

Jesus our Champion

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity (Hostility, animosity or a deep-seated dislike) between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He (Christ) will crush your (Satan) head, and you will strike His (Christ) heel.*

This Scripture introduces God's great plan of redemption.

A Conflict Would Begin

IN the moment of human failure, God's mercy enters with a promise of salvation.

The phrase *"you will strike His heel"* refers to Satan's repeated attempts to defeat Jesus during His life. *"He will crush your head"*, predicts Satan's ultimate defeat when Jesus rose from the dead.

The purpose of God in declaring conflict between the powers of evil and the human race was to establish a basis of victory for man.

A Champion Would Be Sent!

Satan's one aim is always *"to steal, to kill, and to destroy."* **John 10:10**

- Satan mustered all his forces in trying to prevent Jesus from being born.
- Satan sought to enlist Jesus into his service in **(Matt 4:1-10)**, only so he might destroy Jesus and to stop Him from fulfilling His mission.
- Yet despite this hatred and violence against Jesus, Satan failed.

A Minor Wound

All this left Jesus, with a minor wound, a *bruised heel*, which is a graphic way of saying Satan, was incapable of dealing a mortal blow to Jesus.

The depths of suffering Jesus endured at Calvary were pains that He Himself willingly embraced. They were not imposed on Him.

John 10:17-18 *No one can take my life. I lay it down by myself. And I shall take it up again.*

Jesus as a man became the first and only person in history whom death could not forcibly grasp. **Jesus nullified death's power and removed its sting.**

A Glorious Triumph

By deliberately yielding Himself to death and after three days, shaking Himself free of it, Jesus brought into reality **a new concept of God's power.**

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the supreme demonstration of His triumph over Satan and his works.

If, God was able to raise Jesus from the dead, and if we share in Jesus' triumph - then there cannot be **NO** limit to what God can do for **US!**

Death is Satan's most powerful and most feared weapon.

But Jesus tore that weapon right out of the enemy's hand and diffused its sting.

A Victory Would Be Gained!

Satan would only “*strike (Jesus') heel*”, yet Jesus would “*would crush (Satan's) head!*”
Revealing the contrast between a **superficial** wound and a **fatal** wound.

The **heel** of Jesus would only be **scratched**, whereas the **head** of Satan would be **crushed**.

Crushing Satan's head means disarming him of his weapons of power, that spearhead his every attack: **sin, the penalty of our sin, sickness and death.**

Sin: Jesus conquered sin by being made sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Penalty of Sin: Jesus took the penalty of our sin by bearing the full weight of sin upon His own body at Calvary, removing the sin penalty from us.

Colossians 2:13-14 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Sickness: The Saviour crucified means sickness conquered. At the cross He carried away our diseases and bore in His own body all our afflictions.

1 Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Death: Jesus conquered death by surrendering Himself to it, and then shaking Himself free from its awful darkness, and rising radiantly into God's light.

Ephesians 1:20-21 ...when He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Let us no longer fear sin, or sickness, or death. See our enemy as God sees him, dejected, defeated and broken.

Colossians 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Jesus WON! And by His victory we too are made more than conquerors and share in his spoils of victory!