

*Wisdom Not Worry*  
*Tuesday, May 5, 2020*  
**Psalm 91:13**

**You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.**

Does it sometimes look like evil is winning? Take heart. This verse assures us things are not as they seem.

In the opening pages of Genesis, Satan is depicted as a serpent. With evil intent, he deceived Adam and Eve into disobeying the one law God established - "Do not eat from the tree of good and evil. For on the day you eat of it you will surely die." Through Adam, all of humanity was sentenced to death. Paul writes, "sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). But God had other plans.

He would send His Son Jesus to crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). John writes, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work" (1 John 3:8). By His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ "disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to shame, triumphing over them in him" (Colossians 2:15). Jesus "tread on...the cobra and trampled... the serpent." At the cross Satan suffered a fatal wound. But he's not dead yet.

Revelation 12 tells us he's angry because "he knows his time is short." Satan isn't winning; he's furious. In his rage, the serpent is inflicting as much damage as he can. But when Christ returns the serpent will suffer the fatal blow. Christ will vanquish him, casting him into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10). Jesus wins and so do we. By faith, His victory is our victory!

Don't give up. Don't lose hope. Don't be afraid.

*For though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.*

Let this sink in today - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRJHKzU\\_t1M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRJHKzU_t1M)

Grateful,  
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