

God's First Promise

Genesis 3:15

-The thesis of the whole Bible

-The protoevangelium

-Spoken to the serpent on the occasion of the fall of the human race into sin (Genesis 3:1-13).

I. God's Purpose

-“I will”

II. God's Plan

-“I will put enmity”

-“between you and the woman” (John 8:44; Revelation 20:2)

-“between your seed and her seed” (Romans 9:8; John 8:38-44; 1 John 3:10)

III. God's Promise

-“He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

-singular seed

-zeugma: crush, bruise

-decisive victory (Joshua 10:24): An offspring of the woman will engage the Serpent in combat and win.

-Who is this Person? Jesus Christ (Micah 5:2; Romans 16:20; Galatians 3:16, 19; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:17)

Practical Lessons

1) The evident unity of the Bible should strengthen our confidence in its trustworthiness.

2) The swift mercy of God in uttering this promise should persuade us of His earnest desire to save all who trust in Him.

3) The Great Question: What is your relationship to this promised Deliverer?