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The Symbol of Defeat

Satan is defeated; Christ is our Victory. Act like it!

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God has provided us a remarkable symbol: the symbol of defeat. That symbol is Satan and throughout the Word of God, we see reference to our victory over him. God has also provided us with a symbol of victory. That symbol is Jesus Christ. We are to realize both symbols for what they are. Because we have victory, defeat has been completely blotted out.

There was a time when there was no symbol of defeat even though the defeated one walked through the earth. That time was in the garden of Eden. Satan is called the serpent in Genesis 3, and this serpent caused Eve and then Adam to sin. As a result of that sin, God removed Adam and Eve from the garden, and God also made a promise, an enduring promise that has been in the process of fulfillment ever since.

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. (Gen 3:15)



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What a fantastic promise. The seed of the woman refers to Jesus Christ. The other seed mentioned refers to Satan. Jesus Christ's heel was promised to bruise Satan's head. So much is lost in this translation. The bruising of the head is literally the crushing of Satan's head. In this process, Christ's heel will be bruised. Jesus Christ was bruised because of his death for mankind; Satan's head was crushed when Christ was resurrected from the grave.

God progressively kept Satan at bay from His people throughout the Old Testament. One of the greatest accounts of this is in

Numbers 20 and 21. Moses was trying to take the Israelites through the land of Edom, but Edom wouldn't allow it.

And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword. (Num 20:18)

Because of this, the people had to go around Edom and for this they were complaining.

And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people

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of Israel died. (Num 21:4-6)

Isn't that just people? God is doing His part to protect and care for them, but they start grumbling and complaining. They didn't like the manna and they didn't like having to compass the land of Edom. God didn't like their complaining and verse 6 says He sent fiery serpents among the people. He permitted the little snakes to come in. Heretofore, He had kept them out. They had been there all along, but He had kept them out of the camp. Now, He allowed them in. As a result of being bit, the people started dying. Can you imagine the fear the swelled up in their minds? We don't know the half of what God does to protect us! Neither did they.

Well, the people started coming to themselves as they often do in times of deep troubles, and asked Moses for help. They began confronting their fears and controlling their minds and mouths.

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. (Num 21:7-9)

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God told Moses to make a fiery serpent and nail it to a pole. This introduced the **symbol of defeat**. God wanted the people to realize He had defeated satan. He wanted the people to NOT be afraid of satan and told them to take a good look at it and accept their deliverance. The people who put away their fear and realized this as their deliverance were delivered from death.

I can't begin to express how important it is for us to **NOT** be afraid of satan, to **NOT** be afraid to look at him, his destruction, his damages to human life and God's earth so we may begin to manifest God's power and **wreck havoc in his kingdom**. We must come about face and not be afraid. Satan is the symbol of

defeat. He is a dead fiery serpent, nailed to a tall pole for all to see and we are to NOT be afraid of him any more. Realizing this means you are accepting God's original head-crushing promise. Not only must we accept this promise, we must expect its very fulfillment in our lives! Your healing and others, your deliverance and others can quickly come when you believe this.

What is it that brought damage from the fiery serpent to the people? It was the bite, the sting and the poison introduced into their bodies. Jesus Christ took the bite, the sting, the poison out of the serpent. He crushed his head. He blotted satan out almost completely. Where does this leave us? Just where it left the Israelites. Let's see how their lives had been changed.

And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon

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was strong. And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof. (Num 21:23-25)

After the fiery serpent incident, the people went on to Sihon and Sihon wouldn't allow Israel to travel through. What did God do for them then? He helped them conquer this situation and utterly blot out these people. Their victory was so great that it simply couldn't get any better. They got rid of all the enemy, and then moved right into all their cities and villages and buildings and houses. They took over their vineyards and flocks and wells and land. This was a far cry from the complaining and growling the people had done prior to the fiery serpents. What a message for us today! What changed these people? They learned to realize the symbol of defeat—that satan was defeated - and to expect godly results from doing so. For Christians, satan's head is crushed. We have only one more victory, which is the victory over death.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be

brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Cor 15:54)

The enemy death will be destroyed in the future. In the meantime, the symbol of defeat is satan and we are NEVER to be afraid of him. He is defeated! We are to command him and his cronies away by the power of God in us through the name of Jesus Christ. Blot him out of your lives! Satan is defeated. He

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But you say, "oh, I am so sick, I am so hurt, I need this, and I need that." Those words are no more than complaining, growling, and grumbling. Replace those words with deliberate commands against the kingdom of satan, words like, "go, sickness, in the name of Jesus Christ." "Dissolve tumor, in the name of Jesus Christ." "Take your slimey hands off satan in the name of Jesus Christ." "I command you to leave in the name of Jesus

Christ." You must take charge and stop his charge.

By now, Jesus Christ's heel is healed! We must walk out, realizing the symbol of defeat and manifest our victory in Christ. We must walk out expecting God to move in every situation we touch. The victory is ours to claim. We walk out into the world as kings and queens and claim what is ours.

O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:55-57)

The sting is gone. Satan is defeated. Act like it!

God bless you!

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