

Origins-7

Through a Glass, Darkly

Memory Verse **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Gen. 3:17 Job 41:11; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20;; John 12:31; 1 Cor. 1:18–21.

1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their own craftiness”;

What happens to a beautiful old house when bad renters move in.

Genesis 3:16–19 ¹⁶ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “**Cursed** is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

The Earth Is the Lord’s

Job 41:11 (NKJV) Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine.

Psalms 50:10 (NKJV) For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.

***Job 12:10** (NKJV) In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NKJV) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

A Fallen World

Changes to the animal kingdom

Genesis 3:14 (NKJV) So the Lord God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are **cursed** more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

Isaiah 11:6–9 (NKJV) ⁶ “The **wolf** also shall dwell with the **lamb**, The **leopard** shall lie down with the young **goat**, The **calf** and the young **lion** and the fatling together; And a little **child** shall lead them. ⁷ The **cow** and the **bear** shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the **lion** shall eat straw like the **ox**. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the **cobra’s** hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the **viper’s** den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.

Changes to reproduction and relationship **Still see God?**

Genesis 3:16 (NKJV) To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your **sorrow** and your **conception**; In **pain** you shall **bring forth** children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

Labor Pain

***Genesis 35:16** (NKJV) ¹⁶ Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor.

***Revelation 12:1–2** (NKJV) ¹² Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ² Then being with child, she cried out in **labor and in pain** to give birth.

Male Headship? **Still see God?**

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Timothy 2:12–15 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1 Cor 14:34, 35 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

***Ephesians 5:22–23** (NKJV) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Women tend to be more relationship oriented, men task oriented

Changes to plant kingdom and man's employment **Still see God?**

Genesis 3:17 (NKJV) *17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.*

Genesis 4:11, 12 (NKJV) *So now you are **cursed** from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."*

***Genesis 5:29** (NKJV) *And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has **cursed**."*

Genesis 8:21–22 (NKJV) *And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will **never again curse the ground** for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.*

²² *"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."*

Thorns And Thistles

In the parable of the sower Matt 13:1-23 75% bad returns

Romans 8:19–22 (NKJV) *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.²² For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.***

A boy asked his mother "Is it true that Adam came from the dust?" Yes dear. "And do we all turn back to dust when we die?" Yes dear why do you ask. "I think that there is someone under my bed and I can't tell whether he's coming or going!"

The Ruler of This World

Job 1:7 (NKJV)⁷ *And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*

John 12:31 (NKJV) *Now is the judgment of this world; now **the ruler of this world** will be cast out.*

John 14:30 (NKJV) *I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.*

Luke 4:5–7 (NKJV)⁵ *Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; **for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.**"⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."*

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Proverbs 24:1–2 (NKJV) *Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them;² For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.*

Ephesians 2:1–2 (NKJV) *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

The "Wisdom" of the World

1 Corinthians 1:18–21 (NKJV)¹⁸ *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."²⁰ Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

1 Corinthians 3:18–21 (NKJV)¹⁸ *Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."²¹ Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:*

Through the Eye of Faith

Psalms 8:1-9 (NKJV) *O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! ...*

Psalms 19:1-4 *The heavens declare the glory of God; ...*

In spite of the curse in the world when we look up we see a perfection.

“Eve was told of the sorrow and pain that must henceforth be her portion. And the Lord said, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." In the creation God had made her the equal of Adam. Had they remained obedient to God--in harmony with His great law of love--they would ever have been in harmony with each other; but sin had brought discord, and now their union could be maintained and harmony preserved only by submission on the part of the one or the other. Eve had been the first in transgression; and she had fallen into temptation by separating from her companion, contrary to the divine direction. It was by her solicitation that Adam sinned, and she was now placed in subjection to her husband. Had the principles joined in the law of God been cherished by the fallen race, this sentence, though growing out of the results of sin, would have proved a blessing to them; but man's abuse of the supremacy thus given him has too often rendered the lot of woman very bitter and made her life a burden. {PP 58.3}

Eve had been perfectly happy by her husband's side in her Eden home; but, like restless modern Eves, she was flattered with the hope of entering a higher sphere than that which God had assigned her. In attempting to rise above her original position, she fell far below it. A similar result will be reached by all who are unwilling to take up cheerfully their life duties in accordance with God's plan. In their efforts to reach positions for which He has not fitted them, many are leaving vacant the place where they might be a blessing. In their desire for a higher sphere, many have sacrificed true womanly dignity and nobility of character, and have left undone the very work that Heaven appointed them.” PP 59