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Christmas in the Old Testament

## **The Promised Conqueror of Evil**

Genesis 3:15

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*English Sermon*

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*Filipino Sermon*

# ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE



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# The Promised Conqueror of Evil

Genesis 3:15

In the background of humanity's fall from grace, we see Romans 5:18 come true, *"For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many."* How did God make a way for redemption from our fall from grace? Through the Incarnation of a Savior, the Messiah, born of a virgin, who will redeem His people and defeat Satan, sin, and death in the process:

- 1. THE PICTURE OF WAR:** *"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring."*
  - This describes a war that commenced between two lineages: the line of Satan and the line of God. Since the Garden of Eden, this has been ongoing for centuries. On which side will God find you?
  - While only God knows the genuineness of a person's salvation, you can make sure which side you belong to. Jesus promised, *"Whoever comes to Me I will never cast out"* (John 6:37, 40; Matthew 7:21). You will never be the first in history whom Jesus turned away after sincerely coming to Him.
- 2. THE PROPHECY OF A MIRACLE:** *"...and between your offspring and her [seed]. He shall bruise your head..."*
  - The word "offspring" is *zera*, literally "seed." In the miracle of conception, the husband normally contributes the seed. But here, Eve alone would be the source of a future deliverer, the Messiah, who is referred to in singular form.
  - God is hinting at a virgin birth, spoken of more clearly in Isaiah 7:14. God the Son's Incarnation, which we celebrate as Christmas, was always in God's mind.
- 3. THE PROMISE OF VICTORY:** *"He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."*
  - *"Bruise His heel"* – crippling injury, but not fatal. *"Bruise your head"* – a deadly and final blow referring to Satan's defeat at the Cross and continuing defeat in the spiritual warfare of faithful believers, because *"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"* (1 John 4:4; Ephesians 6:13).
  - In Romans 16:20, God crushes Satan so that he ends up under our feet. It all ends when Satan is thrown into the lake of fire forever (Revelation 20:10), but every battle God wins for us right now is a foretaste of that victory!

### Final Thoughts

When Satan, sin, and death seemed to prevail, God made a way for us to be reconciled to Him through the promised Messiah, the Seed of Eve, the Promised Conqueror of evil, born of a virgin, Christ the Lord! ■

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# Ang Pangakong Tagumpay ng Tagapagligtas

Genesis 3:15

Ang kasaysayan ng kaligtasan ay nag-umpisa sa pagkahulog ng tao sa kasalanan. Ngunit dahil sa pag-ibig at kahabagan ng ating Diyos, gumawa Siya ng paraan upang mapagtagumpayan ng Kanyang piniling Tagapagligtas ang lahat ng pakikipagtunggali ng kalaban (Romans 5:18). Sa takdang panahon, pumasok sa kasaysayan ng sangkatauhan ang Anak ng Diyos upang tubusin ang mga hinirang na anak ng Diyos mula pa sa ugat ng panahon (Galatians 4:4–5; Ephesians 1:4–5).

## 1. ANG PAGKAHULOG SA KASALANAN, Genesis 3:6;

1 John 2:16

- Ang Pagnanasa ng Laman – “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food”
- Ang Pagnanasa ng Mata – “and that it was a delight to the eyes”
- Ang Pagmamataas ng Buhay – “and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise”
- Ang Pagkahulog ng Sangkatauhan – “she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.” (Romans 5:12)

## 2. ANG PAKIKIPAGTUNGGALI NG KALABAN, Genesis 3:15a

- Ang Pangako ng Diyos – “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring”
- Ang Pakikipagtunggali ng Kalaban – Genesis 4:8; Exodus 1:16; 2 Kings 17:6; 25:7, 11; Matthew 2:17; 27:35, 50
- Ang Pagkatalo ni Satanas – Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:10

## 3. ANG PANGAKONG TAGUMPAY NG TAGAPAGLIGTAS, Genesis 3:15b

- Ang Pangako ng Diyos – “he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel”
- Ang Pagkapanalo ng Diyos sa Kasaysayan – Genesis 5:3; Exodus 12:27; Nehemiah 7:6; Matthew 28:6-7
- Ang Pangakong Tagumpay ng Tagapagligtas – Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:16; Philippians 2:8-11; Revelation 5:9-14

## PAGTATAPOS

Kung minsan parang nagtatagumpay ang kalaban ng ating kaluluwa dahil sa mga nangyayaring masama sa ating mga buhay at sa ating kapaligiran. Hindi tayo dapat mabahala. Ang kapaskuhan ang paalala sa atin ng Diyos na may pangako Siya mula pa sa umpisa, at ito ay isinagawa Niya sa kahabaan ng kasaysayan, at ginanap na Niya sa tagumpay ni Hesus sa Kanyang buhay na walang sala, at kamatayan na walang kapantay. ■

## FILIPINO WORSHIP SERVICE



Pastor BJ Sebastian

*Speaker*

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# WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

## SUNDAYS

**8:00 AM** English  
**10:30 AM** English  
Auditorium B

**3:00 PM** Filipino  
**5:30 PM** English  
Auditorium A

## SATURDAYS

**5:30 PM** Traditional  
Auditorium B

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends  
and family who need to  
know Christ!



## KIDS on SUNDAYS

*Last day on Dec 15 • Resumes Jan 12*

- 8:00 AM** KidsLIFE Discipleship  
For ages 1.5 to 12 • 4th Floor
- 10:30 AM** KidsLIFE Sunday School  
For ages 1.5 to 3 • Ground Floor  
For ages 4 to 13 • 4th Floor

## YOUTH on SATURDAYS

*Resumes Jan 11*

- 4:00 PM** YouthLIVE Worship  
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

## YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

*Resumes Jan 10*

- 7:00 PM** YA Fridays  
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

## BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

*Last day on Dec 15 • Resumes Jan 12*

- 9:30 AM** Sunday Bible School (SBS)  
Open to all • GCF Chapel
- 9:30 AM** "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study  
For all youth • Room B124

## PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

*Last day on Dec 19 • Resumes Jan 9*

- 8:00 PM** GCF Family's Hour of Prayer  
Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

## OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

*Resumes Jan 8*

- 5:30 PM** Ortigas Community Outreach  
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

## THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy." (Revelation 15:4)

## THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18)

## THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

"Jesus said 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'" (Matthew 11:28–30)

## WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

## Christmas 2024

### Christmas Eve Service

**Dec 24 • 5:00 PM**

Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas

Invite your family and friends to know more about our reason for joy and hope this season!

## Year-End Family Conference

**Dec 15**

Sunday

**12:00 NN** (after the 10:30 AM Service)

Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas

Exclusively for affirmed GCF

members only

*\*Not available on Zoom or livestream*

## INFORMATION HUB



## Questions about GCF Ortigas?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about GCF ministries? Visit the Info Hub at the Main Lobby

## Are you here for the first time?

We would love to connect with you! After every Service, our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## Do you need someone to talk to?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



## Savior King: Christmas Special 2024

Indeed, Jesus is our Savior and our King of Kings! Praise God for the sowing of the Gospel last weekend at our Christmas Special. Pray that each respondent would truly come to the Lord in faith and repentance, as they grow more and more in Christ.



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**Savior King: The GCF Christmas Special 2024**

Praise God for the Christmas Special this past weekend, where we were all reminded by God from His Word: **“Christmas is a time for worshipping Jesus Christ.”** (Pastor Larry Pabiona). We praise and thank God for the people He blessed us with to care for and intentionally follow-up:

- 48 first-time attendees,
- 79 who prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- 80 who desire to join our *How to Grow* lessons,
- 72 who desire to become GCF members, and
- 71 who desire to join a Growth Group

We were also reminded, through song and dance, the Gospel message of Christ, the reason for the season, thanks to the ministry servants who rehearsed tirelessly and worshipped Christ passionately this past weekend. To all of you our ministry servants, on behalf of our Senior Pastor Dr. Larry Pabiona, the pastors, elders, and the deacons of the church, we want to say our sincerest thanks to all of you. You all pointed all the praise, glory, and honor to our Savior King Jesus by how you presented your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1).

So therefore church family, having been reminded this weekend that Christ fulfilled Isaiah’s words that He would proclaim His good news (Luke 4:17-21), we must praise God continually for what the Savior King has done for us by persistently praying, relating, inviting, sharing the Gospel, and mentoring others (discipling people to follow Jesus). Let us strive to follow-up well the people the Lord brought to our Christmas Special by our warmth, friendship, and by our Christ-like demeanor.

This is our wholehearted endeavor, to know Christ and to make Him known not just for this Christmas season, but for the rest of our lives as faithful disciples of Jesus called to build up and reach out together (Matthew 28:18–20).

Merry Christmas, church family! ■

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