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CURSE UPON THE GROUND

We are currently studying the five divine judgments upon the world in addition to the sin-death judgment resulting from Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:17; 3:14-19).

Two of the five judgments are unique because they were indirectly involved in the fall of Adam.

- Satan was attached to the 'arar' curse upon the serpent (Gen.3:14-15; Rev.12:9; 20:2).
- The Ground was attached to the 'arar' curse upon Adam (3:17-19; 2:7; Rom.8:21-23).

This lesson will study five aspects of divine judgment of the Curse upon Ground.

1. Two reasons are given for God attaching the ground to the curse of Adam in Gen.3:17 and 19.

Remember that the Hebrew word for BECAUSE (ki) was used to identify the 'arar' charge.

- "Cursed is the ground (ha adamah) **Because** of you (Gen.3:17)."
- "**Because** from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return (Gen.3:19; 2:7)".

2. The ground or earth was divinely designed for man's bodily habitation. This judgment is connected to (Gen.2:16-17) and (Isa.45:18-19).

The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth He has given to the sons of men." (Ps.115:16)

There are four aspects of the earth being man's bodily habitation.

- Man's body came from it (Gen.2:7; Ps.103:14)
- Man's body lives on it (Gen.1:28-29; Ps.115:6)
- Man's body live from it (Gen.1:29-30; 3:17-19; Ps.104:14)
- Man's body will return to it (Gen.3:19; Ps.146:4; 1 Cor.15:37-44)

3. Scientific observation of the curse of the earth has been labeled, the second law of thermodynamics (entropy).

It teaches that all things living or non-living eventually wear-out, run down, grow old, decay, pass into dust, and extinction of the species.

Did you know that the first observational scientist was Adam? The Bible says he observed everything created and named them (Gen.2:19-20; 7:1-16) (ark). Of course, Adam began with the vocabulary established with creation (Gen.1:1-31).

Apart from the Bible, science doesn't know the ultimate reason, origin, or end.

Science has observed that the earth is running down and the amount of available energy is constantly kept in balance by Lord Jesus Christ (Col.1:15-17).

The Bible teaches that this was the result of the fall of Adam (**Heb.1:10-12**; Ps.102:25-27) and (Isa.51:6); 1 Pet.1:24-25). Human aging is a visual of this divine judgment (2 Cor.4:16-18).

The secret to aging gracefully is reaching and maintaining spiritual growth maturity by cycling daily the word of God – “**Yet the inner man is being renewed day by day.**” (2 Cor.4:16b; Rom.7:22-25; Col.3:10)

4. The earth and universe is under the sovereign control of the Lord Jesus Christ until the end of human history (John 1:1-4, 14; Col.1:15-17; Heb.1:1-3).

(Col.1:17) “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (sunistemi/ perf.a.ind).”

- **This is why the corrupt earth will not disintegrate itself.**
- **This is why the quality of available energy will never reach zero.**

(John 1:3) “All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.”

(Heb.1:3) “He upholds all things by the word of His power.”

(Rev.4:11) “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

5. The curse of the earth will be removed with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Rom.8:18-25).

(Rom.8:19-21) “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the **creation was to subject to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

During the Millennium, the second law of thermodynamics will be removed and entropy modified greatly (Isa.11:6-9; 65:20-25) and (Isa.55:13 Instead of thorns and thistles; (Gen.3:17-18).