



the promise

READ

- Read Genesis 3:1-15 a few times this week, asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand and respond to the message.

EXAMINE

- In this familiar yet crucial scene, we are introduced to the serpent. What do you learn about the serpent in these verses?
- What lies did the serpent tell the woman and man (3:4-5)?
- In light of Genesis 1:27-28, how should the woman and man have responded to the serpent?
- What happened since they decided to listen to the serpent? In other words, what were the consequences (3:7-13)?
- God provides a solution to the threat of the serpent in Genesis 3:15. It is sometimes called “The First Gospel.” Who is God speaking to in this verse? What does God say will happen between the serpent’s “offspring” and the woman’s “offspring”? Who will be the victor?

APPLY

- Humankind’s great enemy the “serpent” still slinks around today, trying to destroy the image of God in men and women and draw us away from a loving and obedient relationship to God. How do you see the serpent at work today in our society, church and personal life?
- The “offspring” of the woman was a son, but it was her “offspring” born later in time that finally crushed the serpent’s head. List as many ways as you can that the Lord Jesus fulfills this “first gospel” promise.

PRAY

- Praise the Father for His promise fulfilled in sending His Son.
- Repent of any sins the Holy Spirit convicts you of through this study.
- Ask the Lord for help to resist the serpent’s lies; pray the same for others.
- Yield to the Lord: Submit your life to Him in prayerful dependence.

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