



# TRAINING TRACK

PART TWO

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY



Westlake Church Lausanne  
Rooted in the Gospel  Radical Transformation

## Section Two

### The God Who Does Not Wipe Out Rebels

#### Memory Verse

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.*

Genesis 3:15 ESV

#### Key Texts:

D. A. Carson, *The God Who Is There* (Baker, 2010), Chapter 2.

#### The First Rebellion

**Read** Carson 27-34

1. What were the serpent's tactics in the garden? (p31-2)

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2. Carson writes that 'the first sin is a sin against the goodness of God' (p31). Why does he say that?

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3. Carson writes that, according to the Bible, 'the first doctrine to be denied... is the doctrine of judgment' (p32). What does he say that?

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4. What does it mean that Adam and Eve gained the 'knowledge of good and evil' (Genesis 3:5, 22)? What were some of the possible motivations behind this, and what are the implications of gaining this knowledge? (p32-3).

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Spend some time reflecting on why *idolatry* is an appropriate description of what is going on here.

**The Consequences of the First Rebellion**

**Read** Carson 34-6

5. Briefly list the consequences to life and relationships of the rebellion in the garden:

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6. What is wrong with *self*-justification?

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**The Curses that Follow the Rebellion**

**Read** Carson 36-9

7. Summarize the first curse:

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8. How does Jesus crush the serpent's head?

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9. Considering Romans 16:20, how are Christians also included in the promise that the serpent's head will be crushed?

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10. Summarize the second curse:

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11. How does Genesis 4:7 help us interpret Genesis 3:16?

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12. What is the impact of the first rebellion – of wanting to be god - on the relationship of marriage?

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13. Summarize the third curse:

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**Covering the Guilty**

**Read** Carson 39

14. What is the link between the garments God provides for Adam and Eve and Jesus' death on the cross?

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**Conclusion**

**Read** Carson 40-2

15. Considering Genesis 1-3, what does the Bible say our problem is? And what is the solution that we need?

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**Memory Verse**

Review the Memory Verse

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