

Morning Sermon November 15, 2020

“The Curse on the Serpent”– Genesis 3:14-15

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I. The curse on the serpent, the snake, the reptile –

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As we have indicated before, there are two culprits here:

- 1. The actual animal, the serpent, the snake, the reptile – we have no information on whether this animal was a willing participant in this crime or not, but a participant it was and because of that it is cursed!*

A. With a great curse –

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field ...

- B. Fact is, the curse infected the entire world, even every creature in it, including “all cattle” Consider, eventually, by Genesis 9, “cattle” become steaks and hamburger, with sin, without the curse this would not be the case!*

All animals, along with human beings, are impacted by the fall -

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, ...

²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption ...

²² For we know that the whole creation groans ... Romans 8:20–22 (NKJV)

C. As great as the curse is, the serpent is cursed most -
On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. Genesis 3:14

- The serpent likely had legs before the fall*
- Now it will crawl, and eat dust*

- 2. Additionally, I would say part of this curse is shared by the serpent, the reptile and Satan –*

And I will put enmity between you and the woman... Genesis 3:15 A

- A. My own grandmother was deathly afraid of snakes, I know you could say she hated them!*
- B. Most women, not all I would say share this “enmity.”*

II. The curse on the serpent / Satan, the demonic being –

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

- 1. Here is pictured spiritual warfare, and women are on the front lines -*

I (God) will put enmity Between you (Satan) and the woman (first Eve) but against all godly women and your seed (children of the devil – And her Seed – primarily Jesus Christ! The devil (serpent) and his children desire to kill Jesus –

What is enmity? Enmity is hatred without any possible resolution! Satan cannot and will not be saved! Nor will those who remain Satan children be reconciled, they are the people who would kill Christ, and like Satan they lie -

³⁹ They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now **you seek to kill Me**, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ You do the deeds of your father.” John 8:39–41 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. - John 8:44 (NKJV)

2. *It is because of this desire to kill Jesus, the Messiah, that the Devil got into the heart of Pharaoh to kill all the boy babies in Egypt –*

²² So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.” Exodus 1:22 (NKJV)

3. *It was the reason Herod was killing boy babies –*

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children *Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.*” Matthew 2:16–18 (NKJV)

We read of Satan’s behind the scenes moving in Herod’s actions in the Book of Revelation –

12 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ² Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

4. *How does the devil work particularly against women today?*

Consider what God’s Word says –

³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. Titus 2:3–5 (NKJV)

What Satan does is attack God’s Word, he would deceive you about how God designed you and what God calls you too! He would make the best things seem the worst and the worst things seem the best!

III. *The hope in the curse upon Satan –*

1. *It is not hope for Satan -*

He shall bruise your head – Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

He is cruising for a bruising; his bruising has two stages:

A. *His defeat at the cross, which is salvation for us*

B. *His final judgment –*

¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:10 (NKJV)

2. *It is hopeful for us –*

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A. *Enmity against Satan is a good thing because he is evil!*

B. *Bruise your head is Christ’s final victory over Satan*

C. *Bruise His heel –*

Satan is able to get Christ killed on the cross but that was God’s plan all along, and it is not a finally fatal wound because Jesus Christ resurrects from the dead and we will too if we trust Christ –

¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, Hebrews 2:14 (NKJV)

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