

# Proclaimed

PROCLAIMED IN THE FALL - GENESIS 3:14-19  
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“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” **–Genesis 3:15**

## I. THE FALL'S EFFECT ON SATAN

- Satan will no longer be a mighty angel, but a “beast” viewed with contempt (Ezek. 28:11–19; Rev. 13:8).
- There will be hostility between the woman and Satan, and between their offspring (Matt. 2:16–18; Mark 9:22).
- He will bruise the offspring of the woman, and the woman's offspring shall bruise his head (Luke 4:1–13; Col. 2:15).

## II. THE FALL'S EFFECT ON MEN AND WOMEN

- The woman's distinctiveness will be cursed with pain in childbearing and a desire to “possess” her husband (vs. 16; Gen. 4:7).
- The man will “rule” over the woman, creating an authoritarian struggle through the ages, and will work in things with great strain for his reward.
- Both will ultimately face death, which will always be waiting for them (Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:56).

## III. THE FIRST GOSPEL

- In the midst of the curse comes the first gospel sermon (Gen. 3:15).
- God provided the law to check human sin and to demonstrate how much we sin and how much we need a Savior (Rom. 3:19–26; 7:1–20; Gal. 3:23–24).
- The offspring of the woman came to reveal a gospel that would save us from the sin that the law revealed in us (Mark 1:14–15; Rom. 8:2–4; 10:4; Gal. 3:1–6; 4:4–5).
- Jesus came to fulfill the law and bring us hope in the gospel (Rom. 5:20; Heb. 7:18–19; 10:1–18).

**KNOW:** The Fall separated us from God and brought with it the curse of death. Yet, in the midst of the curse lies the promise of the gospel.

**DO:** Break the curse by knowing and trusting in Jesus.

### Recommended Reading:

*According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible,*  
by Graeme Goldworthy (LifePoint Library #230 GOL)

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please read Genesis 3:14–19

1. What effect has the Fall had on you personally? What have been the ramifications in your own life?
2. Since coming to know Christ, how have the effects of the Fall begun to be reversed in your life?
3. Does it seem fair to you that because of one man's sin, everyone dies (Rom. 5:16; 1 Cor. 15:22) and nature is placed under bondage to the curse? Talk about that.
4. In what ways did Satan “bruise” Jesus? In what ways did Jesus “bruise” or “crush” Satan? (See Col. 2:13–15)
5. How does God's grace play into our passage for this morning? How long ago was God planning on being gracious to us?
6. How does our passage for Sunday bear on your own Advent devotions and/or preparations? How might it make you thankful?