**Living in the world of sin - east of Eden – Gen. 3:23 - 24**

*Therefore, the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life*

**Focal Truth: God drove sinful mankind from the garden to live in the world of sin – east of Eden**

**Observations**

1. **God sent sinful man east of Eden to the world of sin – 3:22**
2. God separated himself from sinful man driving them out of the paradise garden of God
3. God graciously protected them from eternal sinfulness by driving them out of the paradise garden of God

3:22 – *then the Lord God said, behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever –*

 **Consider**

1. Anything east of Eden is leaving the land of blessing & entering the land of curses
2. Anyone who goes east from Eden leaves God’s blessing for a world of sin

4:16 – *Cain went out from the presence of the Lord to the land of Nod, east of Eden*

11:2 ,4 - *it came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there…they said, come let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, let us make for ourselves a name…*

13:11 – *Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward*

1. Living in east of Eden reveals man separation from God’s blessing and protection
2. Living east of Eden is the place of man’s pride & sinfulness
3. Living east of Eden is the place of death
4. **The world of sin – east of Eden is a cursed world**
5. Sin brought God’s curse on man’s sinfulness

3:13 – the Lord God said to the woman; **What is this you have done?**

1. God cursed the serpent used by Satan to deceive mankind to sin - 3:14

*Because you have done this, cursed = powerless are you more than all the cattle, and more than every beast of the field, on. your belly you will go and dust will you eat all the days of your life:*

1. God cursed Satan promising final defeat from the seed of the woman whom he deceived - 3:15

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel*

1. God cursed the earth which was the source of God’s care for mankind in the garden 3:17 – 18 - *cursed is the ground because of you…both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you*
2. God’s curse on man produced spiritual & physical death **the day you eat you shall die**
3. God’s curse on man separated sinful man from holy God

Rom 1 – **God gives sinners who want believe the truth over to their sin**

Jesus cried out on the cross – **My God, My God why have you forsaken Me. Consider**

1. God’s curse on sin is **permanent – unchangeable** – **the wages of sin is death!**
2. **The world of sin – east of Eden is a corrupt world**
3. The sin of Eve caused corruption in her relationship with children & husband – 3:16

*I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you*

1. God’s plan for marriage was one flesh union with fulfillment & joy but sin corrupted marriage – 3:16 *your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you*
2. Sin has corrupted women’s role toward their husbands - **she now will seek to take control over her husband**
3. Sin has corrupted men’s role toward their wives **he now seeks to rule over his wife**

*You will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you – NLT*

1. *Sin has corrupted the family in relationships of children with parents & husbands and wives*
2. The sin of Adam corrupted the earth & all of created order – 3:17

*Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you…cursed is the ground because of you*

1. The sin of Adam corrupted his work in the world once fulfilling – now full of toil, sweat & struggle - 3:17

*in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; by the sweat of your face you will eat bread*

 **Consider**

1. Sinfulness permanently corrupted the world – Gen. 6:11 – 12 - *now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God and filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt for all flesh corrupted their way upon the earth*
2. Sinfulness has corrupted the creation which groans for the Lord Jesus return

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 subjected to futility, not willing but because of Him who subjected it, in hope *that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God*

1. Mankind groans in sinful corruption in the world of sin waiting for the Lord’s return

Rom. 8:22 – 23 – *for we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. Not only this, but we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, ever we ourselves groan with ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body*

1. **The world of sin – east of Eden is a condemned world**
2. God condemned sinful mankind to death for their sin – 3:19 – *till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken, for you are dust, and to dust you shall return*

Rom. 5:18 – through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men

*All flesh is like grass, & its glory like grass withers and falls off*

**All have sinned living under the curse – corruption – condemnation of sin**

**Things to Remember & do**

1. All have sinned and live east of Eden in a world of Sin
2. All live under the curse of sin & death
3. All live with personal corruption in a sinful filled world of corruption
4. Only by faith in Jesus Christ can we be freed from the curse, corruption & condemnation of sin & death

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**