

Hello! This is Dorothy -

Several years ago, it was our joy to be in Swaziland, where I spoke to the ladies one afternoon. As I returned back to where my husband was staying, I came across a grassy area. The grass was rather high and there was a very narrow path and I realized there could be many snakes in the vicinity. So, rightly or wrongly, I got pretty close to a rather heavy-looking lady ahead, who had her baby on her back and she was carrying food on her head, but in her hand, she had a pretty big stick. I thought, “Well, if I keep close behind her and if I see or know of a snake in my vicinity, I am sure if I shout hard, she will come to my rescue!” Some of us just think about a snake and we just about pass out; we do not like the idea.

Did you know in the Bible that Satan is described as a crafty, cunning **serpent** - a snake? He is compared, in different sections, to being both a **cobra** and a **viper**. “Oh,” you say, “I do not want to get into the details of that!” But it is interesting to notice that the cobra’s poison is neurotoxin, which literally effects the total central nervous system. Spiritually speaking, Satan, as a cobra, attacks our emotional system, our central nervous system, the emotions of our life. The viper’s bite carries a hemotoxin, which goes into the blood stream and refers to the lifestyle that involves letting down standards, and being deceitful. Now wait a minute - that is the kind of bite some of us might not have realized we have had. I saw a girl the other day and I knew for sure she had been bitten by that very viper. Her whole lifestyle, her whole manner of dress, her whole manner of behavior showed she had been attacked and, I

think, she did not realize it. Also, she had been deceived. We do not realize how Satan wants to deceive us.

It is in **Genesis, chapter 3, verse 1** that we read -

1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field. . . *yes, he was a beast. . . which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

We read on in **verses 13 through 15** -

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shall thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 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.

When was the seed of the woman bruised? When was this heel bruised? It was bruised, I believe, when our Lord was taken to the Cross and nails were put in His feet, as well on in his hands and there the sword put in His side. But He rose triumphant from the grave! But Satan was defeated and dealt with at the Cross of Jesus Christ.

In **Revelation chapter 12**, we read -

9 And . . . that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth . . . *Jesus threw him into the world out of Heaven . . . and his angels were cast out with him. One third of the angels went with him and they are now the demons.*

10 . . . the accuser of our brethren - *this is the old serpent* - is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Let me put it this way. Have you known accusation in your life? Oh, it is so easy, isn't it? You know, the serpent tempts Eve; then Eve blames the serpent. Eve involves Adam; Adam blames Eve. So they took and they blamed and that is how it goes. And all the time, there was this emotional distress going on, which was anything to avoid the responsibility of what the Spirit of the Lord was saying.

When we are filled with God's Word, we are filled with a power that makes the devil run, as he did in the story of Jesus in the temptation in **Matthew chapter 4**, when the Lord said, **It is written**. When you and I are willing to let the Lord work in our lives that we daily see the need for that fresh infilling, His authority is there, and we discern and see by His Spirit those things coming from the enemy and stand in the victory of Christ. I want you to take that stand today. Would you write and share what God is doing? We want to pray for you, because we love you.

In His Name. Bye-bye.