

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD LESSON 1b

[Read Genesis 3:1-7]

Man was created for relationship with God, but sin separated man from God. Relationship with God brings life and blessing, but sin brought curses and death.

I. SIN BROUGHT SEPARATION FROM GOD AND CURSES UPON MANKIND:

[Read Genesis 3:9–19]

1. The woman was cursed with pain in childbearing.
2. The man was cursed with hard work and toil.
3. The ground and the Earth was cursed.
 - a. Thorns
 - b. Venom
 - c. Poisons
 - d. Decay

II. GOD PROMISES REDEMPTION THROUGH THE SEED OF A WOMAN:

Genesis 3:14-15 (KJV 1900)

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This is the first prophesy concerning Jesus Christ.

The Savior would be born of a virgin:

Isaiah 7:14 (KJV 1900)

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.

The Savior would be made of a woman:

Galatians 4:4 (KJV 1900)

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

III. GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE COATS OF SKIN:

Genesis 3:21 (KJV 1900)

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

1. This is a record of the first animal sacrifice of the Bible.
 - a. The payment for sin is death:

Romans 6:23 (KJV 1900)

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- b. Blood is required to atone for sin: (Life is in the blood)

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV 1900)

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

2. Animals sacrifices could not atone for human sin:

Hebrews 10:4 (KJV 1900)

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

3. This event foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus and illustrates a great doctrine of the Bible – The Doctrine of Substitution

1 Peter 1:18–19 (KJV 1900)

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

IV. CAIN & ABEL - TWO APPROACHES TO GOD.

[Read Genesis 4:1–7]

1. Cain's Sacrifice:
 - a. Fruits and vegetables
 - b. The work of his hands
 - c. Approaching God on our own terms.
2. Abel's Sacrifice:
 - a. Firstling of his flock.
 - b. The blood of an innocent lamb.
 - c. Approaching God on His terms.