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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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Dreadful Consequences (Cont.) Genesis 3:14-24

Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson examines the **Dreadful Consequences** of sin which separates us from God. The **study's aim** is to realize that it is by God's mercy that salvation is offered. The **study's application** is to personally trust Jesus as Savior and Lord.

(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)

Lesson Introduction and Background

"This will only end in tears." I cannot tell you how many times I have either heard or said this. It usually comes out of my mouth when I or someone I know is about to do something that is not wise. Although we know it is not wise, many times we end up doing it anyway. We end up regretting that decision when we injure ourselves or someone else. Sometimes, thankfully, the results of our choices are only minor. Sadly for Adam and Eve, and for us, the consequences of their decision were not so minor. They made a foolish decision to disobey God's directive. Because of it, they were driven out of paradise. Their beloved home was lost to them. They were forced into an unknown landscape to live out their lives. That was only the start. They would now be forced to provide for themselves. Before this they did not have to strive for things. Now they would have to work, experience pain and suffering, and endure hardship. Ultimately, they would face death. The worst part, though, was knowing how far-reaching the consequences were to be. Imagine knowing that because of you, everyone else after you would be forced into pain and toil. The entire planet would experience this (Rom. 8:20). Adam and Eve had to carry that guilt, knowing that their own children would one day see the results. More important, that special communion they shared with God was broken. Since God cannot tolerate sin in His presence (Ps. 5:5), a rift formed in the intimacy that was once there. It had even created a rift between Adam and Eve themselves. Even their relationship was marred. To them it must have been a nightmare. They were being driven from their home and were at odds with each other and God. The ease and simplicity of living was gone, never to return. What despair they must have felt! When we look at our world, it is easy to share in that despair. As believers, however, we need not indulge in an attitude of hopelessness. Although our world is deteriorating around us, we have hope for the future. Why? For believers, this world is only a way station, a stopping place. There is a better world waiting for us, one that has been prepared specifically for those who trust Jesus Christ as Savior (John 14:2). Christ told us that He is creating a new world, one that is perfect and suited for us. It is a world without sin. Because of this, we will not be subject to sin's consequences in that world. All of that will be erased, like a vapor. Jesus has saved us from that curse. Someday there will be redemption for this fallen planet. We know that the created order has been waiting for this redemption (Rom. 8:22). Until then, we need to be vigilant working for God's kingdom. How can you take part in God's redemptive work? What is your role? While we cannot turn back the consequences of sin in this world, we know that they do not have to be eternal. That is news that a dying world needs to hear.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

One day God will put everything right

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Dear God, help me to remember that even though this world does not measure up to Your original design there is much to enjoy and much to do for You and others. Thank You for the promise of life with You in a perfect setting.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

(Rev 22:3 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Feb 6, 2016)

New Series: Beginnings

**UNIT: Cataclysm and a
New Beginning**

NEXT WEEK

Preparations for Deliverance

(Gen 6:11-22)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

The Judgment (Gen 3:14-19)

On the serpent - Satan (14-15)

The serpent will have dust as its food (Isa 65:25)

The serpent will crawl on the ground (Mic 7:17)

The serpent will be considered detestable (Lev 11:42)

Satan will be bound by Jesus (Jude 1:5-6)

Satan will be hurled out of Heaven (Rev 12:7-9)

Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire for eternity (Rev 20:1-3, 10)

Satan will be crushed under Jesus' feet (Rom 16:20)

On the woman (16)

Pain during child birth (Isa 26:17)

Pain during birth that gives over to joy (John 16:21)

Man will be head of the woman (1 Cor 11:3)

Wives should submit to their husbands (Col 3:18)

On the man (17-19)

Work hard for food (Ps 127:2)

Earth is cursed (Rom 8:20-22)

Ground will have thorns and weeds (Prov 24:31)

Man will return to dust when he dies (Ps 90:3)

Born naked and will die naked (Eccl 5:15)

The Results (Gen 3:20-24)

Mercy (20-21)

Mercy because God loves us (Rom 5:8)

Mercy through Jesus bearing all of our transgressions (Isa 53:5-6)

Mercy because God is faithful and righteous (Rom 3:3-5)

Mercy manifested through grace (Eph 2:8-9)

Mercy prompted God's salvation (Rom 9:16)

Mercy before the beginning of time (2 Tim 1:9)

Death (22-24)

Death as a consequence for sin (Gen 2:17)

The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)

Death entered man's destiny through sin (Rom 5:12)

The one who sows from the sinful nature reaps death (Gal 6:8)

When sin is full grown, death is the punishment (James 1:15)