

GOD WILL CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE SNAKE AND DEFEAT DEATH.

## The Promised Redeemer

Many, many, many, many, many years before Jesus was born, lived, and died, there lived a man named Job. Job loved God very much. And God loved Job very much. Job had many wonderful things—a wife, ten children, many animals, and lots of servants. Satan, the one who had been that snake in the garden, told God that Job only loved God because Job had such happy things. God knew that wasn't true, so He allowed Satan to take nearly all those things away from Job to show that Job would still love God. And that's what happened. Job suffered, but in the end, Job praised God and said he could do so because, "I know that my Redeemer lives and one day He will stand upon the earth."

Well, Job didn't live on the earth at the same time Jesus lived on the earth, but Job was right. *Redeemer* is a word that describes someone who fixes something that has been broken. Job knew that this world was broken by the sin that Adam and Eve started in the garden. They made it so our hearts are hard toward God and so that we can't love, hear, and obey Him like we are supposed to. Our hard hearts make us sin by not obeying Him. So for years and years, God's people had to make sacrifices of animals to try to redeem themselves. But it never worked forever. It only helped for a little while.

God had promised a way for the problem of our sin and separation from God to be fixed forever and ever. Job knew that way would one day be the Redeemer who would live on earth.

