The First Promise of Christmas - Genesis 3:15
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Christmas is a celebration of the person of Jesus Christ. Some believe that Jesus does not appear until the Gospels in the New Testament. Dr. Harry Ironside once said, "The face of Jesus is on every page of Scripture." The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus was preeminent in the creation.

If We Cannot Trust the Creation Account of Genesis 1 & 2, How Can We Trust the Prediction of Genesis 3:15?

1. The Identity of the Adversary (3:1)
   Satan, the Devil, Lucifer
   The physical serpent was the instrument, but the spiritual serpent is the agent, "that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan," Revelation 20:2.

   - **Satan has a strategy -** 2 Corinthians 2:11
   - **Satan lays traps for people -** 2 Timothy 2:26
   - **Satan has a methodology -** Ephesians 6:11

   Satan's Primary Technique Is Deception - John 8:44

2. The Temptation of the Adversary (3:1-6)
   Satan Is Consistent In His Temptations

   - **He subtly doubts God's Word** (1)
   If the Bible isn't inspired, then it is not authoritative.

   - **He actively distorts God's Word** (1-3)

   - **He openly denies God's Word** (4)
   Satan directly called God a liar.

   - **He inevitably questions God's Person** (5-6)
   He led Eve to believe that God's purposes are not always good and right. God was keeping them from being all they could be.

   Mankind Has Been Falling Into Sin the Same Way
   Ever Since
   1 John 2:16, "For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world."

3. The Impact of Sin (3:7-14)
   Adam & Eve Were

   - **Their first response to their sin was shame** (7)
   We continue today to repeat their pathetic attempt to cover their shame. Their sense of shame was heightened by the appearance of the LORD God (10). Innocence was replaced by shame. Joy was replaced by fear. Fellowship with God was replaced by trying to avoid Him.
   - **Their second response to their sin was blame** (11-13)
   Adam first blamed Eve and ultimately blamed God. Eve was deceived, but Adam sinned with his eyes wide open.

   Now As Then There Can Be No Forgiveness Apart from Confession of Sin

4. The Promise of a Deliverer (3: 15)
   Promise before Pronouncement

God immediately pronounced judgment upon Satan (14) for there is no remedy for his condemnation. Adam and Eve will yet learn and experience the full consequences of their sin both individually and collectively (16-24). The ultimate consequence will be death. This has not changed to this day,
Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death." However, the moment man fel,l God Himself announced the provision for their salvation.

- **The Incarnation of Jesus Christ**

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed."
This promised descendant "Seed" of Adam would come by way of human birth. Adam and Eve had two boys, Cain and Abel. After Cain killed his brother, they had another son named Seth. When he was born Eve exclaimed "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed" Genesis 4:25. The flood recorded in Genesis 6-8 revealed the promise coming through Noah and Shem and eventually to Abraham in Genesis 11. Paul reveals that God's promises to Abraham
were fulfilled in Jesus, the promised "Seed," Galatians 3:16.

- **The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ**

"And you shall bruise His heel."
This follows the imagery of a serpent who would strike at the heel of a man. Satan put it into the heart of Judas to betray Him, of Peter to deny Him, of the Jews to accuse Him, of Pilate to condemn Him delivering, Him up to crucifixion. History relates that victims on a cross would bruise their heel with the up and down motion of crucifixion. It was through death that Jesus would ultimately defeat Satan paying for the sins of mankind, Hebrews 2:14-15.

- **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

"He shall bruise your head."
Christ crushed the head of Satan as it were when He rose from the dead. He inflicted upon the devil the fatal crushing blow, Romans 16:20. His doom is sealed and his sentence is soon to be carried out in full, Revelation 20:10. Every time a believer proclaims the Gospel, every
time a lost sinner comes to the Savior, the death knell of doom echoes as it were throughout the kingdom of Satan.
1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Have You Accepted Jesus Christ, the Promised One, as the Only Remedy for Your Sin?