



The Consequences of Sin Part III: Breakdown of Relationships

Introduction: The study before us will focus on the breakdown of relationships between God and man; God and the world; man and woman; humanity and the world; and finally man and the serpent. Immediately upon man sinning in the garden, everything changed.

Instructions: Read Genesis 3:11-19.

Activity: Taking the entire portion of Scripture into consideration, answer the following questions.

Note: Feel free to cross reference with other passages throughout Scripture to answer the following questions, but be sure that verses quoted are cited and explained in context. In other words, DO NOT PROOF TEXT.

1. How did man's relationship change with God on the following (use cross references to further expand what the Bible says about the list below):

a. Commandments: _____

b. Personal
Responsibility: _____

c. Spiritual
Judgement: _____

2. How did man and woman's relationship change on the following levels:

a. Spiritual: _____

b. Emotional: _____

c. Mental _____

b. Physical _____

Note: What is the idea of blessing and cursing?

- Blessing or *to bless*: has the basic idea is to fill with benefits.
 - Blessing of an object can be the end to itself (the object alone is blessed).
 - Blessing of an object can also be from which blessings flow to others (the object blessed becomes a source of blessing to others).
- Cursing or *to curse*: has the idea of the object being insignificant or contemptible in the sight of God and/or man.
 - Cursing of an object can be to pronounce a judgment on the object
 - Cursing of an object can be to signify the removal / extraction of the blessing(s) that had once been given.

Regarding the understanding of blessing and curses,

1. How did the world's relationship change with God?

2. How did God's relationship change with man? Did God curse or bless the man as a result of sin? In other words, did God use the words, "Cursed is man?" Before answering the question, look up Genesis 4:11 and compare the language of God's pronouncement of judgement upon Cain with God's pronouncement of judgment upon Adam in 3:17-19.

3. How did man's relationship change with the world?

