

Genesis 3

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Genesis 3:14 - 19.....Consequences.

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

To the woman He said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you 'You must not eat of it', cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return"

Here are the latest results.....

Everything we do causes something to happen. It may or may not be what we planned, but something happens. If Andy Murray hits a tennis ball with his racket it probably soars over the net, lands where he aimed it and he may well win the match. If I hit a tennis ball with my racket, it flies off somewhere but it is very lucky if it goes anywhere near where I planned it to go. If it flies over the fence and through next door's greenhouse window, breaking the glass, that is a direct consequence of my action.

"I didn't mean it" I say, but I did it, "I'm sorry".

Ok, so I have to repair it.

Last time we said sorry to God for things we have done wrong. Because we said sorry, we can be sure of several things.....what? See these verses:

Psalm 103:12

1 John 1:9

Psalm 51:1,2

Psalm 51:9

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So, if God is ready to forgive, is that the end of it? No, because though we are forgiven, the results still carry on.

Horatio was playing with his golf club. He hit the ball hard just as Mr Kilpatrick came up the path. It hit him right in the chest, and broke a rib.

Horatio said sorry next day when he visited Mr Kilpatrick in hospital. Mr Kilpatrick smiled and forgave him. But he still had a broken rib.....

Think What are the results of things you have done recently. Is there anything you can do to put things right?

More Results.....

Look again at the passage (verses 14 to 19). Make a list of all the things God said would happen because of the sin of these two people.

What would happen to Adam and Eve themselves?

Sidelight

Because of their sin there were curses that would come on the earth and on all human beings that have been born since Adam and Eve.

The Good News that comes later in the Bible is that all of these have been cancelled out. For instance, Colossians chapter 2 verses 13 and 14 say (God) forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

In order to understand the reasons Jesus came to die for us we need to understand passages like Genesis chapter 3, but we should never fall into the trap of reading about curses in the Old Testament and then going around shouting "We are doomed! Doomed!" - there is Good News and that is what we need to go around shouting!

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What would happen to all people since the time of Adam and Eve?

What would happen to nature

A sign of Hope.....

There is one, just one, here.

Look at **verse 15** - the last line of the first paragraph of the Bible passage for this session.

There is the first glimmer of a prophecy about what God would do in the future.

What does it say?

It's a prophecy, one that eventually (thousands of years after Genesis chapter 3) Jesus fulfilled.



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