

***God tells sinful Adam and Eve that they have lost the life of paradise and that their offspring will bruise the serpent's head.***

<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
    and dust you shall eat  
    all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
    and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
    and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

*(Thanks be to God)*