

THE RESULTS OF THE CURSE

Introduction:

New England Primer (1687) **A** - In Adam's fall we sinned all. **B** - Thy life to mend, this Book attend.

I. "IN ADAM'S FALL, WE SINNED ALL." (vs. 14-19)

- A. Sin Will Be Confronted (vs. 8-11)
 - 1. God cannot countenance sin in His presence.
 - 2. Therefore, God will always bring sin out into the open.
 - 3. We will answer for our sin, for sin must be dealt with by God's standards.

sin =

- B. Sin Must Be Confessed (vs. 12-13)
 - 1. Man: "but, but...and I ate"
 - 2. Woman: "but, but...and I ate"
- C. Sin Has Consequences (vs. 14-19)
 - 1. For the Serpent and All Creation (vs. 14-15)

"cursed...on your belly you will go"

"enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed"

3:15 = proto-Euangelion

Romans 16:20; Revelation 12:1-9

2. For the Woman (vs. 16)

increased pain in childbearing

"desire ... rule"

Genesis 16:13 Genesis 28:16 I Chronicles 28:9 II Chronicles 6:30 Job 23:10; 24:23; 31:4 Job 34:21-22,25 Psalm 33:13-15 Psalm 44:21 Proverbs 5:21 Jeremiah 23:24 Matthew 10:30

- 3. For Adam and the Whole Race (vs. 17-19)
 - "because you listened"
 - "cursed is the ground"
 - "in toil...by the sweat of your face"
 - "thorns and thistles"
 - "from dust...to dust"

II. "THY LIFE TO MEND, THIS BOOK ATTEND" (vs. 20-24)

- A. Salvation is through faith in God's promise.
 - 1. God called them "Adam".
 - 2. Adam called her "Eve".
- B. Salvation is through God's provision.
 - 1. Man needs a covering for his sin.
 - 2. Man's attempts at covering himself are inadequate.
 - 3. Only God can provide the covering we need for our sin.
 - 4. The covering God provided required the death of an innocent substitute.

Hebrews 9:22; Isaiah 53; II Corinthians 5:21

- C. Salvation is by God's preservation.
 - 1. Man's Mess
 - 2. God's Grace
 - 3. My Response
- **Conclusion**: Sinful rebellion against God brings pain, conflict, and death; but confession to God ensures God's gracious provision.