

# God's Promise To Satan

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**INTRODUCTION:** 1<sup>st</sup>-century preachers preached God's promise of salvation to the world. Acts 2:38-39, 13:17-33, Rom 1:1-5. But what about this promise itself?

**I. Promise** "An oral or written agreement to do or not do something; vow." (Webster)

- A. Something fulfilled in the future. **KEYWORD: "Future"**. God's promise was fulfilled in the future.
- B. The Bible is all about something God promised early and fulfilled later concerning salvation.

**II. Promises need a reason.**

- A. God had a promise in mind **before** the **need** arose. Eph 1:3-10
- B. Sin provided the *reason* to reveal the promise.
- C. Sin. 1 John 3:4. Law, Gen 2:16-17. Law broken = Sin. Gen 3:1-13
- D. Punishment for breaking the law. Three kinds of death. Gen 2:17
  - 1. **Physical** death ushered in, Gen 3:22,
  - 2. Death by sin is a present **separation** from God. Isa 59:1-2, Eph 2:1-5
  - 3. **Eternal** death by an eternal separation to those who die in sin. Rom 6:23
- E. This was the sentence Adam and Eve and all mankind faced.

**III. Then God made a promise to Satan.** Gen 3:15, Gal 4:4

**IV. "Grand Theme" of salvation is based on two facts from the "bruises".**

- A. Gen 3:15
  - 1. "*you shall bruise His heel*". when Christ died. Acts 2:31-32. **Blood atonement**.
  - 2. "*he shall bruise your head*," when Christ arose to reign in his **Kingdom**. Heb 2:14-15, Acts 2:22-36
- B. **Blood atonement**, sins removed through the blood of Christ.
  - 1. Animal blood atonement, Lev 16:11-16
  - 2. Christ's blood atonement, Eph 1:7
- C. **Kingdom**, Kingdom Christ would set up. Refers to the NT church.
  - 1. Scepter, Gen 49:10, Psa 45:6, Heb 1:6-9, Micah 5:2, Matt 2:6
  - 2. Dan 2, kingdom during the Roman Empire
  - 3. John the Baptist, Jesus, Matt 3, 4:17, 23, 16:18-19, Mark 9:1, the kingdom is at hand.

**V. OT, a history of the promise.**

- A. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Gen 22:18, Gal 3:16, Gen 26:4, 28:13-14, 49:10, Heb 7:14, John 18:36-37
- B. Moses and prophets spoke of promise, Deut 18:15, 18-19, Act 3:22-24
- C. Jesus and his kingdom the object of this promise, Acts 3:25-26, Luke 24:44-45

**VI. What about the Law of Moses?**

- A. A copy or shadow of the NT law or gospel of Christ. Heb 8:4-5, 9:23-10:10
- B. As a copy it served to preserve the Jewish race until Christ and the New Law, Gal. 3:15-25

## SUMMARY

**VII. Back to the bruise. How can one benefit from Christ's death?**

- A. In Jesus' death was his saving bloodshed. Matt 26:28
- B. By obedience we benefit from his blood. Acts 2:37, Heb 5:8-9, 2 Cor 5:14-15, Requirements of obedience.
  1. **BELIEVE** Jesus is the Son of God, and His blood can cleanse the sinner. John 8:24, Acts 16:30-31
  2. **REPENT** or turn from a life without Christ to a life with Christ, Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38
  3. **CONFESS** faith in the Son of God. Rom 10:10, Acts 8:37
  4. These are essential to salvation, but cannot contact the blood of the "bruise". WHAT WILL?
  5. **BAPTISM**, Heb 9:14 with 1 Pet 3:21. WHY BAPTISM? Because it is where the sinner comes in contact with Christ's blood. Rom 6:3-11, Gal 3:26-29. God's promise to Satan included baptism.
- C. The promise consisted of Christ's **Blood atonement** in His **Kingdom**—the gospel of salvation. These steps above, **BRCB**, are how one enters into the benefits of the promise.

**CONCLUSION:** The Bible is a relatively simple book about the Promise of salvation to all mankind by the blood of Jesus Christ in His kingdom which will be delivered up to God at the end of time. 1 Cor 15:24. WILL YOU BE PART OF THAT KINGDOM WHEN HE DOES?