

## Genesis 3:15

### Defeat of the Serpent

**Text: Genesis 3:1-15**

#### Introduction:

1. God created man in His own image - with an eternal soul and without sin (1:26-27).
2. He created a garden in Eden to be the perfect home for man (2:7-9).
3. He allowed man to eat of every tree of the garden, save one (2:15-16).
4. He commanded man not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:17).
5. For a time, man lived in harmony with God in the Garden of Eden...

#### I. THE FALL OF MAN

- A. Satan, using the form of a serpent, tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit (3:1-5).
  1. Satan was timely - approaching Eve (cf. Matt. 4:1ff).
  2. Satan was sly - focusing on the negative.
  3. Satan was subtle - creating doubt in God.
  4. Satan was deceptive - changing God's Word with an addition ("not").
  5. Satan was tricky - crafting trust in himself while impugning God's love.
  6. Satan was ruthless - appealing to man's desires while knowing the result.
- B. Eve allowed herself to be deceived, followed her own wisdom, will, and desire, and yielded to temptation (cf. 1 Tim. 2:14; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 John 2:15-17).
- C. She ate of the fruit and gave some to Adam who also ate of it (3:6).
- D. Thus, sin entered into the world and man began to suffer its consequences (3:7-24).

#### II. THE PROPHECY OF VICTORY

- A. Satan had been victorious in this battle against man.
- B. It seemed that he might even win the war against God.
- C. However, in the midst of this darkness, God gave a prophetic promise that would give light to the world and all mankind.
- D. To the serpent, God said, **"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel"** (Genesis 3:15).
  1. There would be enmity (hostility, hatred; thus, conflict) between Satan and men.
  2. There would be conflict between Satan and the seed of woman.
    - a. This may hint at the virgin birth of Jesus (cf. Isa. 7:14; Jer. 31:22; Matt. 1:20-21; Luke 1:34-35).
    - b. It is of note that the word 'seed' is singular and refers to a man ("he," "his").
      - i. Genesis 22:18 - "thy seed" (from Abraham)
      - ii. 2 Samuel 7:12-14 - "thy seed" (from David)
      - iii. Galatians 3:16 - "thy seed, which is Christ" (cf. Matthew 1:1)
  3. He - Jesus - would bruise the head of Satan, meaning that He would deliver a crushing, defeating blow.
- E. This is a prophecy of victory in the face of defeat.
- F. It is a picture of love and grace through which God would work to restore fellowship with man.

## Prophecy of Jesus

### III. THE TRIUMPH OF JESUS

- A. Jesus won a three-fold victory over Satan.
- B. First, He defeated sin by living a sinless life.
  - 1. Hebrews 4:15; 9:28
  - 2. 1 Peter 2:22
- C. Second, He defeated death by rising from the grave.
  - 1. Acts 2:22-24
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
- D. Third, He defeated Satan by taking his power and thwarting his plans.
  - 1. Hebrews 2:14-15
  - 2. 1 John 3:8
  - 3. Romans 16:20; Ephesians 4:8; Colossians 2:15
  - 4. Revelation 20:10
- E. Victory is won!

#### Conclusion:

- 1. We acquire this victory by having our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16).
- 2. We continue to be cleansed by Jesus' blood when we live faithful lives (1 John 1:7).
- 3. Thus, we must live in victory (1 Corinthians 15:58)!