



And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

(Gen. 3:15)

Hebrews 1-2

- The eternal Son, God’s final word, has come to be exalted as the heir and author of salvation *through* His incarnation and sufferings

Why the sufferings of the Son?

¹⁴ Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵ and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

¹⁶ For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

(Hebrews 2:14-16)

The Son’s Incarnation

A. The Meaning

- the eternal Son fully partook of a human nature in its weakness and mortality (“blood and flesh”)
- Jesus lived fully and authentically as a man in every respect, yet without sin

The Son’s Incarnation

B. The Purpose (two-fold)

1. To render powerless the devil’s power over death
 - the devil gained power over death when he seduced mankind to sin – death is the penalty
 - only through Jesus’ death is the devil’s reign over death cancelled

The Son's Incarnation

B. The Purpose (two-fold)

2. To free us from bondage to the fear of death
 - death is frightening and produces a multi-faceted bondage
 - true freedom is found only in knowing and trusting in Christ's victory over death for us

The Son's Incarnation

B. The Purpose (two-fold)

2. To free us from bondage to the fear of death
 - this deliverance is for the "seed of Abraham" – the children of God who belong to Christ