

## **THE CURSE OF THE WOMAN**

Because of Eve's participation in the violation of the Edenic Law of Gen.2:17, a three-fold [arar] curse was pronounced upon her and womanhood (Gen.3:16).

"And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression."  
(1 Tim.2:14)

**This lesson will study five aspects of the Curse on Woman.**

### **1. We will begin by examining the three-fold [arar] curse by the following three homiletical points.**

**NOTE:** Pay special attention to the point that the three-fold [arar] curse upon the woman is based on her becoming a wife and a mother. Remember that an [arar] curse stands in opposition to a divine blessing.

- **Labor pain:**
  - (Gen.1:28) "I will greatly multiply your pain in **childbirth**, in pain you shall bring forth children." (Gen.3:16a) [motherhood] (absolute infinitive) (Gen.9:1, 7)
- **Love pain:**
  - (Gen.3:16b) "Yet your desire shall be for your **husband**." [wife] (Gen.2:18, 23)
- **Leader pain:**
  - (Gen.3:16c) "And he (**husband**) shall rule over you (wife).

It is extended indirectly to all women from menstruation to menopause.

### **2. The wife lost her ruler status of (Gen.1:28) because of her participation in the violation. (Gen.2:17).**

(Gen.1:28) "God blessed them; and God said **to them**, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and **rule over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" [Before Adam's Original Sin]

#### **Doctrinal application of her lost of ruler Paul states status to the church:**

(1 Tim.2:11) "But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet."

"Paul is not saying that Adam was blameless (Rom.5:12-21) but that Eve being deceived and taking leadership from Adam are reasons for women not assuming the office of Pastor Teacher. This office in the church involved authoritative teaching of doctrine." (NAS, 1 Tim.2:14) (1 Tim. 3:1-7; 1 Cor.14:34-36)

#### **Older Christian women do have a ministry:**

(Titus 2:3-5): "Encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the Word of God will not be dishonored." (Titus 2:5) (Eph.5:22, 24, 33; Col.3:18; Rom.7:2-3)

**3. As a result of the [arar] curse on the woman, copulation becomes a bitter-sweet experience in life.**

Before Adam's Original Sin (AOS), copulation was considered recreation. After AOS and the [arar] curse, copulation became procreation as well as recreation.

The bitter is menstruation, pregnancy, and birth (Gen.3:16; Isa.64:6).

(Prov.17:25) "A foolish son is grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him." (Isa.49:15)

The sweet is child and menopause:

(John 16:21) "Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world."

**4. As a result of the [arar] curse on woman, she was classified as unclean under the Levitical Law during her menstruation period and childbirth (Lev.12; 15:19-33; 18:19; 20:18).**

Levitical purification required the blood of "Shadow Christology" (Lev.12:6-8). Under the Old Covenant (OC), Mary was required to go through this purification rite (Luke 2:21-24).

Because Jesus Christ is the end of the Levitical "Shadow Christology" Law, Church Age Believers (CAB) do not participate in any part of the Levitical Law rites. (Acts 10-11; Rom.10:4; Gal.3:13; Col.2:16-23).

What Eve lost, Mary [The mother of Jesus] couldn't recover apart from the blood of God's Son (Matt.1:20-25; Luke 1:31-35).

Only Jesus Christ can redeem the human race from the curse of AOS. (John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:19; 1 John 2:2; Eph.1:7).

**5. It was divinely decreed that the woman's place of "cursing" would become the place of "blessing" by bringing forth the Savior of the world (1 Tim.2:14-15).**

- Adam was the father of all dying (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).
- Eve was the mother of all living (Gen.3:20; 3:15-16).

(Gal.4:4) "But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, **born of a woman**, born under the Law." (Gal.4:4-7)

(1 Tim.2:15) "But women will be preserved (sozo / f.p.ind.3ps) through bearing of children **if** (3cc / maybe they will, maybe they wont) they continue (meno) (a.a.subj 3pl) in (en+loc of sphere) faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint."

There are three important lessons to the **spiritually advancing believer** of the woman's curse of pain of childbirth.

- Pain of childbirth is a **reminder** of AOS and of Eve's participation in AOS.
- It is a **reminder** that the child is in need of spiritual birth salvation (John 3:1-8; Titus 3:5-7; John 5:24).
- It is also a **reminder** that our Savior came into the world through motherhood (1 Tim.2:14-15).