

Cracks In The Foundation

Cracks In The Foundation: Message

At the Fall, sin distorted God's good design

- Sin twisted man's role as head into dominance or passivity
- Sin twisted woman's role as helper into control or passivity

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God's design attacked

3 ways the serpent tempted Eve

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Discontent - God withholding something good, not generous

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“God lied” - “You surely shall not die!”

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“God’s motive not pure” - “He didn’t allow you the choice...”

Wrong perspective on God's image

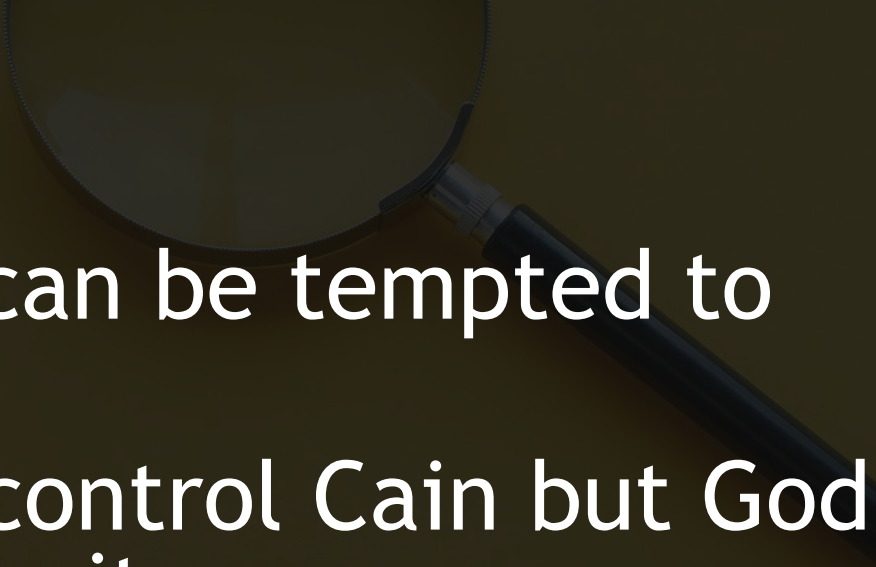
John Frame explains that “In sinning, Eve sought to be like God (Genesis 3:5), not by imitating His goodness, but by coveting His prerogatives”

(Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, p. 225)

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God's design cracked

“Desire” (Gen 3:16)

- Desire to control
 - After the Fall, women can be tempted to control their husband
 - Gen 4:7 Sin desired to control Cain but God told him he must master it
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God's design distorted

Blame shifting

Sinful fear

Broken
relationships

Role distortion

Spiritual
warfare

Polygamy

Adultery

Divorce

Homosexuality

God's good design distorted

Role Distortion - Men

“when sin entered the world, it ruined the harmony of marriage not because it brought headship and submission into existence, but because it twisted man’s humble, loving headship into hostile domination in some men and lazy indifference in others”

John Piper, (*“Husbands Who Love Like Christ and the Wives Who Submit to Them”*, www.desiringgod.org)

Role Distortion - Women

“And it twisted woman’s intelligent, willing submission into manipulative obsequiousness [passivity] in some women and brazen insubordination in others”

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Role Distortion

“Sin didn’t create headship and submission; it ruined them and distorted them and made them ugly and destructive”

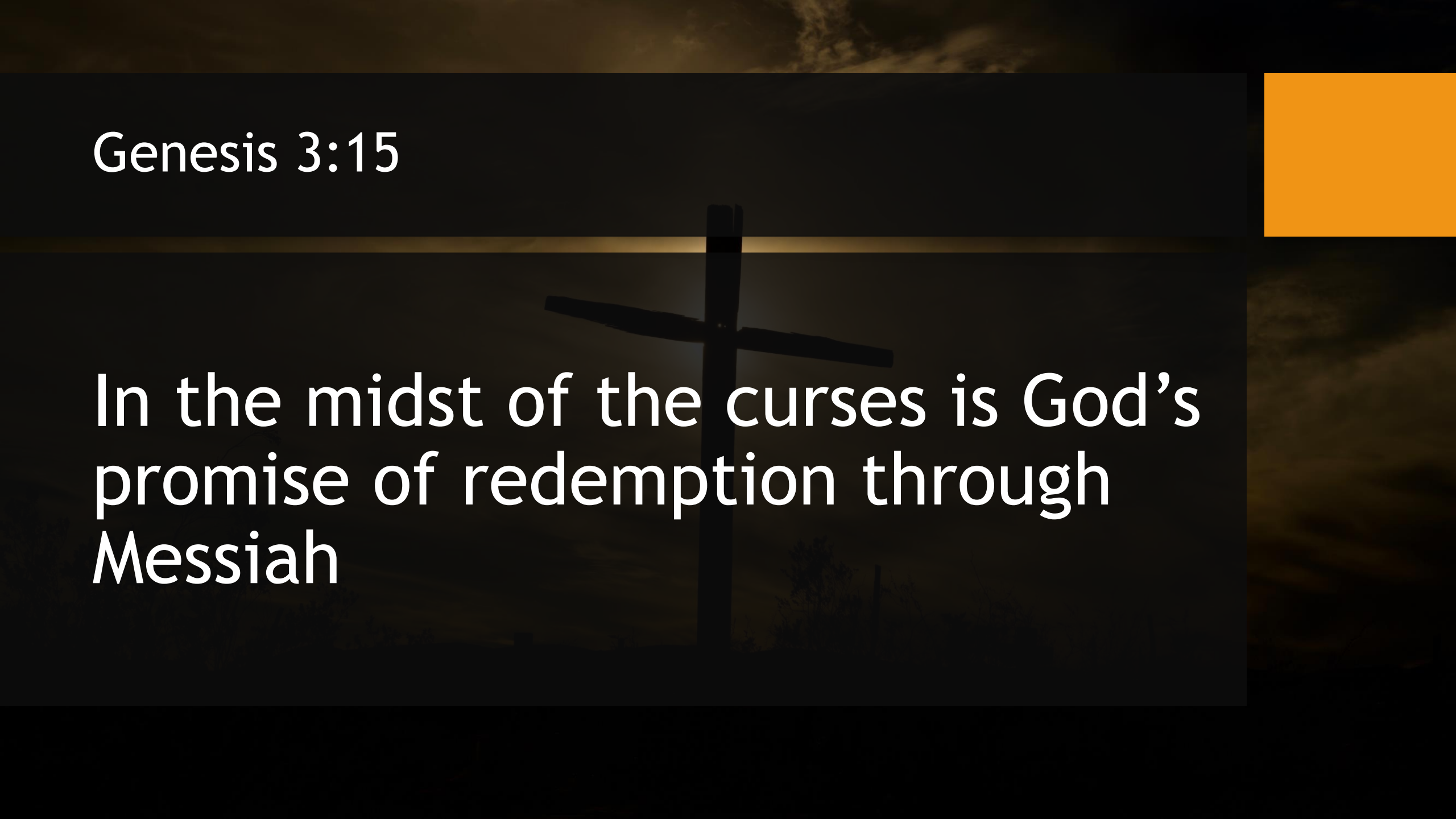
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Homosexuality

“Homosexuality is an obvious breach of God’s creation design of man as deliberately masculine and of the woman as deliberately feminine and of the creation ordinance of marriage as between a man and a woman...It represents aberrant, unnatural behavior...epitomizing rebellion against the Creator’s design of marriage as heterosexual”

(Andreas and Margaret Kostenberger, *God’s Design for Man and Woman*, p. 53)

Genesis 3:15



In the midst of the curses is God's
promise of redemption through
Messiah