

First Baptist Church
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“The Basics of Suffering in a sin-sick World”
Genesis 3:14-19

I. Message

a. The curse of sin on humanity – v.15

- i. Now there is perpetual enmity between Satan and humanity (the seed of the woman)
 1. Satan probably thought he had succeeded in bringing mankind into his side of the fight against God
 2. But God corrects him – you and humanity will be in conflict!
 3. Some will fully embrace Satan
 4. John 8:44 “Ye are of your father the devil...”
 5. But many will return to God and learn to hate Satan
 6. But those that are redeemed will always be in conflict with evil
 7. Revelation 12:17
 8. 1 Peter 5:8-9
- ii. Interesting note – there is some grace for humanity
 1. The curse on Satan (not discussed in detail) is fatal
 2. In the end, the seed of the woman (Jesus) wins

b. The curse of sin on women – v.16

- i. Sorrow in childbearing (difficulty, hardship, suffering)
 1. Child-bearing takes women to the brink of death
 - a. But birthing is just the beginning of sorrows!
 - b. That cute baby, once born, is going to sin
 - c. And in some ways, every mother watches as sin slowly destroys the lives of her children
 - d. This is why Paul encouraged the older women in Titus 2:4
 - e. The two relationships in which she **hopes** to find the greatest joy!
 2. But moms, you can have a part in softening the curse
 - a. 1 Timothy 2:13-15 “
 - b. Jesus can minimize the curse!

- ii. 2nd part of the curse on women – Resistance to husband
 - 1. Best translations capture this: “Their desire will be to control their husbands”: more conflict due to sin
 - 2. She’s going to have desires and dreams in life that aren’t going to be fulfilled, because her husband does not have a perfect love for her like he should
 - 3. So, she pushes back
 - a. Sinfully, she wants to control the family money
 - b. Sinfully, she wants to control the physical relationship
 - c. Sinfully, she wants to be in charge
 - d. And it creates even more conflict at home
 - 4. But as with in child-bearing...
 - a. There is hope
 - b. It is found in Jesus alone!
 - i. If the husband is sacrificially loving and
 - ii. The wife is submitting as unto the Lord (as an act of obedient worship)
 - iii. Your marriage CAN work, even under the curse
- iv. Again, living in Jesus softens the curse**

c. The curse of sin on men – v.17-19

- i. Adam listened to her desires and disregarded God’s and there have been dire consequences
 - 1. He begins to die immediately, but God’s grace and mercy postpone his death
 - a. It is not HIS death that he will notice first
 - b. It is the death of goodness in creation
- ii. Difficulty in providing (sweat, labor, work and toil)
- iii. Exhaustion in labor
 - 1. Psalm 90:10
 - 2. Ecclesiastes 2:22-23
 - 3. But even work can be redeemed in Christ (BTW, praise God if you enjoy your job, that is a blessing!)
 - i. Titus 2:9
 - ii. Colossians 3:22-24

d. The curse of sin removed by Christ – Genesis 3:15

- i. Humans have been trying to hold back the curse for millennia
 1. Through science, through social reforms, through industry
 2. **But Jesus is the only way to completely expel it**
- ii. **No more curse** – Revelation 22:1-5
 1. **New and eternal life w/o the curse** – Romans 8:11-21
 2. **New earth without the curse** – Revelation 21:1-4

II. Conclusions

- a. Today we saw 3 broad sources of suffering (difficulty)
- b. This happened because A/E turned away from God in disobedience
- c. But what will YOU do today? (2 options)
 - i. Hate sin (and its consequences), getting it right ASAP?
 1. **1 John 1:9**
 2. **Romans 5:17**
 - ii. Or embrace sin, blame God, and deal with the full weight of the curse without Christ?
 1. This pushes you AWAY from, not toward, God
 2. **2 Corinthians 1:9-11**