last Adam told a thief he would enter paradise (Luke 23:43). In Adam we die; in Christ we have eternal life.”<sup>1</sup>
- So let’s take a look at these closing verses of chapter 3 of Genesis:

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### Discussion of the Study Lesson – (~50 min) – Weekly theme: The consequences of sin.

#### Day 1: Overview – Read Genesis 3:16-24

1. How would you divide this passage into at least three parts?

- One possible way to divide these verses: **1)** God’s verdict for Eve (3:16); **2)** God’s verdict for Adam 3:17-19); **3)** (God’s promise) Eve would be the mother of all the living (3:20); **4)** Our Triune God sees the need to keep Adam and Eve from the *Tree of Life* (3:22); **5)** The need to shed innocent blood (3:21); **6)** Expulsion from the Garden of Eden (3:22-24).

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2. Of all these verses which one strikes you as the most negative? Why?

- Answers will vary. Be sure to get their reasons for their answers.

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3. Which verse has the most promise in your opinion? Why?

- Answers will vary. Be sure to get their reasons for their answers.

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4. Give the results of God's verdicts for:

- Eve:

- Adam:

- The earth:

- **Eve** – more pain in childbirth; a desire for her husband; her husband (Adam) would rule over her; and looking ahead to 3:19b, she would return to dust (die).
- **Adam** – because of his sin, the ground would be cursed (collateral damage of sin!); he would no longer eat the fruit of the tree but have to work hard and eat from the ground; he would sweat; he would return to dust (die).
- **The earth** – the ground was cursed; grow thorns and thistles; nature will be corrupted.

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**Application 1:** All these things happened as the result of Adam and Eve's choices. What choice(s) are you about to make that need caution? What will you do to help you make the best choice?

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**Day 2: God's verdict for Eve. – Read Genesis 3:16**

1. Identify at least three primary parts to Eve's verdict? Describe each part?

- Some possible parts for Eve's verdict: **1)** Eve/women would have increased pain childbearing (3:16a); **2)** with pain give birth (3:16b); **3)** desire for husband (3:16c); **4)** he will rule over her (3:16d).

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2. Basing your thoughts on 3:16, what are some things Eve lost as a result of her disobedience to God?

- Answers will vary.
- Some possible answers: She would no longer walk in the Garden with God; Her view of Adam is not the same as before the fall when it was perfect; Her relationship with God as she knew it; In fact, now she would desire to flee from Him as they have already demonstrated....

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3. How would you explain God's words, *"I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children."*?

- Some thoughts from various scholars/theologians:

- **From The Expositor's Bible Commentary**, "We should not overlook the relationship between the promise of v. 15 and the words to the woman in v. 16. In that promise the final victory was to be through the "seed" of the woman. In the beginning, when the man and the woman were created, childbirth was at the center of the blessing that their Creator had bestowed on them ("Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth," 1:28). Now, after the Fall, childbirth is again to be the means through which the snake would be defeated and the blessing restored. In the pain of the birth of every child, there was to be a reminder of the hope that lay in God's promise. Birthpangs are not merely a reminder of the futility of the Fall; they are as well a sign of an impending joy"<sup>2</sup>
- **From James Boice**, "...is there any difference between the first part of the judgment (*I will increase your pains in childbearing*) and the second (*with pain you will give birth to children*). This is a parallel construction, of course; it may be only that the second part repeats the first with slight variation. But it may also be that the second part gives a particular example of a more general first statement, the chief idea of that part being an "increase" of trouble in everything having to do with children. This is the only way I (Boice) can understand the word "increase." Is it not rather that the pain associated with children's births will continue in other ways throughout the mother's (and father's) life as these who are now born in sin dishonor their parents and experience in their own lives the consequences of their own disobedience?"<sup>3</sup>
- **From James G. Murphey**, "Sorrow is to be multiplied in her pregnancy, and is also to accompany the bearing of children. This sorrow seems to extend to all the mother's pains and anxieties concerning her offspring. With what solicitude she would long for a manifestation of right feeling toward the merciful God in her children, similar to that which she had experienced in her own breast! What unutterable bitterness of spirit would she feel when the fruits of disobedience would discover themselves in her little ones, and in some of them, perhaps, gather strength from year to year!"<sup>4</sup>

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4. Write the definition for the word "desire." What do you think God means when He says, "*Your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you?*" See also before the fall: Genesis 2:22-25 and the next chapter, Genesis 4:3-7 and note the same word *desire* is used here.

- Webster's – *desire* – conscious impulse toward an object or experience that promises enjoyment or satisfaction in its attainment.
- There are many views and opinions regarding what the word *desire* means and the word *rule*.
- This is one of those disputable matters. God isn't very clear as to what this part of verse 3:16b means so we shouldn't dig in but be open to how the Holy Spirit may be speaking to us and others as long as what is said seems to be in context with Scripture either prior to this passage or those following.
- This is a great quote from Dr. Boice' book. He refers to Genesis 4:7, "(God speaking to Cain) *If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it (sin) desires to have you, but you must master it.*"
- This is not an affirming *desire* but rather a *desire* to destroy.
- A *desire* to keep Cain from a relationship with God.
- With that in mind, take a look at this quote from Susan T. Foh, who writes on the subject "What Is the Woman's Desire?" in an issue of the *Westminster Theological Journal*. She views 3:16b like this, "The woman has the same sort of desire for her husband that sin has for Cain, a desire to possess or control him. This desire disputes the headship of the husband. As the Lord tells Cain what he should do, i.e., master or rule sin, the Lord also states what the husband should do, rule over the wife. The words of the Lord in Genesis 3:16b, as in the case of the battle between sin and Cain, do not determine the victor of the conflict between husband and wife. These words mark the beginning of the battle of the sexes.

As a result of the fall, man no longer rules easily; he must fight for his headship. Sin has corrupted both the willing submission of the wife and the loving headship of the husband. The woman's desire is to control her husband (usurp his divinely appointed headship), and he must master her, if he can. So the rule of love founded in paradise is replaced by struggle, tyranny and domination."<sup>5</sup>

- Here is another quote worth reading from a study of Genesis by Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham's daughter) entitled "God's Story".
- "Every daughter of Eve has felt the consequences of Eve's judgment as God held her accountable for what she had opportunity to know. Since the Garden of Eden, women have suffered literal pain associated with childbirth. The physical labor that preceded the birth of my own children lasted more than twenty-four hours in each instance. Yet as excruciating as the physical pain was, it doesn't touch the emotional pain endured in the process of raising children. Every hurt, disappointment, rejection, failure, pain, or heartache they experienced I experienced to an even greater degree than they did. Eve herself not only knew the pain of childbirth but also the severe emotional pain of watching her first two sons grow up with distinctly different natures that clashed with each other, until her eldest murdered her second born. I wonder how many times she whispered to herself in the black of the night, "If only..."<sup>6</sup>
- These view seems very relevant to what we see today in our society.

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5. How/where do you see God's grace towards Eve in all this?

- Answers will vary.
- Some possible responses to this: His grace was seen in that He didn't destroy her because of her sin; His grace can be seen in that He covered her and understood what they had seen as beautiful was now something that brought disgrace – her and Adam's nakedness; His grace is in the fact that God says she will produce children even though there will be pain (both in delivery and raising them).

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**Application 2:** God demonstrated grace to Eve even though she had to live with the consequences of her sin. In what ways have you see God's grace towards you (even when you sinned)? Encourage someone with that today. It may be a great blessing to them.

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**Day 3: God's verdict for Adam. – Read Genesis 3:17-19**

1. Identify at least three primary parts to Adam's verdict? Describe each part?

- **1)** He must perform painful work; **2)** he must cultivate the land in order to eat – no more just eating fruit from trees; **3)** he would sweat; **4)** he would return to dust – meaning they would die!

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2. Identify at least three primary parts to God's curse of the ground/earth? Describe each part?

- **1)** it would be cursed – Adam/Eve were not cursed, the only other thing cursed was the serpent; **2)** the ground would produce thorns/thistles; **3)** the ground will now absorb man, he will not live forever.

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3. How do you see God's curse of the ground/earth still having effects in our world today? How does this add to the significance of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God?

- Answers will vary.
- In multiple ways, we have no idea what our weather, climate, mountains, and valleys, seas, lakes, etc. would behave like without the curse God placed on the earth.
- It adds to the significance because it is a perfect example of collateral damage caused by one person's sin....

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4. How would you explain the words, "for dust you are and to dust you will return?" Do you believe God having to say this saddened Him? Where has God mentioned death prior to this?

- It seems by God's warning to Adam, that man would live forever because God implied if Adam didn't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he would not die.
- It would seem God would be very saddened by having to make such a pronouncement just as a parent is saddened when they are forced to carry out actions against disobedience.
- Yes, God warned of death in Genesis 2:17

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**Application 3:** God expects us to confess our sins without excuses and He will forgive us. How will thinking about this help you interface with people today?

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### **Day 4: The need to shed innocent blood. – Read Genesis 3:21**

1. What innocent blood did God shed? What do you think is significant about this?

- He killed an animal to provide a skin for them to cover themselves.
- The first animals killed were for the purpose of covering man/woman's nakedness, in effect their shame which did not exist prior to their disobedience.

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2. How does God's sacrifice of an animal for Adam and Eve introduce symbolical sacrifices for sin in the Old and New Testaments? See Exodus 12:21-27; Exodus 29:36-41; Romans 3:21-26

- **Exodus 12:21-27** – this is the story of Passover and placing blood on over the door and on the door posts so they would be protected against losing their first born. The Egyptians lost theirs. Encourage people to read the history.
- **Exodus 29:36-41** – this is another example of sacrificing animals per the Lord's instruction. The innocent blood of animals which should be without blemishes. Just as Jesus was without sin!
- **Romans 3:21-26** – *"But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His*

*forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."*

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3. How is Christ as "*the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*" indirectly symbolized here?

- We can see in Adam that God sacrificed a life for a life.
- The life of an animal was required because of Adam and Eve's sin.
- The life of the animal was sacrificed so Adam would not die because of his new surroundings.
- This is God's grace and mercy in action!
- This is symbolical to the Lamb of God in that the skins covered Adam and Eve's bodies, and Christ's blood covers our sins!

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4. Summarizing the results of Adam and Eve's sin: **1)** Did they sense they needed to cover their nakedness? **2)** Was the covering they made sufficient to withstand the elements of nature and their surroundings which would be outside of Eden? **3)** What do you think is the main point of God intervening for them? **4)** What did their sin cause to happen so they could be covered? **5)** How does the shedding of innocent blood relate to the gospel message? You might want to look up some of these: Matt. 20:28; Eph. 2:13; Heb. 13:12; 1 Jo. 5:6-8; Rev. 1:5-6.

- Some possible responses:
- **1)** Yes, a covering was needed; **2)** The covering Adam and Eve made were insufficient just like when we try to cover our sins by doing good works and our efforts are futile; **3)** This is the main point why God must provide the covering. It is because we can't do it adequately. We have sinned against Him and only He can forgive us for that! **4)** In order for Adam and Eve to be properly covered, an innocent animal had to die. In a similar way in order for us to be covered with righteousness, Jesus had to die for us. **5)** Gospel passages follow:

**Matthew 20:28** – "*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*"

**Ephesians 2:13** – "*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ*"

**Hebrews 13:12** – "*And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore*"

**1 John 5:6-8** – "*This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement*"

**Revelation 1:5-6** – "*and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen*"

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**Application 4:** Jesus Christ having to die for us is not a pleasant thought. His blood was shed for our sins. He didn't have to do that! How will you demonstrate today your appreciation for Him doing that for you?

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### Day 5: Expulsion from Paradise. – Read Genesis 3:22-24

1. Where do you see the Trinity in these verses? What is the concern God had regarding the garden?

- “The man has now become like one of us”
- That Adam and Eve might eat of the *Tree of Life*.

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2. Why do you think it would have been bad if Adam and Eve ate of the *tree of life*?

- If Adam and Eve would have been allowed to live forever, by eating of the “tree of life,” they would have lived as sinners.
- They were to be set free from sin only by a literal death and resurrection.
- James Murphy states it very well, “This is unspeakable mercy here in every respect for the erring race. This present life in the flesh was now tainted with sin, and impregnated with the seeds of the curse, about to spring forth into awful growth of moral and physical evil. It is not worth preserving for itself. It is not in any way desirable that such a dark confusion of life and death in one nature should be perpetuated. Hence there is mercy as well as judgment in the exclusion of man from that tree (*tree of life*) which could have only continued the carnal, earthly, sensual and even devilish state of his being.”<sup>7</sup>
- God’s plan of salvation is in the works and even though being expelled from Paradise seems harsh, in reality it is a merciful act of God.

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3. **1)** Write the definition for *cherubim*. How would you describe *cherubim* from reading Ezekiel 1? **2)** How were *cherubim* used on the Ark of the Covenant in Exodus 25:17-22? **3)** Where did God say He would reside? **4)** What was the *cherubim*’s assignment in the Garden of Eden?

- *This question has four parts, be sure to get answers for all parts.*
- **1) Webster’s:** *cherubim* – a biblical attendant of God or of a holy place often represented as a being with large wings, a human head, and an animal body.
- **Nelson’s:** *cherubim* – winged angelic beings, often associated with worship and praise of God. The cherubim are first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 3:24. According to prophets, cherubim belong to the category of unfallen angels; at one time, however, Satan or Lucifer was a cherub (Ezek. 28:14,16), until he rebelled against God (Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 38:12-19). One of their main responsibilities throughout the Bible is to magnify the holiness and power of God and singing praises to Him.
- **2)** They were on each end of the ark with their wings facing one another and almost touching.
- **3)** He would reside between the *cherubim*.
- **4)** It was assigned to keep Adam and Eve from accessing the *Tree of Life*.

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4. So the question which is often asked, “Why do bad things happen to us?” How would you explain that to someone now that you have studied these three chapters of Genesis?

**Leaders:** *These scriptures are for your support only. If someone should question a reason for our suffering, you can refer to them. This is a good place to spend some time because people often are confused about suffering and the reasons for it.*

- **1)** For God's glorification; **2)** Because of our own sin(s); **3)** So we may see Him working in our personal life; **4)** We may suffer because God loves us enough to discipline us as we do our children; **5)** Because of the sins of others; **6)** We suffer sometimes just because accidents do happen.

### **1) We may be suffering for the glorification of God to others! What a noble cause for suffering!**

- **Job 1:6-12** *"One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD"*

### **2) Much of our suffering is the result of what happened in Genesis 3:1-7. We suffer because of our own sin(s)!**

- **Ezekiel 33:11** *"Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'" (God speaking)*
- **Matthew 23:37** *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." (Jesus speaking)*
- **Luke 13:1-3** *"Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish"*
- This is probably one of our greatest sources of suffering.
- Our own sins that we know we have committed.
- Guilt (sometimes caused by Satan/demons) rides us like a bicycle at times.
- Our accuser will remind us of our sins and cause doubts as to our "goodness" and/or "forgiveness."
- **Galatians 6:7** *"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows"*
- **2 Peter 3:9** *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance"*

### **3) So we can see God working in our own life (and others see it too and He is glorified!).**

- **John 9:1-3** *"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life"*

### **4) We may suffer because God loves us so much that He disciplines us as is necessary for us to do with our children.**

- **Hebrews 12:7-8, 11** *"Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are*

*illegitimate children and not true sons” and “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”*

- **1 Peter 5:10** *“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.”*

### 5) We may suffer because of the sins of others.

- **2 Samuel 11:2-4, 14-17** *“One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her” **and** *“In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, “Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.” So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died”**
- This is an extreme case because Uriah was innocent, didn't know what his wife and David were doing.
- He was killed because of their sin.
- This is probably our second greatest cause for suffering, the sins of others.
- Most likely, we have all experienced this at some time or another.
- When we become collateral damage as a result of someone else's sin(s).
- Some examples: drunk drivers, men who abuse their wives, when teenagers decide they are mature and get pregnant, both families are slapped with the collateral damage of their sin.
- It seems people often look to blame God when in reality, it is all because of the fall that we have been studying.
- People are sinners, always have been since the fall of Adam and Eve, and always will be until Jesus Christ returns.

### 6) We may suffer because of accidental situations.

- **Numbers 35:9-11** *“Then the LORD said to Moses: “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, select some towns to be your cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone accidentally may flee””*
- For example, you are going through an intersection and someone hits ice they didn't see and crash into you.
- This is not because of sin but because of physics and something unforeseen with the driver that hit you.
- How many times have we almost caused an accident and we certainly didn't do it on purpose.
- And it doesn't happen because we are sinning at the time. That's why it is called an accident!
- However, we should think about it and determine what God might want to teach us before we just dismiss it.
- He is in the business of taking bad situations and turning them into something very profitable if we just do a bit of investigation of ourselves at times.

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**Application 5:** What have you learned from this Genesis study that you will put into practice every day? How will you stay in that discipline? What is your plan?

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### Closing Comments

- We have discussed some very important topics: God’s judgment, His grace, God tells of the future relationship that Adam and Eve, as well people today, we’ve seen some reasons that we suffer today.
- Prior to the fall, everything was perfect for man and woman.
- It seems easy to determine that God’s original plan for man and woman was for them to live eternally with Him and He would walk and talk with them.
- However, they were given “free will” and chose to attempt to be like God.
- But we see God’s grace in that He promised a Redeemer some day for all people who would believe in Him (the Redeemer – Jesus Christ).
- Hopefully, when someone refers to God being the cause of bad things happening, or not being powerful enough to stop them, or just not caring, you all will be able to do some explaining that might help them see that they have a wrong picture of God and of man!

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### Closing Prayer

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<sup>1</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, “With the Word The Chapter-by-Chapter Bible Handbook,” Nelson Publishing, 1991, ISBN 0-8407-9213-1, ppg. 16-17

<sup>2</sup> “The Expositor’s Bible Commentary”, Zondervan Reference Software, Version 2.6, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Dr. James Montgomery Boice, “Genesis Volume 1 Creation and Fall Genesis 1-11,” Baker Publishing, 1998, ISBN 0-8010-1161-2, pg. 221

<sup>4</sup> James G. Murphy, “Barnes Notes Genesis,” Baker Publishers, 1983, ISBN 0-8010-0835-2, pg. 125

<sup>5</sup> Susan T. Foh, “What Is the Woman’s Desire?” *Westminster Theological Journal* 37 (spring 1975) 376-83. Quotation from pages 381-28

<sup>6</sup> "God's Story, by Anne Graham Lotz, 1997, 1999. W Publishing Group (A division of Thomas Nelson, Inc.) ISBN: 0-8499-1531 ISBN: 0-8499-3758-2 (tp), pgs. 88-89.

<sup>7</sup> James G. Murphy, “Barnes Notes Genesis,” Baker Publishers, 1983, ISBN 0-8010-0835-2, pg. 142