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Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, Texas

A Crushed Head & A Bruised Heel

History's first sin had just been committed, dooming humanity to the curse of death. God calls the guilty parties before Him for judgment. Adam points the finger at Eve, who in turn points the blame on the serpent. This leads God to start in descending order by first calling the serpent to account. Hear the sentence God renders:

"So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." - Genesis 3:14-15 (ESV)

Fast forward into history to see the fulfillment of this prophecy. Satan surely knew it was coming, for his demons were forever fearful of being *"tormented before the time"* (Matthew 8:29). However, it is a fact that if the angels desired to look into the future to see how God would bring about His plans (I Peter 1:12), and Satan was an angel who rebelled against God and will be sent to hell in chains (Jude 6), then it stands to reason that the Devil is not omniscient. He is not like God, who can see the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10). He was a rebel with a cause – to stage a coup.

This leads me to draw a conclusion about the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 where the Seed (Christ) would strike the head of Satan, while Himself being struck on the heel. The latter would be a temporary inconvenience, while the former would be a fatal blow. I don't for a second think Satan ever saw this one coming. I believe he was totally blindsided. I am persuaded that he did everything within his limited power to create the events leading to Calvary, dancing with delight as he watched Jesus die, thinking he had gained the last laugh and exacted revenge for being cast out of heaven.

Think about it. What did Luke tell us in his gospel about Judas as the disciples were taking the first Lord's Supper? *"And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve"* (Luke 22:3-4). Satan wanted Jesus to die! *(continue on back)*

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Who Are We?

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study
Wednesday:
7:30 PM Bible Study

**"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 107:1**

SERVICE

Welcome – D. Broadwell
 Hymn Director – R. McDonald
 Opening Prayer– J. Knapp
 Morning Lesson – S. Garrett
 Announcements – B. Haley
 Closing Prayer – J. Seale

EVANGELISTS

Daniel Broadwell
 Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
 Mark Mann
 Mike Pharris

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
 David Davila
 Dan Kimbrough
 Jesse Knapp
 Alex Morolez
 Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

How to Study the Bible

- Jesse Knapp

Kings

- Michael Krueger
- Justin Seale

Graded classes for children

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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What did Jesus tell Peter just a few minutes after Satan had entered Judas? "*Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.*" (Luke 22:31-32) Again, Satan wanted Jesus to die!

It is my conclusion from these verses that Satan believed he was victorious when Jesus died at Calvary. Everyone thought so, even His dispirited apostles. Christ had been crushed to death. For three days the Devil had his "15 minutes of fame." But the resurrection wiped that smile from his face. Suddenly, what looked to be a death blow was only a scratch, a mere bruise. Conquering death Jesus arose triumphant, destroying both the power of Satan, and dealing him a fatal head blow. For about 36 hours Satan experienced the thrill of victory, but now he knows only the agony of defeat. His fate is sealed. Thank God for Christ's bruised heel.

Rick Lanning

NEWS AND NOTES

Continue praying for those of our number who have ongoing health issues. **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Don Hurd, Fran Spencer, and Johnny Martinez.**

David Davila had triple bypass surgery last Monday and continues to improve. He is out of ICU and has been moved to a room in St. Lukes where he will be for several more days. Please pray for the family as **Zonia** continues to recover from her recent surgery.

Patricia Butler continues to have treatment for her cancer. Please pray for her strength and perseverance.

Terri Sams is battling an infection and has not been eating well. Pray that the new antibiotics will help her as she continues to be treated for her cancer.

Reminder: The new quarter starts next Sunday, December 4! There will be two adult classes; Wisdom Literature and Sermon on the Mount.