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¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me— she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

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I. CONTEXT --

- A. Time & Place:** Near the beginning of human history, perhaps a few weeks after the first week in which God had created man in His image, both male and female, on day six. Adam and Eve had been created sinless, and in perfect fellowship with God, but when tempted by Satan, who appeared as a serpent, they sinned by disobeying God’s revealed will. They had just eaten the forbidden fruit (verse 6), and sin had entered Eden.
- B. Persons Involved:** The promise is addressed to the serpent, not to mankind. It’s a message of judgment on Satan for his part in the fall of humanity. First, he was cursed above every other animal. Second, the serpent would crawl on his belly forever. Third, he would eat dust all the days of his life.
- C. Bad News:** God didn’t ask Satan what he did or why he did it because the Lord had already judged him when He threw him out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12). There were no extenuating circumstances to consider, no motions to file, no high-priced lawyers to argue the serpent’s case. For a few short hours Satan won the great battle with God. But his victory was short-lived. Everything since then has been downhill for him.

II. PREDICTION --

- A. Permanent Conflict:** The struggle would be between the serpent and the woman, between his seed and her seed, and between a single individual and the serpent. Adam was passed over because of the anticipated virgin birth.
- B. Temporary Defeat:** The serpent would strike her seed on the heel. Her seed would suffer, but it wouldn’t be a mortal wound leading to defeat. A deliverer who suffers, but is ultimately victorious is promised.
- C. Eventual Victory:** When Jesus died on the cross, He delivered a crushing blow to Satan.

III. APPLICATION: Remember ...

- A. The Christian Life Will Always Be a Struggle.**
- B. Our Victories Will Not Come Without Wounds.**
- C. God’s Plan of Salvation Is Wrapped in a Person.**