

DOMINATION NOT CO-OPERATION!
GENESIS CH3:8-20

ILLUSTRATION

1. Hang on in there!
2. Hit the sack!
3. It's not rocket science!
4. Let someone off the hook!
5. Pass the buck!

GOD SEEKS! V8-13

The Garden in Eden was the special place on earth where God would be! Eden contained the garden of God's presence! V8 is not that "God came down" but was in the Garden, you could say it was His earthly Palace, the garden of the Lord (Genesis Ch13:10 the garden in Eden is called "the garden of the Lord", and in Isaiah Ch51:3 + Ezekiel Ch28:13 "the garden of God"). Moses wants his readers to see the deliberate link with the Cherubim (Ch3:24) and the Cherubim in the Tabernacle and Temple, in the Holy of Holies, covering the Ark of the Lord! They are the Lord's guardians!

Man and woman on hearing the sound of the Lord, hide! Hiding from the presence of their creator! He knows that they are hiding in their rebellious state, but seeks them out, taking the initiative, calling out!!

God then goes through a number of questions, 3 in total, that reveal more of the state of the human's rebellious hearts!! Neither human being is willing to take full responsibility for their rebellion, and "pass the buck" so to speak, blaming others! The man blames both woman and God (v12) and the woman blames the serpent (v13)!

VICTIMHOOD in God's eyes is nothing new!

GOD CURSES! 14-19

Initially in the Garden of the Lord, perfect paradise, especially in relationships! But sin has consequences! The newly married couple will now experience PAIN!

1. **Pain** and conflict from, **WAR!** (Genesis Ch3:15)
2. **Pain** for Eve in regards to her particular area of responsibility. (Gen Ch3:16)
3. **Pain** and conflict between both man and woman. Eve, under the curse, Genesis Ch3:16 "Your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you." Desire, translated from the Hebrew word "Teshuqah", to conquer, to rule, to oppose. For Adam, his rule, now under the curse, would be a ruling using greater power, or force or strength!! Taken

from the Hebrew word "mashal" used in military terms.

4. **Pain** for Adam in regards to his particular area of responsibility. (Gen Ch3:17-19)

And dust! Ordinary earth dust! Why from dust? Remember? It is a sign of frustration and judgement – Satan is told by God that he will eat dust all the days of his life, not literally eating dust, **it is a clear sign in Ch3:14 of Satan's defeat and humiliation! It is also a** sign of Death – God tells Adam in Gen Ch3:16, "... for dust you are and to dust you shall return." Death was on Job's mind a lot (Ch7:21; 17:16; 20:11; 21:26) when he said "I will soon lie down in the dust, you will search for me, but I will be no more."

This along with Ch4:11 is the only time God curses in the Bible!

GOD'S GRACE! V20

But judgement by God is always grace centred, fair, just, appropriate and godly! Ch3:15 **"he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel"**, the first reference to the Saviour, the Christ, the Messiah, who will defeat Satan, defeat sin and conquer death!

Adam holds on to this promise from God by demonstrating trust and faith in God! How? Look at what he calls his wife, who as yet, has not given birth to any children. Eve! "The mother of all living". Adam is acting in faith on the promise of God. There will be a future child who will defeat evil! What a way to finish this section, taking God at His Word and acting on it!

APPLICATION

1. God cannot sin, as sin is in complete contradiction to God. (Deut Ch32:4)
2. We should never blame God for sin. (James Ch1:13)
3. God somehow ordained that sin would come into the world! (Ephesians Ch1:11)
4. God allowed Adam and Eve, to choose! (Gen Ch2:17)
5. Demons did not start out as evil. (Gen Ch1:31)
6. Sometime between Demons being created and the temptation of Eve, they fell! Jesus said "I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven". (Luke Ch10:18)
7. Isaiah Ch14:12 and Ezekiel Ch28:11-19 also tell of Satan's fall. Satan is the originator of sin, having sinned before he deceived Eve by his cunning (2 Cor Ch11:3)
8. When Adam and Eve sinned by eating from the tree that God had told Adam not to eat from, their **nature became sinful**. Sin became something that Adam did naturally. Adam's sin, caused us to inherit a sinful nature!
9. ***But remember the promise Ch3:15***