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Genesis 3|4, Psalms 3|4|5, Matthew 3|4



## **Enmity with the serpent's seed**

The serpent lied. 'The woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat' (G3:6). Yahweh Elohim said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, 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. (G3:14-15). Yahweh said to Cain, 'If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lies at the door' (G 4:7). Cain murdered his brother and went out from the presence of Yahweh.

Enmity was expressed, 'Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God'. Selah. (P3:2). 'Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly' (P3:7). The cry to all who sin, 'O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame?(P 4:2). As Abel, 'Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD' (P 4:5). For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee..the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. they flatter with their tongue (P5:4-10), as the serpent did.

John the Baptist said to the Pharisees and Sadducees, 'O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:' (M 3:7-8) The slanderer tempted Yeshua, who replied, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God' (M 4:4).