WHEN GOD'S LOVE IS DOUBTED

Genesis 3:1-24 (Key verse 15)

*“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."*

1. Observe carefully the steps in the serpent's temptation of the woman. How did he twist the meaning of God's word? (compare 2:16,17 with 3:1,4,5) In what respect did he lie? How did he remove the absolute from God's word? How did he plant pride? How did he lead her to doubt God's love?
2. How did the woman answer him? (2,3) What was her attitude toward God and his word? What were her inner desires? Why did she yield to temptation? What can we learn here about how to overcome temptation? (See Mt 4:1-11, Ephesians 6:17)
3. Where was the man during this time? (6) Why did he disobey God's command? (17) What were the consequences of their sin? (7-12) Why do you think God called out to Adam, "Where are you?" (9)
4. Did God accept their excuses? (13) Describe the curse to the serpent? (14) How does God's promise in 3:15 give hope to mankind? (1 John 3:8) Why is this the key verse of this lesson?
5. Describe the curse to the woman in verse 16. How was the woman's purpose in being married changed from chapter 2? Describe the curse to the man (17-19). How was the man's purpose for work changed from chapter 2?
6. What is the significance of the name Adam gave his wife? (20) How was God clothing them different from how they tried to cover themselves? (21) What then did God do for them? (22-24) Why? How does Jesus restore the purpose of men and women's lives? (Matthew 6:33, Matthew 28:18-20, John 4:15-26, John 3:16)