

Study Questions:
“The Curse and the Cubicle” Part 3
Genesis 3:8-19

- 1) The serpent used what was called the “*three manipulations*” in order to persuade Eve to go against the Lord’s desire (*stated in the sermon*). What are they? (cf. Genesis 3:1, 4, 5) Why were they so manipulative? What exactly is said about the serpent in Genesis 3:1 and how does this bear upon his mode of operation? Do you think Eve knew he was manipulative before she began the conversation with him?
- 2) Why would the serpent spend time trying to deceive the first humans? What was in it for him in getting Adam and Eve to disobey the Lord? (**READ** Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:17-18; Luke 4:5-8)
- 3) **READ** Genesis 3:7. What change came over Adam and Eve after they ate from the forbidden tree? Was what the Lord said to the first couple in Genesis 2:17 true? **EXPLAIN** the impact of death^{1,2} on the human race. In what way did they die? Quickly **READ** Romans 5:6-6:23 (Note the number of times you see the word(s) **death/die(d)**). What connection is there between death and the human race according to Paul?
- 4) The disobedience of Adam and Eve created a disruption in relationship between God and people, people and people, and people and the animal population. How are these relationships disrupted? What struggles do you personally have in each of these areas?
- 5) God held each of the individuals involved in the disobedience accountable for their actions. **READ** Genesis 3:14-19. Who did the LORD God have the

¹ **Death.** Death is the cessation of life. Humans are subject to physical death as well as a second spiritual death unless redeemed in Christ. Those without Christ are considered dead (spiritually) even while physically living...The Bible portrays death as having entered the world as a consequence of eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:17–3:4; Rom 6:23). Man and beast both die (Eccl 3:19), death is appointed for all the living (Job 30:23), and all creation is in bondage to destruction (Rom 8:21), but death will ultimately be overcome by the power of God (Isa 25:8; 1 Cor 15:26, 54; Rev 20:14) (Lexham Theological Workbook)

² **Spiritual death.** A condition in this life of alienation from God because of sin. It leads ultimately to the “second death”, the permanent separation of unbelievers from God. (Dictionary of Bible Themes)

most to say about them in this condemnations? Why do you think the Lord had so much to say to them?

- 6) According to Scripture, is work ³ a blessing or a curse? What exactly was the curse on Adam? Cite Scripture in determining your answer. Do you think your work is a blessing or a curse? How does your work honor the Lord? Does all work honor the Lord? (explain your answer). In what ways can you now honor the Lord given your knowledge about work's place in the life of the human race and especially the believer?

³ "We live in a fallen, broken world and we cannot expect life without toil. We were made for work, but in this life that work is stained by all that was broken that day in the Garden of Eden. This too is often the result of failing to respect the limits God sets for our relationships, whether personal, corporate, or social. The Fall created alienation between people and God, among people, and between people and the earth that was to support them. Suspicion of one another replaced trust and love. In the generations that followed, alienation nourished jealousy, rage, even murder. All workplaces today reflect that alienation between workers—to greater or lesser extent—making our work even more toilsome and less productive." (Theology of Work Bible Commentary)