

## Activity Sheet, 6 May 2018

### Creation undone

Genesis 3v7-19; Deuteronomy 28v15-24

- Sin is a denial of reality: how we have been made by God
- Sin is punished by the order of creation being dismantled

#### (1) Rebellion fails (3v7-13)

- God is still in charge: he asks the questions

- How did God respond to Adam and Eve's disobedience? (a) thunderbolts, (b) a question, (c) a lecture
- Who does Adam blame for what has happened (v12)? (a) Satan, (b) Eve, (c) God

#### (2) Rebellion punished (3v14-19)

- sin and its consequences
- creation changed
  - fits the crime
- de-creation

Man made from dust (2v7)

Man given luxurious garden to live and work in (2v8-17)

Man and woman one flesh, in harmony (2v18-25)

The crafty serpent (3v1)

THE FALL (3v2-13)

Judgement on the serpent (3v14-15)

Man and woman now at odds (3v16)

Man now sweating and digging out the thistles (3v17-19)

Man to return to the dust (3v19)

[Alasdair Paine, *The first chapters of everything*, (Christian Focus, 2014) p142]

- What reason does Adam give for hiding (v10)? Was this the real reason?
- Which two of the following are cursed? (a) serpent, (b) Eve, (c) Adam, (d) ground?
- In v17 who does God hold responsible for what has happened? (a) Adam, (b) Eve, (c) serpent?
- What is the current state of creation according to Romans 8v20?

#### (3) Rebellious Son (3v15)

- Jesus defeats Satan and undoes the curse

- In Luke 13v16 who does Jesus say had 'bound' the crippled woman?

#### Questions for discussion:

1. What are the similarities between Deuteronomy 28v15-24 and Genesis 3? Should we interpret natural disasters today as God's judgement on sin?
2. How does sin become its own punishment?
3. How is Adam and Eve's anxiety reflected in Genesis 3? Why does sin make us anxious?
4. What difference does it make to how we understand the suffering in the world depending on whether we believe evolution or the Bible's explanation in Genesis 3?
5. To what extent can we (and should we) try and limit the suffering introduced by the curse in Gen. 3?
6. How could you use Genesis 3 to show someone that sin really matters?
7. How is the promise of Genesis 3v15 fulfilled?