

Not Beyond the Heels (I)

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Genesis 3:15, New King James Version)

This is the key Bible verse for the ***“Come and See”*** devotional today.

One of the most remarkable things that happened after the fall of man in the Garden of Eden was the cautious judgment that God pronounced on all erring parties (read Genesis 3). The judgment was so significant that its impact is felt even today. As we shall later discover in this message, our clear understanding of this significant judgement will always place us above life’s challenges

Concerning Adam, for instance, God said: *“cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it, all the days of your life.”* (Genesis 3.17, New King James Version). Hence, Man’s labour starts from the womb and continues until death. We have to keep overcoming one challenge after the other in order to advance in life. Every breakthrough is often preceded by a struggle, either spiritual or physical. Very often in life, everything good we desire has to be fought for.

As for Eve, the Bible recorded the verdict of God upon her as follows: *“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”* (Genesis 3.16, New King James Version). Since then, every pregnant woman endures some momentary pain during childbirth. This continues even till today.

The devil was the main culprit who perpetrated the fall of man. Therefore, God’s careful judgment was meant to place eternal limitation and condemnation upon him as suggested by our key Bible verse for this message. He was not allowed to hurt men beyond their heels. This is because, If a man’s heels are bruised he can still live, in contrast to damage to other body parts and organs. Psalm 91 verse 13 states *“You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent”*

God has given us the power to “bruise the head” of Satan. This is one of the greatest disadvantages of the enemy: his lower position. There is no replacement for any head that is cut off and a bruised head cannot function effectively. This is why the devil is always angry if we are conscious of our position in God through Christ and rightly appropriating that position in Christ to advance God’s kingdom.

Our challenges cannot overcome us as long as we remain in Christ who sits far above all principalities and powers. Just as with the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace of Nebuchadnezzar, the enemy can only put you in the fire but there is a limitation on the burning effect of the fire. The Book of Isaiah states *“when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze”* (Isaiah 43:2, New International Version).

Let us pray: *“Father, I declare that all my challenges come under my feet. I receive grace to walk on my high places”* in Jesus’ Mighty Name Amen.

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