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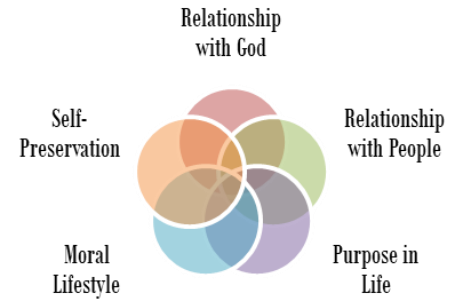
*“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

## **I. The Situation in Eden “Fearless”**

### **(5 spheres of fear)**

- A. Personal Relationship with God – (Gen. 2:7; 3:8)
- B. Perfect Partnership – Adam and Eve (Gen. 2:18, 20b - 25)
- C. Purpose – Rule/Work/Multiply (Gen. 1:28; 2:15, 20)
- D. Precise Boundary – “The Garden of Eden” (Gen. 2:8, 17)
- E. Provisions from God – bountiful food (Gen. 1:29,30; 2: 16, 17)

**There was no fear before the fall!**



## **II. Satan a Source of Fear (Gen. 3:1 - 5)**

- A. The “serpent” was some form of manifestation of Satan “Crafty” – deceptive/cunning (vs. 1a)
- B. Satan is thrown down to earth (Rev. 12:7-9)
- C. Satan uses fear as one of his main tools to control and destroy (John 8:44; Isa. 14:12; Lk. 10:18)
- D. Satan introduces fear through introducing doubt into the relationship with God. (vs. 1b – 5; John 10:10)

## **III. Sin a Source of Fear (Gen 3:6 – 13)**

- A. Sin is attractive at many levels – excuses
- B. She “saw” (observation) → “thought” (temptation) → “ate” (sin) → “realized” (fear)
- C. The fear reaction – Literally a “coverup” and the “blame game” (Gen. 3:7;2:25)
- D. Fear interferes with your relationship with God. (vs. 10)
- E. Then begins to destroy other relationships in our lives (vs. 12,13)

## **IV. “Seed of Woman” – Our Source of Salvation! (Gen. 3:15 - 24)**

- A. Personal involvement – The Lord God is talking “I will put”
- B. “Enmity” – an “enemy” – adversary – war - conflict
- C. You (serpent) will strike his heel – heel = weak point = humanity
- D. He (Savior – Jesus Christ) will crush your head – head = authority (I Cor. 15:55-57)
- E. Even though humanity was cursed by sin – God provided a covering for them (vs. 21; Isa. 61:10)