

FIRST GOSPEL PROMISE

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Theme: As a result of the devil's lies and Adam's sin, we are sinners enslaved to disobedience. Therefore, Adam's sin ignited a life and death struggle between right and wrong, good and evil. But God promises salvation in a second Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross brings eternal life to those who believe, and the power to live for the glory of God!

I. Contexts of the Promise – Read Genesis 1:1-3:15

- A. In Genesis 1:1-2:25, God provides a paradise for His creation. What evidence are we given that God is the creator of the paradise? What commission does God give to Adam and Eve?
- B. How would you summarize the fall of humanity as displayed in Genesis 3:1-14?
- C. Read Genesis 3:14-15. What observations do you make about the curse given to the serpent? What promise does God make regarding the seed of the woman? How would you interpret the bruising of the serpent's head and the bruising of the seed of the woman's heel?

II. Fulfillment of the Promise – Read 1 Samuel 5:1-4 and Galatians 3:16

- A. Read 1 Samuel 5:1-4, 17:46-51, 31:9; and 2 Samuel 18:9. How do these passages highlight the enmity and tension between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent?
- B. How do these passages foreshadow the death blow to Satan at the hands of the Lord Jesus?
- C. Read Galatians 3:16. How does this passage highlight Jesus as the true seed of the woman?
- D. How does Jesus defeat Satan and secure our salvation at the cross (John 12:27-32, Revelation 12:7-11)? How do these truths encourage your heart and strengthen your faith?

III. Application of the Promise – Read Revelation 12:7-11

- A. How do we live with reckless abandon in the midst of difficulty, hardship, and persecution?
- B. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. When might you be prone to think that you can take on the devil and win? According to the text, how do we stand against the schemes of the devil?
- C. How does the crushing of Satan's head give you strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow? When are you most prone to forget the promise of the gospel and lose your way?