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CURSE UPON MAN

We are currently studying a special series of lessons on the Divine Judgments upon the World taken from Gen.3:14-19.

We will examine our lesson text regarding the Curse upon Man by the following three homiletic points.

- Charge (ki) [because] Used 3 times in (Gen.3:17, 19) – voice of the wife (Gen.3:17a)
- Curse (arar) [violation of Edenic Law of Gen.2:17] (Gen.3:17b)
- Consequences (itsabon) [vocation in life] (Gen.3:17c-19) (toil, thorns-thistles and tomb)

This lesson will study four aspects of the Curse upon Man.

1. The boundary of time of the Curse upon Man is stated two different ways in Gen.3:17-19.

It is upon both the believer and unbeliever through-out human history (Rom.8:18-25; Isa.55:13) (Mental Attitude).

- 1st way: _____ (Gen.3:17)
- 2nd way: _____ (Gen.3:19)

How do these two ways fit retirement or unemployment?

NOTE: This curse is attached to your livelihood, to your eating (plants of field and bread).

2. Employment is One of Five Divine Establishments. They are listed by order in Genesis.

- DI #1 Freedom (Gen.1:26-27) [Authority: Free will / volition]
- DI #2 Employment (Gn.2:15; c3:17-19) [Authority: Employer]
- DI #3 Marriage (Gen.2:18-25) [Authority: Husband]
- DI #4 Family (Gen.3:16; 4:1-4) [Authority: Parents]
- DI #5 Nation (Gen.6-9) [Authority: Government]

Adam's work ethic was established in the Garden by the Word of God before his fall.
Adams Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:5, 15; 3:17-19).

Two occupations are listed after fall in (Gen.3:23; 4:2) _____ and _____.

Adam lived and worked under the curse of (Gen.3:17-19) for 930 years (Gen.5:5).

3. The doctrinal key of the Curse upon Man is to turn the cursing of travail, toil, sorrow into blessing and the blessing into blessings.

(Eccl.2:22-23) “For what does a man get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun? Because all his days his task is painful and grievous; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is vanity.”

Thorns and thistles illustrate a hostile environment for blessings (Matt.13:3-9, 18-23).

We will examine five questions from the Parable of the Sower (Matt.13:3-9, 18-23).

- What was being sowed and why? (Matt.13:19, 23)
- What were the thorns?
- What effect did the thorns have on the word of God sown? (Matt.13:7, 22)
- What is the difference between being fruitful and unfruitful?
- How could we apply this Parable to the Curse upon Man?

4. It is always God’s grace who provides for you.

(Ps.37:25b-26) “I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread. All day long he is gracious and lends and his descendants are a blessing.”

When God promised the Israelites that the Promised Land would be “good and spacious and flowing with milk and honey,” He also promised a hostile environment (Ex.3:8) [Seven Nations].

When the Israelites came into the land, it was exactly as God had said. Unfortunately they focused on the thorns and thistles, Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking rather than on the promises of God or New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) thinking – **it is a gift of God!**

- **Gift of God:** “Thus they told him, and said, ‘We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.’”Num.13:27)
- **Thorns and Thistles:** “There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” (Num.13:33)
- “Moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor – **it is a gift of God.**” (Eccl.3:13; 5:18-20)