

# Living in a Fractured World

Gen.3:7-24

# Resisting temptation– 1 Cor.10:11-13

- a. Temptation comes to all – v.11
- b. Be careful of self-confidence – v.12 cf. Peter  
Know your weakness. Flee – 1Tim.6:3-11
- c. Look to God – v.13
  - He knows you
  - He has given resources – Spirit, Word. People
  - Have God as your treasure
  - Be thankful

# 1. The disorder caused

## a. Personal relationships

1. Breakdown of trust – v.7
2. No longer a joyful partnership
  - blaming one another – v.12
  - seeking to dominate – v.16

## b. Spiritual life

1. Hiding from God – v.8
2. Battling with evil – v.15
3. Cut off from God – v.24 cf. Ex.36:35; 1Kings6:23-28; Eph.2:1-3

## c. Physical life

1. Painful struggle – v.16-18
2. Death – v.19

## 2. The good is spoilt

Man made from dust -2:7

Living & working in a garden – 2:8-18

Man & woman in union – 2:18-25

Crafty serpent – 3:1

THE DISASTER – 3:1-24

*Judgment on the serpent – 3:14, 15*

*Man & woman at odds – 3:12, 16*

*Life & work, a painful struggle – 3:16-19*

*Man returns to the dust – 3:19*

# 3. Hope in the darkness

- a. Ongoing life –v.20
- b. Provision for that life – v.21 Common grace
- c. God seeking – v.9 cf. Lk.15; 19:10; 1Pet.3:9
- d. The promise of salvation – v.15 cf.Rom.16:20
  - 1. Defeat/crushing of Satan – Col.2:15;  
Heb.2:14; 1John3:8; Rev.20 The Cross
  - 2. Enjoying God's presence/life – Mt.27:51;  
Heb.10:19-22; John10:10; 17:2,3; 1John5:21,22;  
Rev.22:2

## e. Responding to God & His Salvation

1. Seek him
2. Come to Jesus – repentance & faith
3. Enjoy God & his salvation
4. Tell others the Good News