

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put enmity between
you and the woman,
and between your offspring
and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

The Promise of Help

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In the midst of the Fall, our not trusting God to have our best in mind, God pronounces judgement. Yet, because He deeply loves us, He also offers the HOPE for our salvation.

The curse of the serpent. The Promise of Help.

- The serpent will have limited power of influence.
- The serpent and Eve will experience hostility towards one another.
- The serpent's offspring and Eve's offspring will be constantly fighting each other.
- One of Eve's offspring will destroy the Serpent.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Notes:

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What does it mean?

1. What is the big idea of Genesis 1? Genesis 2? Genesis 3?
2. Who has Moses indicated the serpent to be? Explain
3. Who is God cursing in v14 and how should we understand its implications?
4. What does the term “enmity” mean?
5. Between what parties is there enmity, as suggested in this text?
6. Who is ultimately responsible for the hostility between the offspring of the Serpent and the offspring of Eve?
7. Who is the woman’s seed? Is this physical or spiritual descendants or both?
8. What does Moses indicate in this passage about Eve’s seed? What impact would he had hoped this would have on his readers?
9. How would you paraphrase Genesis 3:14-15?

How does it apply?

1. If we read Genesis 3:15 as a preview of the Jesus coming into the world as one of us, planned even before the foundation of the world, what confidence and trust can we have in the sovereign plan of God in our everyday circumstances?
2. Do you see Satan as a real enemy? In what way can we see the resemblance in the lie told to Eve, and his ever-tempting adversary, continuously tempting us to not trust God?
3. How do we react given the conflict between the serpent’s seed and the women’s seed? How do we respond to the brokenness around us?