

## Genesis 3:9-16

*Adam and Eve have now rebelled against God, they've eaten from the forbidden tree, they've fallen, and they're covered in fig leaves hiding in the bushes. Man's effort at his own salvation is to get a bunch of fig leaves, sew them together and try to cover up their sins. That action is futile.*

*(REVIEW of verses 9-12)*

- 9 ¶** **And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?** *God knew where they were hiding. But He wanted them to come out on their own. God knows something happened. Adam and Eve are different this morning.*
- 10** **And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.** *Adam admits he and Eve sinned.*
- 11 ¶** **And he said, Who told thee that thou were naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou should not eat?** *God asked "Did you eat of this tree after I told you not to? Who told you to eat of the forbidden tree?"*
- 12** **And the man said, The woman whom thou gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.** *As happens today, the blame is shifted off the self. I never own up to my own responsibility. Adam never owns up to his own responsibility. He blames God and Eve.*
- 13** **And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.** *Eve blames the serpent. This serpent at this point in time probably was an upright animal that walked on all fours and was very beautiful. It could communicate with man. It was not a snake at this point in time.*
- 14 ¶** **And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:** *By God injecting this in here, it shows this creature was bright and beautiful, but since it did the work of Satan, it is now cursed. It will now hiss and slide on its belly and becomes the snake we all know today. This is just what happened to Lucifer. He was a creature of beauty, he sinned, and he was cast down out of his lofty position and his beauty was taken away.*
- 15** **And I will put enmity (hatred) between you (Satan & followers) and the woman, and between your (Christ) seed and her seed (Christ's followers); he (Christ) shall bruise your (Satan) head, and you (woman) shall bruise his (Satan) heel.** *Enmity "means a deep rooted hatred" and "a broken friendship that can never be reconciled". This is the natural fear women gender has of snakes from the day they are born. God put that fear in us. Satan will always be nipping at women's heels. If you want to kill a snake, stomp on its head. God is laying out the pattern for the rest of the bible in this book of Genesis.*
- 16 ¶** **Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.** *When women give birth, there will be LOTS of pain. Adam and Eve started having children once they left the Garden of Eden. Because of this fall, God set up a new order between man and woman. Man rules, woman follows since woman started the fall of man. She dropped the ball by listening to the serpent and eating the apple instead of listening to God and leaving the forbidden fruit alone. God judges man how well they lead woman. Man doesn't have free rein. He still must follow God's rules. Man has a lot to answer for when he meets God on judgment day, especially on spiritual issues. Spiritual issues are the greatest thing here.*