

## **Genesis 3:14-20** **Curses and Rebukes**

### **Introduction:**

As we examine the results of the fall of man instigated by Satan we see the punishment is not equal upon God's creatures but it is just. The curses upon the serpent (Satan) are severe whereas the rebukes upon Adam and Eve have in its sentence the tone of mercy. God delights in mercy to man who is made in His image. There is no mercy for the Tempter, his doom is sure. (Leupold's comment)

### **I. Curses Upon the Serpent – v.14-15**

#### **A. It will crawl on its belly – Lev. 11:42**

#### **B. The Serpent will eat the dust of the ground – Isa. 11:8; Micah 7:17**

#### **C. The first Gospel – v.15**

1. What is true with nature of the gospel is that God takes the initiative to save His people.
2. Satan's offspring – John 8:44; I John 3:8
3. Christ shall crush the serpent's head and the serpent will merely bruise Christ's heel. – Rom. 16:20; Rev. 12:11

### **II. Rebukes Upon Adam and Eve – v.16**

#### **A. The Woman – v.16**

1. There will be pain in her pregnancy and childbirth – Gen. 2:17 cf. 3:16; Mark 2:17
2. Eve denounces her subordinate role – v.16; Eph. 5:22,25

#### **B. Adam – v. 17-20**

1. The curse is upon the ground of which Adam is made.
2. Inevitable death – v.19
3. Adam names his wife, Eve – v. 20; I Cor. 11:8-12; Gal. 3:28