



# The Model and the Serpent

The electronic media recently showed a video clip depicting a model kissing a snake. The video showed the model letting the serpent's flickering tongue touch her lips. It looked very repulsive indeed! The first serpent mentioned in the Scripture is a subtle creature controlled by Satan who deceived the first couple created by God. Satan used the serpent as his vehicle to accomplish his wicked plans against God. He is therefore called "the old serpent". Satan enticed Eve with his subtlety and made her and through her Adam, disobey God's commandment with the result that sin and death entered the world through the disobedience of one man, Adam.

Thus sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin. And in this way eternal death came to all men, for all have sinned; that is you and I. Many died by the sin of one man, and so did God's grace and the gift of eternal life come by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ. Consequently, just as through the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of one man, the Lord Jesus Christ many are made righteous. This is the good news for all our readers.

God said to the old serpent that he would put enmity between him and the woman and between the serpent and the woman's son; and the woman's son shall bruise Satan's head and that Satan shall bruise His heel. In precise fulfilment of what God said, Satan bruised the heel of Christ, the woman's Son at the

cross, but Christ by His death and resurrection, delivered a fatal blow to Satan.

The same old serpent who betrayed Eve with a lying tongue will come to you quietly and murmur in your ears, 'did Christ really tell you to believe in Him to have eternal life?'. He will tell a hundred lies without a blush to turn you away from Christ, so that he can have you with him in hell. Satan, the old serpent is engaged in activities which would ultimately spell doom for mankind. But one day, he will be bound and cast into the lake of fire. But all those who are saved by grace shall reign with Him in eternity.

## **How can you be saved or receive eternal life?**

By trusting the Lord Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Saviour and acknowledging that you are a sinner and that Christ died on the cross as your substitute for your sin, you can receive eternal life free at this very moment. You need not go to any temple or church; you can receive salvation right now where ever you may be sitting by making a simple prayer, "Lord I realise I am a sinner, and that Christ died for my sins. Lord! Please forgive my sins, and receive me as your child, in the Saviour's blessed name I pray. Amen." From then on you can start experiencing the wonderful transformation in your life!

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