



In the beginning God.... Study Lesson Week 9

Week's Aim: The consequences of sin.

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?
2. Of all these verses which one strikes you as the most negative? Why?
3. Which verse has the most promise in your opinion? Why?
4. Give the results of God's verdicts for:
 - Eve:
 - Adam:
 - The earth:

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?

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?
2. Basing your thoughts on 3:16, what are some things Eve lost as a result of her disobedience to God?
3. How would you explain God's words, "*I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children.*"?
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.
5. How/where do you see God's grace towards Eve in all this?

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.

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?

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

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?

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

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?

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

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?