

Major Event: FALL

Lesson 2: God's Curse

Scriptures: Genesis 3

Central Text: Gen. 3:9-24

Suggested Subjects:

Consequences of rebellion, God's grace warning prior to judgment (2:17), God's faithfulness despite man's faithlessness (2 Tim. 2:13), Shame for disobedience.

Suggested attributes:

- 1 Of God: Veracity, Immutability, Faithfulness
- 2 Of Man: cowardice, blame shifting

Suggested Home Study:

Operation of conscience- Prov. 28:1; God seeks us- Ps. 14:1-3; We don't seek God- Rom. 3:10-12; God's Word as True-2 Tim. 3:16,17; God's love- Rom. 5:8, 8:1, 8:38,39; Eph. 2:8,9; God's final grace in ending curse and death- Rev. 21:1-6

Notes: Review 1. Command (verbal) in 2:17 and compare to rebellion in 3:6. 2. Shame- compare 2:25 to 3:7. 3. Consequences of spiritual and eventual physical death- compare 2:17 with Romans 6:23. Notice that Genesis begins with God evaluating His creation as "very good" in 1:31 and ends with Joseph's death in Gen. 50:26. Notice God approaches Adam and woman while they are fleeing (3:9). God asks a series of questions designed to elicit truthful confession. Notice again that the entire passage focuses on language. God is the only one at the end to tell the whole truth. Man and woman evade responsibility before God. Man even blames God. God curses because of His Veracity. Notice God's love in promising a deliverer in the midst of curse- 3:15. Human rebellion led to curse of creation that was to be subdued under their authority 2:15 cf. 3:18 and immediate death of animals for coverings -3:21. God drove humans from garden in both judgment and mercy- 3:22.