

## The Promise of the Savior

### Genesis 3

But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>1</sup>

The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”<sup>2</sup>

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head,<sup>3</sup> and you shall bruise His heel.”<sup>4</sup>

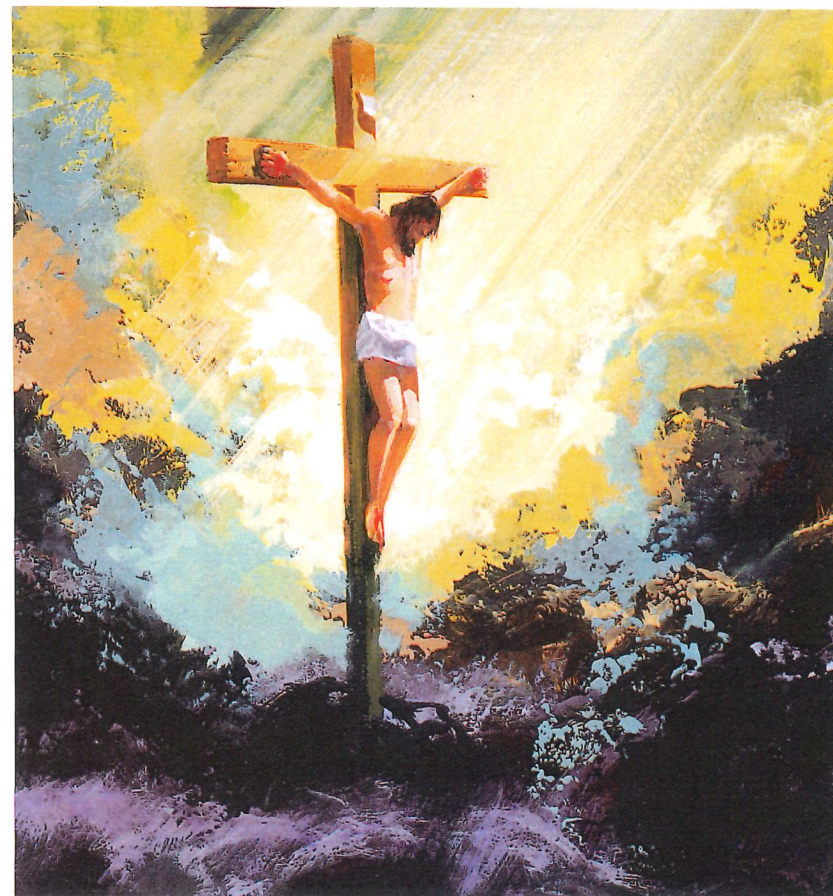
To the woman, He said, “I will greatly multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

To Adam He said, “Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skin and clothed them. He drove out the man,<sup>5</sup> and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.<sup>6</sup>

#### Explanatory Notes

<sup>1</sup>God knows everything. <sup>2</sup>The man blames God and the woman—anyone but himself—for his sin. <sup>3</sup>Destroy the devil’s work. <sup>4</sup>Jesus had to suffer and die to break the power of the devil. <sup>5</sup>With his wife. <sup>6</sup>Paradise on earth was closed.



*That through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil (Hebrews 2:14).*

#### For Reflection

1. What consequences of sin fell upon Eve? Adam? the serpent?
2. God told the serpent that the child of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. What did Jesus do to crush the head of Satan?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus has defeated the power of the devil?

#### Words to Remember

For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. *Romans 5:19*