

“The Curse and the Covering”

Genesis: The Gospel from the Beginning
Genesis 3:16-24 – Message 9

Central Truth: The same God that cursed His creation provides redemption for His creation as His grace is present even amid His judgement.

I. The Curse as Applied to the Woman (3:16).

1. Pain in pregnancy and childbirth (3:16a).
2. Struggle to submit to her husband’s headship (3:16b).

II. The Curse as Applied to the Man (3:17-19).

1. The Reason for the Curse (3:17a).
 - a. Failure to exercise headship.
 - b. Failure to obey God’s command.
2. The Pronouncement of the Curse (3:17b-19)
 - a. Creation corrupted.
 - b. Labor turned toilsome.
 - c. Physical death promised.

III. The Covering as Applied by God (3:20-24).

1. God’s Provision Amid Judgement (3:20-21).
 - a. Hope in the seed of the woman.
 - b. The first sacrifice and atonement.
2. God’s Protection Amid Judgement (3:22-24).

Scriptures of the Week

“...without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (*Heb. 9:22*).

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins” (*Heb. 10:4*).

“Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God” (*Heb. 10:11-12*).