

CHRIST

In the Old Testament

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

Genesis 3:1-19



FAITH BUILDERS

Today's Lesson

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

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.”

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Revelation 12:9 ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, the **serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world**; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

About Satan

- A created, supernatural spirit who was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty (Ezek 28:12)
 - Archangel who enjoyed an exalted position before God (Ezek 28:14)
 - Originally called:
 - “Morning star” (Isa 14:12)
 - “Anointed cherub who covers” (Ezek 28:14)
 - In his pride he desired to be like God and have his own elevated throne (Isa 14:13-14)
 - Kicked out of heaven along with one third of the angels (Ezek 28:16; 2 Pet 2:4, Rev 12:4)
 - He is the prince/head of demons
 - Still has and will have influence in the world until his final judgment
- Now called:
 - “Devil” (Matt 4:1; Rev 12:9)
 - “Serpent” (Gen 3:1,14; 2 Cor 11:3; Rev 12:9)
 - “Beelzebul” (Matt 10:25, Luke 11:15)
 - “Ruler of this world” (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
 - “Prince of the power of the air” (Eph 2:2)
 - “Evil one” (Matt 13:19; 1 John 2:13)
 - “Adversary” (1 Pet 5:8)
 - “Belial” (2 Cor 6:15)
 - “Tempter” (Matt 4:3)
 - “Murderer” (John 8:44)
 - “Liar” (John 8:44)
 - “Accuser” (Rev 12:10)
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- 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)

Depravity - A term used to refer to the corruption of sin extending to all people and affecting the entire person—his intellect, emotions, and will—so that nothing in the person can commend him to God.

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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)*

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 - *To have a detestable form and manner*
 - *As a permanent, visible reminder of the degradation of Satan*
- God curses Satan while declaring the promise of hope in the first gospel! (15)

The Curse on Satan and First Promise of the Gospel

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- 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*

The Cure

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Fulfillment of the Promise of Transformation Through Christ

Colossians 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son

Colossians 1:21–22 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

2 Corinthians 5:17–18 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

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The Curse on Satan

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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)

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Sample Fulfillments with Christ

Luke 19:47b the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him

Luke 22:53b “this hour and the power of darkness are yours.”

Isaiah 53:5a But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;

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- 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!