

Devotional: A Disarmed Enemy

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*He shall bruise your head, and
you shall bruise His heel.*

(Genesis 3:15)

*And the God of peace will
crush Satan under your feet
shortly. (Romans 16:20)*

The Christian walk is neither easy nor smooth, due to personal sin, worldly opposition, and the attacks of our enemy Satan. His various names (adversary, deceiver, enemy, dragon, accuser) suggest his evil nature and wicked purpose. Satan “walks about as

a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

In the midst of this battle the Christian cries out, how long shall it be till this struggle is over, till you silence the enemy once and for all? We rest, however, on the promise of God to crush Satan, which gives us hope and strength to endure the fight. We can bear a battle better when we have a clear vision of the scope of the war. So where should our eyes be fixed?

Look back to the promise of God in Genesis 3:15, that the seed of the woman (Christ) shall crush the head of the serpent (Satan). God has promised to deal with our enemy, and his promises are powerful antidotes for our ailing spirit.

Look to the work of Jesus Christ. In the cross, Christ destroyed Satan's work (1 John 3:8). When Jesus died on the cross, he removed our debt of sin. Christ has also removed the power of Satan over us. Through Christ, God has destroyed Satan's grip on you, so that sin may molest but you are no longer a slave to it (Romans 6:5-7).

Look further away to the glorious future, when sin and Satan will have an end (Revelation 20:10). Satan and his cohorts are destined for eternal destruction on the day of judgment. We will even participate in this act of judgment (1 Corinthians 6:3). This is the hope of a glorious future when the "God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly" (Romans 16:20). What an encouragement to fight!