

## E2E: Pt. 7c—Curse & Consequence

### Genesis 3

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1. God's promise in verse 15 sends Adam & Eve out with a sense of hope in the midst of their lost paradise. (Genesis 3:15)
2. The issue humans will now face from this point forward is fundamental to human existence; How will I become right with God if I'm separated?
3. Genesis 3:16 indicates God's design didn't change, male and female will join for life, create one flesh & care for children. The change is that there is now physical pain and death.
4. Eve's internal change is that there is now some form of biological & anatomical alteration – her pain will increase in childbirth.
5. Eve's external change is that sin forever taints her relationships. She is still Adam's wife and partner, but her position to Adam has changed.
6. Eve's desire will be that Adam will rule and lead her spiritually, at the same time fighting against the flesh to rule him. God's purpose in this is a constant reminder that we need the promised one to make all things new.
7. Adam was not deceived like Eve, he chose to disobey and heed his wife's voice over the voice of God. As the head of the human race, he is held most responsible. (Genesis 3:17-18)
8. The ground that was under mankind's care in the garden, the source of joy & life, now becomes the source of pain. He is now subordinate to the dirt. (Genesis 3:19)
9. Adam exercises faith & hope when he names Eve. He is looking ahead to the life that his wife will bring forth. In naming her, he's directly saying that he believes God, that there will be a future. (Genesis 3:20)

# HEBREW WORDS

**Pikraino**, (pik-rah'-ee-no); — be (make) bitter

## QUOTES

"We have lost our ability to know we have lost our ability" – **John Calvin 1560**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is challenging to you about what Mark taught? Where do you maybe feel God is wanting you to adjust your beliefs, actions, or desires as a result?

Mark said that the consequences God outlined for Adam & Eve are calculated to keep humans in a place of direct remembrance of their choices. Knowing that God's plan/commitment is to bring restoration and renewal to Adam & Eve, and all humanity...

- How do you think God wanted Adam & Eve to understand or see him in light of the consequences he laid out for them?

- Are there any choices you've made in the past that you are still experiencing the negative consequences of?

- How has your view of God been influenced by those consequences?

- As a man or woman, how have you possibly misunderstood or misapplied these "curse" passages in the past? How could this understanding change you?