



## Midweek Meditation



*"I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush His heel."  
Genesis 3:15*

When God speaks the Gospel promise in Genesis 3:15, He says, "I will..." not "You must..." Man had already acted. He had sinned. Now it is God's turn to act. *"I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed."* This is not the way we think by nature. When we do something wrong, we assume that we are the ones who must make amends. If I spill something on the kitchen floor, I need to get a rag and clean it up. If I break a glass bowl in the store, I am the one who must pay for it. God acts in a way that is completely foreign to our nature when He assumes the responsibility for our sinful behavior. This is because God acts in the way of the Gospel. He acts by grace. He promises to send the Seed of the woman who will do battle with man's enemy, the devil, and win the victory for us. Jesus came to clean up our mess. He came to make the ultimate payment for our sinfulness. Our mess is cleaned up. Our sins are forgiven. God has acted through His Son.

*(The word from God here) does not contain any Law about what either the serpent or man should do but is devoted entirely to promising and threatening what good and what evil will happen to both (man and the devil). (Martin Luther)*

*Lord Jesus, You are the Seed of the woman. You came to heal my brokenness. You came to defeat Satan for me. The victory is not mine to win, but mine to enjoy. Thank You for all You have done for me. Amen.*