

## **THE CURSE UPON MANKIND**

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletical points.

- The Cause (Gen.3:17a) Voice of wife
- The Curse (Gen.3:17b) Violation of Edenic Law (Gen.2:17)
- The Consequences (Gen.3:17c-19) Vocation for life time

**This lesson will study seven aspects of the Curse on Man resulting from AOS (Adam's Original Sin).**

### **1. The [arar] curse was used to show the loss or alternation of a divinely decree blessing of Creation.**

The arar curse placed upon man instituted another divine change of the heavens and earth because of Adam's Original Sin (AOS).

**There were four factors regarding the change.**

- It started with the original perfect creation of Gen.1:1.
- It was changed by the Fall of Satan (Isa.14:12-15). It became void and formless (Gen.1:2; Isa.45:18)
- Then God restored the heavens and the earth for the dwelling of mankind (Gen.1:3-31) (Day 6) (Gen.1:24-31) (Gen.2:8).
- AOS resulted in an arar curse on the heavens and earth until the Second coming of Christ (Gen.3:17-19; Heb.1:10-12; Rom.8:18-25).

### **2. The cause of the curse on man was pronounced by God as being two-fold.**

- (Gen.3:17a) “**Because** you have listen (shama / kal pf) to the voice of your wife and have eaten (akal / kal impf) from the tree about which I commanded.” (Gen.2:17; 2 Cor.11:3; 1 Tim.2:14) (Ps.95:7-8; Heb.3:7)
- The curse on man (Gen.3:17-19) is different then the judgment of Gen.2:17 –“Dying you shall die” (Rom.5:12-21).

### **3. The Curse upon the ground (earth) was connected to the curse upon man.**

(Gen.3:17-19) “Cursed (arar/ kal peptic) is the ground (ha adamah) because of you (painful toil, all the days of your life, thorns and thistles, and sweat) **until** you return to the ground.”

The arar curse upon the ground is decreed until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Rom.8:18-25) (Creation).

Only God can change arar cursing into a divine blessing. (Heb.6:7-8; Eccl.3:9-10) (Prov.14:23; 2Thess.3:10-12).

**4. The Calendar of the curse on man is stated as “All the days of your life” and “until you return to the ground.” (Gen.3:17, 19) It is both personal and historical.**

The calendar illustrates the doctrinal concept of “dying you shall die.” For example, the life of Adam after his fall was 930 years and then he died physically. (Gen.5:5).

**5. The Challenge of the curse on man is to make a living out of a hostile environment.**

(Gen.3:18) “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you shall eat the plants of the fields.”

Jesus used this doctrinal concept in two parables:

- (Matt.13:1-9) [Sower] Thorny ground choked out the plants.
- (Matt.13:22) [Sower] Worries of life and deceitfulness of wealth choked out fruitfulness)
- (Matt.13:24-30) [Tares] Sons of evil one (Matt.13:38).

**6. The Certainty of sweating out a living is the result of the curse on man.**

(Gen.3:19) “By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread till you return to the ground.”

Solomon said that to think it something more is “chasing the wind” (Eccl.2:17-26)

(Eccl.2:17) “So I hated life, because the work that is grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”

(Col.3: 23) “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.”

“Until death do you part,” could be a motto of this doctrinal concept. Retirement or unemployment does not abort or alter the arar curse on man.

**7. The Cemetery is the one piece of ground that ends the curse on man.**

(Gen.3:19) “Till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Death has the final word on this subject because of Gen.2:17.

(Eccl.3:20) “All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return.” (Ps.103:14-17)

(Eccl.12:7) “And the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.”

(Eccl.2:24-25 “A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment.” (Eccl.5:18-19)