

THE DREADED AFTERMATH

Text: Genesis 2:4 - 3:24

1. Life As It S_____ Be.

Genesis 1 uses the word *Elohim* to refer to God. Genesis 2 uses the name *Yahweh Elohim*.

The word translated *work* can also be translated s_____
This was God's gift to Adam: he gave him work in which he would be useful; his work would involve both service and supervision. Ref: Gen:2:15

Work is *not* a curse. It is a b_____. Ref: *Eccl: 3:12-13*

By the way, the word *helper* does not mean sub_____
This word — in Hebrew it is *ezer* — is the same word used to describe the help God gives us. Clearly, this isn't about being subservient. Ref: Gen: 2:18

2. Life Takes An Ugly T_____.

The first step in temptation is to get you to say, "Is this really a rule? Because if it is, it shouldn't be."

That's what temptation does. It lures its victims into saying, "God never said *that*. And if he did say it, he didn't mean it. And even if he did mean it, he's wrong."

The devil knows that if you'll just think about it, if you'll just consider it long enough, you'll get around to doing it. Ref: Matthew 5:28

The result of the breach was not wisdom, it was shame. Ref: Gen. 3:7

3. Now Comes the Dreaded A_____.

3:13 “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” Eve was the first to say: *The devil made me do it.*

This is the first part of the aftermath of the fall. We have a tendency to place blame whoever, whenever we can. We live in a b_____ -addicted world.

In the Hebrew grammar it is clear that “offspring” refers to one individual. And he says to the Serpent, in effect, “You will bite (or bruise) him on the heel, but only while he is using his heel to crush you into the ground.” Ref: Gen: 3:15

But the Serpent doesn't look like he used to. He slithers now. And his head is flat, like it has been stomped by the heel of Christ. He's a defeated foe. You don't have to be his victim.

This is God's answer to the aftermath: Life in Jesus Christ. Ref: Romans 5:17

