

# Who is the **ENEMY?**

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A Bruised Heel & A Crushed Head

Who is the Enemy? Listen to the way he is described in [Revelation 12:9](#):

And the great dragon ... that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world...

In our last lesson, [Genesis 3](#) told us the story of that ancient serpent deceiving and destroying what Adam and Eve enjoyed in the Garden of Eden. We ended with them hiding from God. By the end of [Genesis 3](#), things have only gotten worse. Is all hope lost? Is there any good news? Let's slow down and notice what God said before he drove the man and woman out of the garden.

## To Eve ([Gen 3:16](#)):

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you."

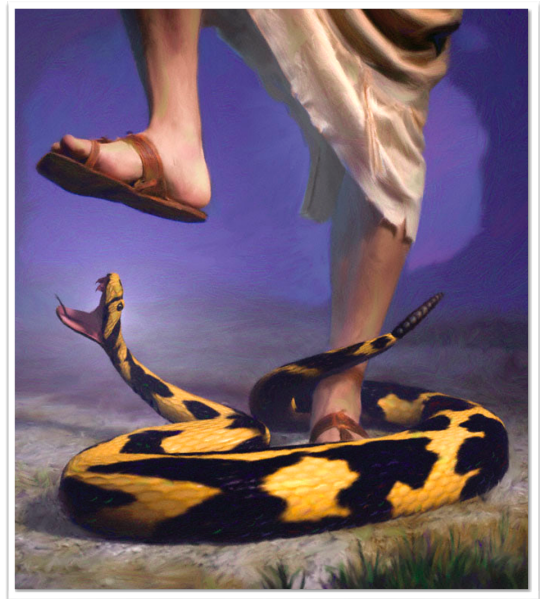
## To Adam ([3:17-19](#)):

"...cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

## To the Serpent ([3:14-15](#)):

"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."

What did God mean? What was going to happen to Eve, Adam, and the serpent? Let's talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Adam and Eve tried to hide from God in the garden (and it didn't work), but they aren't the only ones who have tried. What does **Psalm 139:1-12** teach us about "hiding" from God? And why is this message actually really good news?
- Let's read **Genesis 3:9-13** together. When they couldn't hide from God, what did Adam and Eve try next? Why was this not a good idea?
- In your own words, what was God telling Eve in **Genesis 3:16** about the consequences of her choice? How was her life going to change?
- In your own words, what was God telling Adam in **Genesis 3:17-19** about the consequences of his choice? How was his life going to change?
- And what about the serpent? In your own words, what was God telling him in **Genesis 3:14-15**?
- If your heel gets bruised, does that hurt? And what about your head? What is God really talking about in **Genesis 3:15**?
- Listen to Eve in **Genesis 3:13**: "The serpent deceived me." We heard in **Revelation 12:9** that Satan is "the deceiver of the whole world." How can we possibly win against this deceiver?
- Let's turn our Bibles back to **John 1:14** and **John 8:31-32**. Satan is the deceiver. What about Jesus? Who is he? How can he help us?