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LIFE IN A FALLEN WORLD

Lesson 4

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ROOTED IN GENESIS

- The worth of mankind.
- Infinite, personal and moral creator.
- Finite, personal and moral man.
- The purpose of man.
- An enemy and a spiritual battle.
- We live in a fallen world.
- Family is designed by God.

GENESIS LessonS

- TODAY:
 - WE LIVE IN A FALLEN WORLD.

- NEXT WEEK:
 - FAMILY IS DESIGNED BY GOD.

- FOLLOWING WEEKS:
 - WALK THROUGH THE PATRIARCHS.

THE QUESTIONS

1. What is wrong with this world?
2. Why do bad things happen?
3. Why is work so stressful?
4. Why are relationships so difficult?
5. If God is so good, why is his creation so bad?

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“To Adam he said, ‘Because you ... ate of the tree ...through painful toil you will eat of it [the ground] all the days of your life.... By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food.’”

Gen. 3:17-19

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To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you.” Gen. 3:16

WHY CURSES?

- *We are not fully told.*
- Curses are the direct result of man's sin and rebellion.
- These are not God's "fault". They are the true result of sin.
- **REMEMBER** -- Our actions have an effect upon people and the world around us.

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LET'S REMEMBER

- God is bigger than the fallen world.
- God gives us the ability and tools to cope.
- God will remake the us and world with the second coming of Jesus.