

WOMAN'S CURSE IN RELATIONSHIPS — GE.3:16

To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." (Ge.3:16)

HER CHILDREN



God is going to bring on you everything that is hard about having children.



Women's fertility was increased ("greatly multiplied") so she can have more frequent conception than was originally designed before the Fall.



Women can conceive essentially every month, and they can produce a child or multiple birth children every year.



The divine justice stands in direct relation to the sin of the woman. She sinned in the pursuit of personal ambition. She wanted what she thought God withheld from her (knowledge of good and evil).

1. Conception will be "multiplied" much more frequently.
2. Birth will be painful.
3. Danger in bearing children ("multiply your sorrow")
4. Children will consume a woman's life.
5. Whatever joy she gains from them will be mingled with fears and sorrow.

BUT IN CHRIST — 1TM.2:9-15



Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control (1Tm.2:15).

- Instead of bearing children being the point of her curse, it becomes the point of her deliverance.
 - If a woman will live a godly life and raise a godly generation, and her children will continue in the same thing, it softens the impact of the curse spiritually.
6. God turns the curse of childbearing into a means of deliverance.

HER HUSBAND



Suddenly man is changed and becomes a selfish and dominating 'monarch.'



"Desire" means 'to seek control.' Literally it could read, "You shall seek control over your husband." You will desire to exert your will. It's the desire to get her way.

- In some women it's a quiet, silent desire that smolders.
- With others it is a shouting desire that isn't much of a secret to anybody.



Man must deal with the fact that his wife wants to control him.



Eve sought to rule Adam in giving to him the forbidden fruit, now he will rule over her like a 'monarch.'



Essentially, Eve convinced Adam to do what she wanted him to do. That is, eat the fruit.

BUT IN CHRIST — EP.5:18-31



And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit (Ep.5:18).

- Where you have Christian people who are controlled by the Spirit, you have the possibility of softening the curse.



²³For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. (Ep.5:23-24)

- Here again in Christ the curse is somewhat reversed.