



2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

1st January 2012

Readings from the English Bible

- Psalm 3
- Genesis 16
- Luke 24
- Romans 16
- Daniel 9:1-19

Metrical Psalms

- Psalm 79:9-13
- Psalm 102:16-22

Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection

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THE BIBLE'S FIRST PROMISE

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
Genesis 3:15

This is the first promise to fallen man. It contains the whole gospel, and the essence of the covenant of grace. It has been in great measure fulfilled. The seed of the woman, even our Lord Jesus, was bruised in His heel, and a terrible bruising it was. How terrible will be the final bruising of the serpent's head! This was virtually done when Jesus took away sin, vanquished death, and broke the power of Satan; but it awaits a still fuller accomplishment at our Lord's Second Advent, and in the day of Judgment. To us the promise stands as a prophecy that we shall be afflicted by the powers of evil in our lower nature, and thus bruised in our heel: but we shall triumph in Christ, who sets His foot on the old serpent's head. Throughout this year we may have to learn the first part of this promise by experience, through the temptations of the devil, and the unkindness of the ungodly who are his seed. They may so bruise us that we may limp with our sore heel; but let us grasp the second part of the text, and we shall not be dismayed. By faith let us rejoice that we shall still reign in Christ Jesus, the woman's seed.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time

“A fullness resides in Jesus our Head”

John Fawcett
(1740-1817)

John 1:16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace

A fullness resides in Jesus our Head,
And ever abides to answer our need!
The Father's good pleasure has laid up
in store
A plentiful treasure to give to the poor.

Whate'er be our wants, we need not to
fear;
Our numerous complaints His mercy will
hear:
His fullness shall yield us abundant
supplies;
His power shall shield us when danger
arise.

The fountain o'erflows, our woes to
redress;
Still more He bestows and grace upon
grace;
His gifts in abundance we daily receive;
He has a redundance for all that believe.

Whatever distress awaits us below,
Such plentiful grace will Jesus bestow,
As still shall support us, and silence our
fear:
For nothing can hurt us while Jesus is
near.

When troubles attend, or danger, or
strife,
His love will defend and guard us
through life;
And when we are fainting, and ready to
die,
Whatever is wanting His hand will
supply.

“Jesus is our God and Saviour”

John Hart
(1712-1768)

Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Jesus is our God and Saviour,
Guide, and Counsellor, and Friend,
Bearing all our misbehaviour,
Kind and loving to the end;
Trust Him; He will not deceive us,
Though we hardly of Him deem:
He will never, never leave us,
Nor will let us quite leave Him.

Nothing but Thy blood, O Jesus,
Can relieve us from our smart,
Nothing else from guilt release us,
Nothing else can melt the heart!
Law and terrors do but harden
All the while they work alone,
But a sense blood-bought pardon
Soon dissolves a heart of stone.

Jesus, all our consolations
Flow from Thee, the sov'reign
good;
Love and faith, and hope, and
patience,
All are purchased by Thy blood:
From Thy fullness we receive them;
We have nothing of our own:
Freely Thou delight'st to give them
To the needy, who have none.