

The First Light of the Gospel in Man's Darkest Hour

Genesis 3:1-19

Theme

After the fall of man in the Garden into sin and depravity, mankind has no hope whatsoever if left in this state. Yet in the midst of this great fall and curse upon mankind comes the promise of One who will break the curse, who we know to be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Key Verse

(God speaking) Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you [*Satan*] and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

The temptation by Satan and sin of Adam and Eve (1-7)

Satan appears in the Garden as a crafty snake and questions Eve (1-3)

Satan lies to Eve about God (4-5)

Eve buys the lie and sins against God (6a)

Adam then sins against God (6b)

Adam and Eve feel guilt and shame for the first time (7)

The questioning of Adam and Eve by God (8-13)

Adam and Eve hide themselves out of fear as God approaches (8-10)

God asks Adam if he disobeyed Him (11)

Adam blames the woman and God for his disobedience (12)

Eve blames the serpent for her disobedience (13)

The curses and gospel promise of God (14-19)

God curses the physical snake (14)

- *To have a detestable form and manner*
- *As a permanent, visible reminder of the degradation of Satan*

The curses and gospel promise of God (14-19) (cont'd)

God curses Satan while declaring the promise of hope in the first gospel! (15)

- *God will provide a way for sinful man to be transformed:*
 - From being enemies of God to being enemies of Satan and his evil system
 - From being friends of Satan and his evil system to being friends of God
 - Fulfillment – see Col 1:13, 1:21-22; 2 Cor 5:17-18
- *A promised man (Messiah) from the seed of Eve will:*
 - Crush (destroy) Satan through defeat and judgment

Fulfillment of the Defeat and Judgment of Satan by Christ

- Satan was unable to interrupt the arrival of Christ (e.g., Matt 2:16-23)
- Satan was unable to get Christ to sin (Heb 4:15)
- Satan was rendered powerless through the cross of Christ (Heb 2:14)
- Satan will be cast out of heaven during the Tribulation (Rev 12:13)
- Satan will be bound in the pit for 1,000 years (Rev 20:2-3)
- Satan will finally be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:7-10)

- Be bruised by Satan through suffering
 - Fulfillment – see Luke 19:47b, 22:53b; Isa 53:5a

God curses Eve and all women (16)

God curses the man and all mankind (17-19)

Closing Reflections

Praise and thank the Lord for this amazing promise of the gospel in man's darkest hour

Realize that Christ is the perfect fulfillment of this first Messianic prophecy

Are you still a friend of Satan and in his kingdom, or a friend of Christ and in His kingdom?

If you are still dead in your sins, embrace Christ today and be transformed and given eternal life!