

Proclaiming the Gospel

Message
of
Jesus Christ

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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Now, Walk with the King

You are now out of the enemy's territory; you know that to do battle against the enemy, you must walk with the King of kings and remain in His presence. The King has power you do not have; He has strength for you to walk on in the midst of the enemy's attempt to distract you and lead you astray. Walking with the King, the Lord Jesus Christ, gives you authority you cannot have in the enemy's territory. You are able to "Go Forth in Great Confidence" in the Lord Jesus as you battle against the enemy.

The weapons of the enemy are not used by those walking with the King: doubt, fear, sin, subtleties, lies, deceit, disobedience, lust, hate, The enemy will use these weapons against God's people, and he will try to lure us into using these same weapons in our daily lives. Satan will tell you that your life is to be centered around yourself. He will tell you that God understands when you do not walk as the King commands. He will tell you that the King is a forgiving God; go ahead and eat, drink and be merry (Lk 12.19-21).

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, [and] be merry.

But God said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So [is] he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

The enemy's weapons bring **death**: "For to be carnally minded [is] death" (Rom 8.6a). But, the weapons of the King give **life** to those who use them: "...to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace" (Rom 8.6b). "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh..." (II Cor 10.3).

The mind is Satan's favorite attack area – and most vulnerable to his lies, false accusations, and ungodly imaginations. When we entertain these thoughts from the enemy, we weaken our faith and confidence in the Lord; our battle against the enemy becomes less effective.

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Walking with the King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ, is often difficult and lonely, but, oh, the peace that comes to you, and the strength of the Lord that comes in walking in obedience to His commands. An old hymn expresses well the walk with the Lord and the joy of knowing you have a living Lord and Savior.

"Are you weary, are you heavy hearted? Tell it to Jesus,
Tell it to Jesus; Are you grieving over joys departed?
Tell it to Jesus alone. ...

You have no other such a friend or brother, Tell it to Jesus alone."

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Keeping our minds and hearts centered upon the Lord Jesus Christ is sometimes a challenge – but a challenge that God has equipped us to handle as we walk with Him.

So, how do we rid ourselves of the attacks of Satan on our minds and stay out of his territory? With much diligence! It means casting out those thoughts immediately and replacing them with the Word of God, praising and thanking the Lord for His salvation, praying/talking to Jesus with Whom we are walking, and keeping our minds on things of the Lord (Phil 4.6-8).

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things *[are]* honest, whatsoever things *[are]* just, whatsoever things *[are]* pure, whatsoever things *[are]* lovely, whatsoever things *[are]* of good report; if *[there be]* any virtue, and if *[there be]* any praise, think on these things.

God has given us the armor needed to stand against Satan. Ephesians 6.10-18 includes salvation, faith, the Word of God, and constant prayer. It is a command from the Lord that we put on this armor – all of it to include the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of the Lord. God does not say that wearing this armor will make us immune to attacks from Satan; He says “that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” We still must wrestle against the powers of Satan, but we are given protective armor against him and a weapon, “the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God” – an offensive weapon to be used against Satan. We must use this weapon for it to be effective in our lives.

Does Satan put doubts into your mind concerning salvation? Perhaps he says, “Look how sinful you are. God would not forgive *that*” – even though you have repented. Use the Word against Satan (I Jn 1.9).

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *[our]* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Have you been falsely accused and are you struggling with hurt, anger, and a desire to fight back? Turn it over to the Lord Jesus. Jesus, Himself, experienced such accusations. Let Him heal the hurts and cleanse the anger and desire for vengeance. Vengeance belongs to Him (Rom 12.19-21).

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *[rather]* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *[is]* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Perhaps someone has stolen from you, and you are trying to live according to Jesus’ instructions in Luke 6.30 “... of him that taketh away thy goods ask *[them]* not again.”

But Satan keeps bringing it to your mind along with all kinds of feelings that are not of the Lord. Keep casting those thoughts and attitudes from you and allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart the love and kindness of God expressed in Luke 6.35 – and the reward promised you.

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *[to]* the evil.

The resulting relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ is always worth the battle.

You might say, “But that makes no sense. It is normal to have those thoughts and feelings. I just do not act on them.” Whose normalcy would you like to use as your standard? That of Satan or of Jesus Christ? Which standard **are you** using?

Man was created pure, holy, without sin – perfect. That was normal – man’s righteous relationship with God. Satan/sin brought mankind into a life of debauchery, a life that worships self and every sensual pleasure, a life that denies God and refuses His salvation. This is Satan’s “normalcy.”

There is emptiness in every person that can be filled only with the nature and Spirit of God. Until one accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and allows Him to come into and dwell within his heart, this emptiness cannot be filled.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, He wants to fill you with Himself, His nature, until you are clothed in the righteousness of Christ, seen and accepted by the Heavenly Father as pure and holy – normal, if you will.

It may not be always possible to think of a specific scripture for each situation; but when you are in the Word every day, the nature of Jesus Christ becomes a part of you. Your heart becomes one with the heart of the Savior; and there will be no doubt as to the source of thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and imaginary scenes from the enemy that keep inundating your mind. Do not tire of the battle. Be determined to cast out those thoughts and refuse to entertain the scenarios that Satan brings.

We have the authority and power through the Name of Jesus to rebuke Satan and rise above the forces of the enemy. Our weapons are not carnal – not revenge, not verbal defenses or attacks, not physical or verbal fighting (II Cor 10.4, 5).

(For the weapons of our warfare *[are]* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)