

# Trusting in the Goodness of God

*God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption*

*Genesis 3:1-24*

***From Curse to Cure***

*Genesis 3:17-19*

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but God has provided a cure for you in Christ.

## 1. The cause of the curse.

- a. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife.
- b. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ from the tree.

## 2. The content of the curse.

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ world.
- b. A \_\_\_\_\_ death.

## 3. The cure for the curse.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ bread.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ thorns.
- c. A \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ death.

### Questions for Discussion

- In v 17, what two reasons are given for the curse that follows? What might the first reason imply about Adam? What about the second?
- When is it good to listen to your wife (cf. Prov. 31:11)? When not? Give reasons you might give in to her even if you know you shouldn't?\*
- From the beginning of Genesis 2, find all the references to "ground". What might this say about what is included when God says "cursed is the ground"? List evidences of this curse in the world.
- How did the curse change man's work? How do you experience this? How do you respond?
- How might v 19 relate to John 6:26-51? What would change in your attitude about work if you believed what Jesus says?
- How does the end of v 19 relate to 2:17? Read Acts 13:34-39. How does Jesus defy the curse? What does this mean for those who believe in Him (cf. v 38-39)?

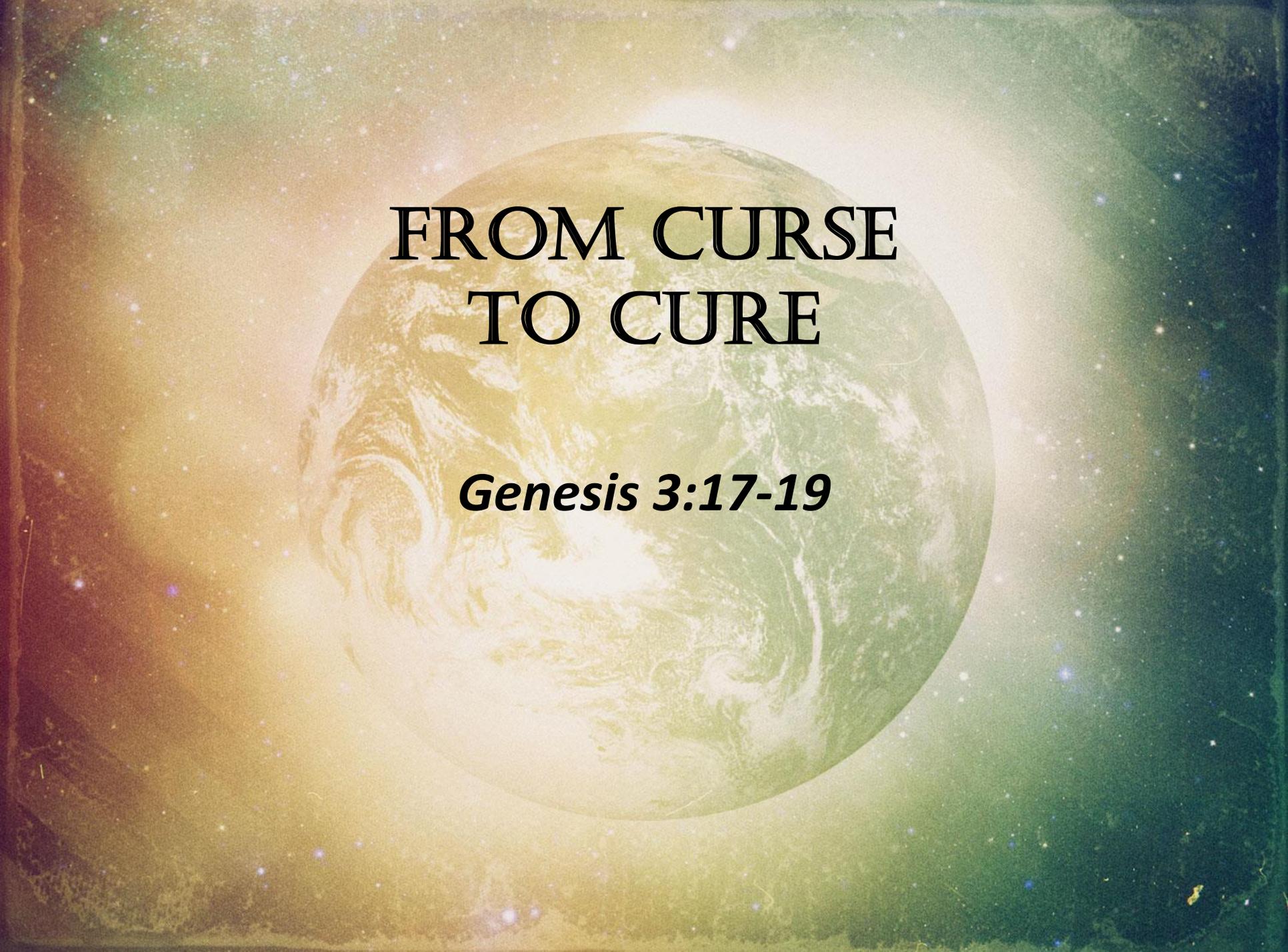
\*Keep this about yourself. Do not speak negatively about your wife to others.



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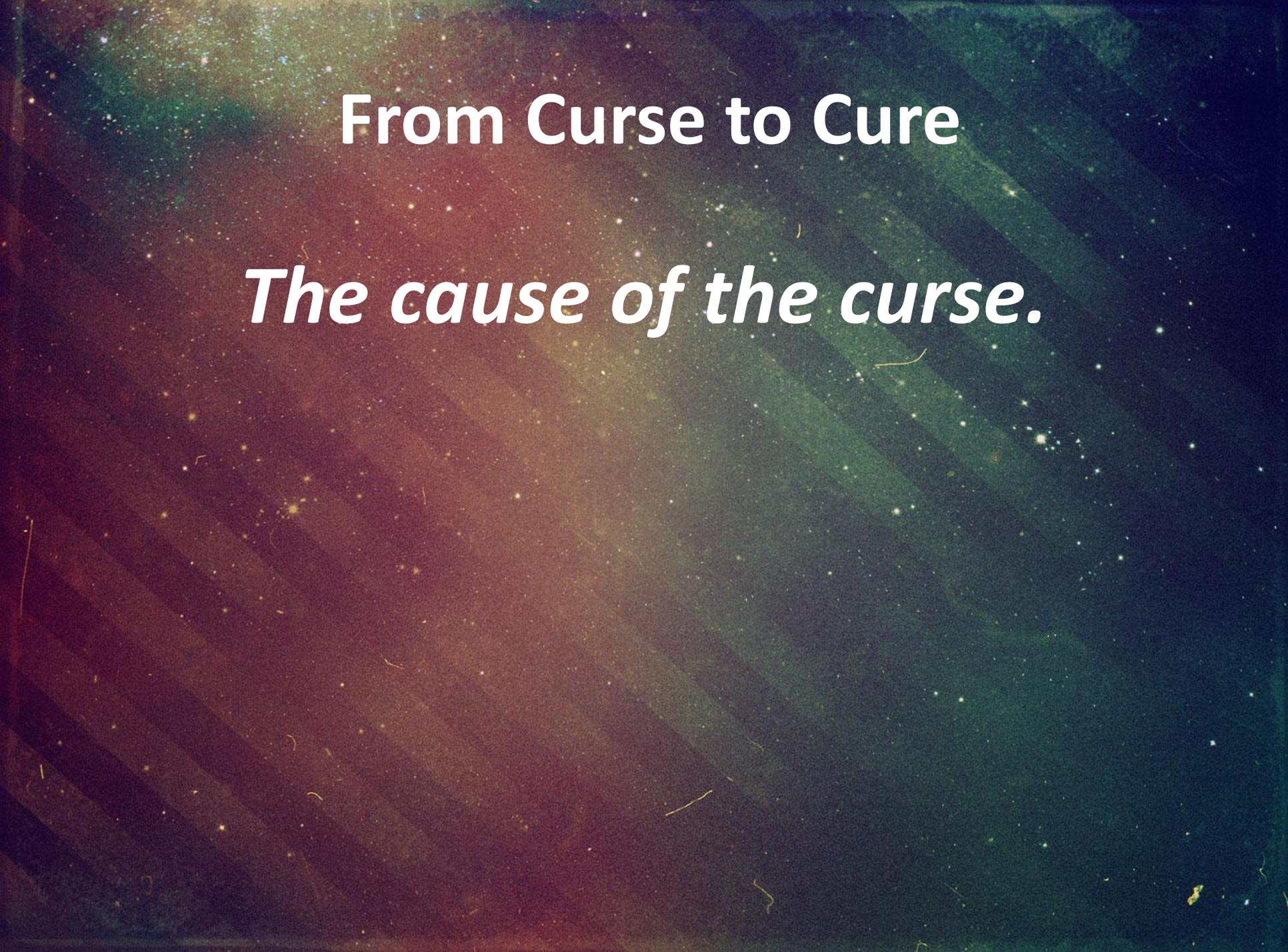
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A large, glowing Earth in space, serving as a background for the text. The Earth is shown from a perspective that highlights its curvature and the swirling patterns of clouds and oceans. The background is a deep, dark space filled with numerous small, bright stars, creating a sense of vastness and cosmic scale. The overall color palette is dominated by the blues and whites of the Earth, contrasted against the black and gold of the starry sky.

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## Genesis 3:6

*Adam is almost an afterthought.*

*Adam did not fulfill his duty  
to guard what God had  
entrusted to him.*

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*Eve's voice is set in contrast  
to God's voice.*

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*The curse is connected to eating because Adam ate.*

*Adam was **not** deceived;  
his eating was an act of  
willful disobedience.*

**1 Timothy 2:14**

**And it was not Adam who was deceived,  
but the woman being quite deceived, fell into  
transgression.**

# From Curse to Cure

*The cause of the curse.*

***The content of the curse.***

# **The Content of the Curse**

A warped world.

**Genesis 3:17-19**

**Cursed is the ground** because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field; by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*The ground is the source of those things that fill the earth.*

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*The ground itself will work  
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*Even simple staples will come with great difficulty.*

# The Content of the Curse

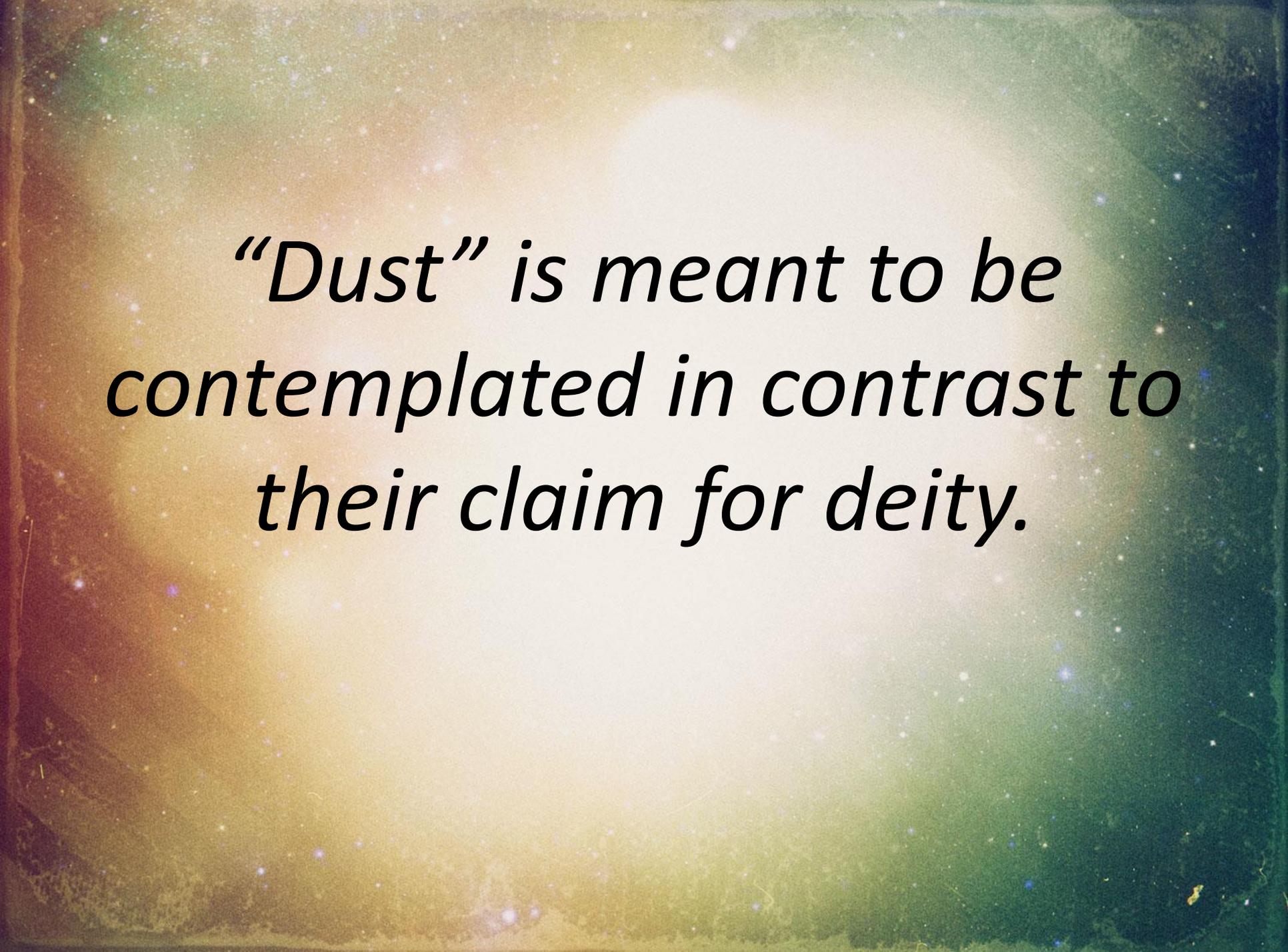
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A definite death.

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*The return to dust is a reference to the decomposition of our bodies.*



*“Dust” is meant to be contemplated in contrast to their claim for deity.*

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*In grace, God has supplied the true  
Bread we need for life.*

**John 6:51**

**"I am the living bread** that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh."

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*In grace, God had thorns repurposed  
into a crown for His Son.*

**Matthew 27:29**

And after weaving **a crown of thorns**, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

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## A dust-defying death

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and to dust you shall return.**

*In proof of victory over sin and death,  
Jesus' body did not return to dust.*

**Acts 13:35-37**

Therefore He also says in another Psalm,  
“You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo  
decay” ...**He whom God raised did  
not undergo decay.**

Is your heart consumed  
by the curse or by the  
*One* who is the Cure?