

Trusting in the Goodness of God

God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption

Genesis 3:1-24

Sin's Relentless Results, God's Redemptive Remedies

(Part 3)

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1. Sin's relentless result.

- a. The great _____ of pride.
- b. The disastrous _____ of pride?

2. The sinner's ridiculous response.

- a. Adam and Eve attempted to _____ themselves.
- b. How do you attempt self-_____?

3. The Savior's redemptive remedy.

- a. In _____, God cursed them.
- b. The _____ power in God's curse.

Questions for Discussion

- In 3:12 Adam mentions three persons, who are they? In his mind, what role did each play in his sin?
- How is pride revealed by their efforts to cover themselves (v 7)? Their effort to hide (v 8)? The responses they gave to God (v 12, 13)? Did they own their responsibility? Discuss.
- How does your blame shifting negatively affect you? How does it obstruct God's help to you? How does it affect your relationships with those you blame (e.g. your wife, co-worker, kids, God)?
- How have you typically thought about God's curse (e.g. why He did it)? How does the curse deal a blow to human pride (cf. 3:16-19)? Is this a good thing?
- How can the ongoing effects of the curse (e.g. human suffering and struggle) lead you to humility? Why is this necessary for coming to Christ? Can you see God's grace even in the curse?
- How is the curse overcome in the gospel (cf. Rev. 22:1-4)?



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Finding Relief From Sin

What is sin's relentless result?

Sin's Result?

The great wall of pride.

Adam and Eve displayed pride in three key ways:

- By seeking to cover themselves.

Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together and
made themselves loin coverings.

*Their actions betrayed a
self-reliance and an impulse to
cover up their faults.*

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Genesis 3:10

He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and **I was afraid** because I was naked; **so I hid myself.**"

Their fear revealed their vain interest in self-preservation.

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- By attempting to hide from God.
- **By deflecting responsibility.**

Genesis 3:12

The man said, "**The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me** from the tree, and I ate."

Adam's response revealed a desire to deflect blame from himself.

*Pride is our inner resolve to
preserve and promote our
own positive assessments
of who we are.*

Sin's Result

The great wall of pride.

The disastrous effects of pride.

Disastrous Effects

Self-deception

Rebellion against God

Contempt for others

Spiritual blindness

*Pride is the impregnable wall
you've erected that will keep out
any assessment that is contrary
to your self-esteem.*

Finding Relief From Sin

What is Sin's Relentless Result?

***What is the Sinner's
Ridiculous Response?***

Adam and Eve's Responses...

On the surface

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But the Sinner's Real Response?

Adam and Eve were attempting to justify themselves.

“Self-justification is the deepest impulse of the human heart.”

Ray Ortlund

What is justification?

*To be judged as right or innocent...
to be vindicated or validated.*

Their self-justification

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What drives the blame shifting, is a desire to be exonerated or to be seen as justified.

The Sinner's Response

Adam and Eve attempted to justify themselves.

How do **you** attempt
self-justification?

Self-justification

Luke 18:9

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Contemptuous comparison

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Spiritual piety

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Religious adherence

“You will never make yourself to feel you are a sinner because there is a mechanism in you as a result of sin that will always be defending you against every accusation.”

Martin Lloyd-Jones

*This impulse runs so deep that
we are even capable of using
gospel truths as the supporting
planks of our self-justifying
arguments.*

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What is the Sinner's Ridiculous Response?

***What is the Savior's
Redemptive Remedy?***

The Curse!

In **love**, God cursed them.

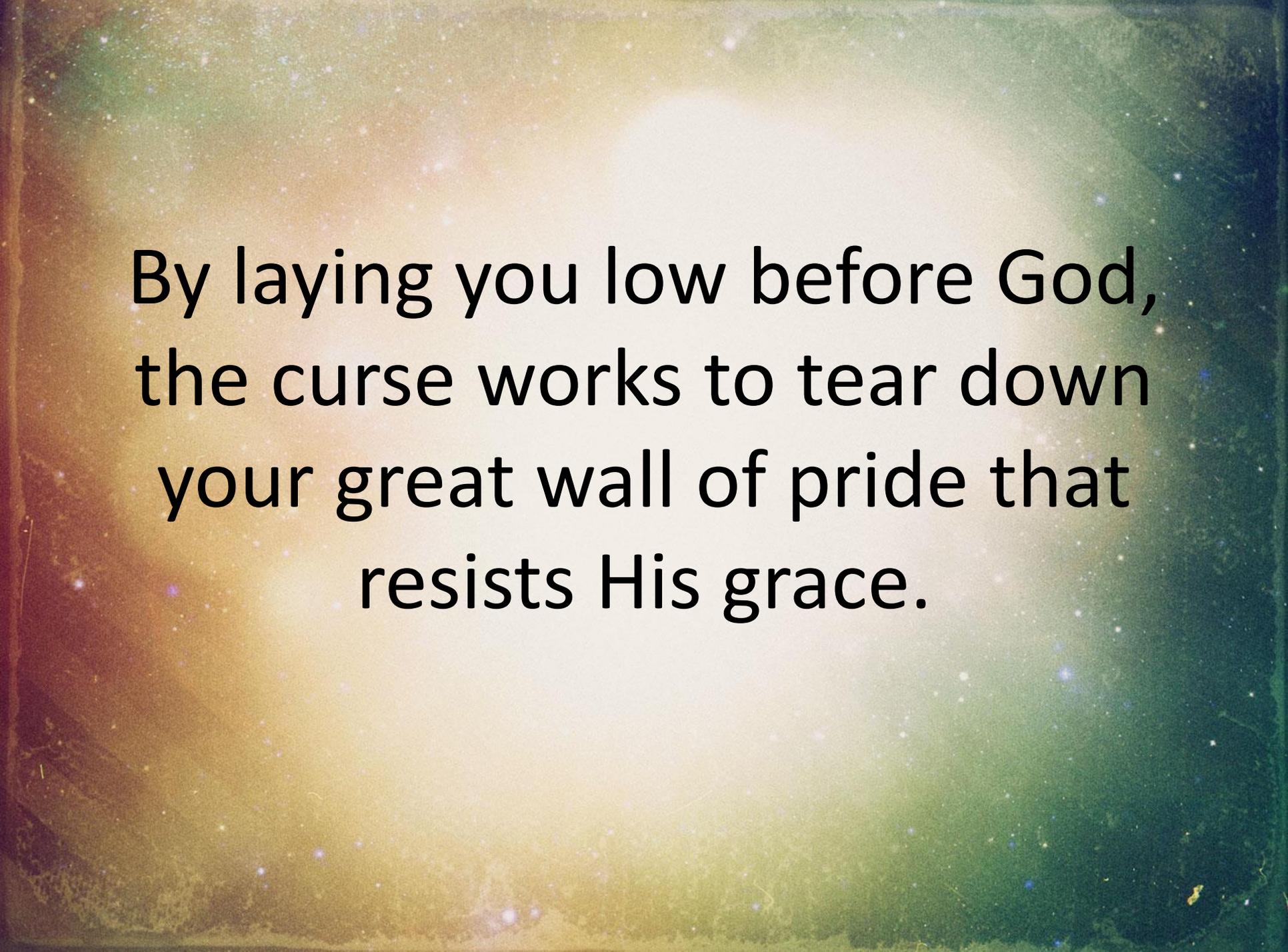
The curse was a disordering of their world that resulted in ongoing human struggle and affliction.

It was an act of love because of the necessary correction it would bring.

The Savior's Remedy

In love, God cursed them.

**There is redemptive power
in the curse.**



By laying you low before God,
the curse works to tear down
your great wall of pride that
resists His grace.

The redeeming power of affliction.

Psalm 119:75

I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous,
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Psalm 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.

Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I was afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes.

Are you resting in the
justification God offers you in
Christ, or is your pride
preventing His grace from
breaking through?