

### **Judgment of the Sin: Woman** (Gen 3:16)

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**Teacher Notes**

Teacher note: This exercise encourages the student to mark up the text to aid in the skill of observation, and to show that it is perfectly fine to write notes in one's personal Bible.

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Help the student with his observation. There is only one punishment that God dispenses:

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Woman will painfully bring forth children. As an interesting side note, animals do not experience pain when giving birth.

As Adam learns of her childbearing, he changes Woman's name to Eve, and she becomes known as "life-giving."

2. What do we know about Woman's desire? Does this help us understand God's statement, "Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he shall rule over you"?

Show the student how he can explore the Bible for a better understanding of what is happening. Woman expresses a desire earlier in the account:

For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that **the tree was desirable to make one wise**, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. (Gen 3:5-6, NASB)

Give time for discussion and exploration. Woman's initial desire was to have the wisdom of knowing good and evil like God. She desired a personal quality she lacked in herself.

Now Eve desired some qualities of Adam. The Bible does not say whether it was leadership, teaching responsibility, or naming. However, in the context of "he shall rule over you," implies that Eve's desire was about leadership. And God reasserts the roles He designed for husband and wife.