



IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE

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A BIBLICAL STUDY - Genesis 3:14-20



HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 **ADAM (120)** "adam" - *the man, human being*. The J.P. Green translation does not use "adam" as a name until Gen. 4:25.
- 2 **HEARKEN (8085)** "shama" - *to hear intelligently*, with attention and/or obedience. Same Hebrew number used for the word "hearing."
- 3 **LABOUR (5999)** "amal" - *a wearing effort, hence worry*, whether body or mind; grievance. Troublesome work.
- 4 **SORROW (6093)** "itstsawbone" - *worrisomeness*; i.e. labor or pain. Used twice, Genesis 3:16a, 17
- 5 **SORROW (6089)** "ehtseb" - *an earthen vessel*, usually a painful *toil*. Used twice, in Gen. 3:16b and Prov. 10:22.
- 6 **SORROW (Greek 3077)** - *sadness* as in Jn. 16:20-22, II Corin. 7:10
- 7 **SWEAT (2188)** - *perspiration*; Used only once, Gen 3:19
- 8 **THORN (6975)** - *thorn, a pricking*; same in Hebrew and Greek. Compare to Matt. 13:22

"All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing." - Ecc. 1:8



"WHAT PROFIT HATH A MAN OF ALL HIS LABOUR?"

"Therefore I hated life because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me." The burden of life was even experienced by King Solomon, the wisest and most richest man. Do we make life a burden or is this the curse passed down to all mankind? What is the purpose of all our labor?

1. What were the consequences of the sin of the woman? 3:16
 - Notice *when* Adam gave the woman the name "Eve." (3:20) What is the spiritual significance to why she would not be given this name until *after* the fall?
2. What were two reasons *why* God gave the consequences of Adam's sin? 3:17
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - A. Explain the seriousness of the sin of hearkening to a voice other than God's.
 1. Psalm 81:8-11; 106:24-26
 2. Isaiah 51:7-8
 3. Proverbs 1:28-33; 12:15
 - B. List examples of *how* we might become vulnerable to fall into this sin.
 - C. *When* will a person be the most vulnerable? II Tim. 4:3-4
3. What does the name "Adam" mean? Gen. 5:2 Why is all mankind guilty of the sin of Adam? I Cor. 15:22
4. Compare the consequences of Adam's sin and the connection to the following verses:
 - 1) Gen. 3:17 - Compare to Prov. 10:22, Neh. 8:10b; John 16:22
 - 2) Gen. 3:18 - Compare to Matt. 13:22
 - 3) Genesis 3:19 - Compare to 2 Thess. 3:10; I Tim. 5:8
5. Notice the similar definitions of sorrow (6093) and labour (5999). Is all our labor a continuation of the curse of Adam? Let us examine what the Bible teaches concerning labor.
 - A. What is the profit of all our labor? Ecc. 1:3,8; 2:17-19; 5:15; Prov. 23:4-5; 30:8-9
 - B. How is labor considered a blessing? Ecc. 2:24-26; 3:13-14; 5:18-20
 - C. Compare the two types of labor mentioned in Proverbs 10:16.
 1. What is the labor of the righteous? I Cor. 3:9; 15:58; Eph. 4:28; Phil. 1:21-22; I Thes. 1:3
 2. What is the labor of the wicked? Prov. 6:16-19; Ecc. 10:14-15; Jer. 51:58
6. What is the blessing of getting through these labor years? Proverbs 16:31; 20:29



"The silvery head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." -Prov. 16:31