

INTELLIGENCE

REPORT

Subject: Satan

## Introduction

We are made aware through preaching, Sunday school, books, music and every other possible medium about most Biblical topics. Most of them involve and rightly so the gospel, how to be saved. That is in fact our purpose, to spread the gospel of Jesus and see souls saved. However, once saved we forget that we are now active members in a war for those souls. We have enlisted in God's Army. Satan is our enemy in God's Army and the discomfort that comes with discussing Satan, hell, and his efforts to stop us is a tactic that Satan uses to keep us at bay. That's why we don't hear about him and as Christians, we don't talk about him as often as we should. We have an enemy whose sole purpose it is to disrupt our relationship with God and our efforts to bring new converts to Jesus and he will do whatever it takes to do so. That is the greatest threat to our effort to win souls and we hardly talk about him.

Every good military leader will tell you that to be successful at war it is imperative to know your enemy. Know where your enemy comes from. Know his battle plans. Know why he is at war. Know the weapons he uses. All these are necessary to be prepared to do battle and it's the same when dealing with the Satan.

The goal of these lessons is to introduce you to the enemy and his tactics, to inform you of the battle that is going on all around you, and prepare you to be a productive soldier in God's Army. If you are not yet saved the goal of this writing is to present you with the gospel of Jesus and explain to you how our enemy the devil is currently battling for your soul and is doing everything in his power to deceive you and take you to an eternal real hell that was created for him and his angels.

## God's Plan of Salvation

### **EVERY PERSON NEEDS TO BE SAVED:**

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

### **NO ONE CAN SAVE HIMSELF:**

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5

### **WE NEED A SUBSTITUTE: (One who can pay the price of sin for us.)**

"This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom he hath sent. John 6:29

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

### **JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION:**

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

### **REPENT OF SIN AND TURN TO GOD: (From you heart, ask the Lord to save you.)**

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

**Ephesians 6:10-20** 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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## Lesson 1

### Know Your Enemy

**Ezekiel 28:14-17** 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

#### **1. We will not be angels when we go to Heaven.**

Contrary to the belief of many people we will not be angels when we get to heaven. The word angel is mentioned 289 times in the scripture, and not once does it refer to us. Nowhere does the Bible indicate that the saved will become angels once in heaven. I have no doubt that Satan created this deception to confuse folks concerning Heaven and Hell. Angels were beings created by God prior

to the creation of the earth and humans. More specifically angels can be classified into two different groups Seraphim and Cherubim.

## **2. Seraphim are a type of angel whose focus seems to be praising God.**

**Isaiah 6:1-3** 1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Seraphim as indicated in Isaiah 6:2 are male creatures as the Bible refers to their description as “his”. Seemingly they have legs as the scripture says they “stood”. They have six wings, two of which cover his face, two of which cover his feet and of the six two he uses two to fly. In the instance as recorded in Isaiah 6 the seraphim are standing over the Lord who is setting on his throne. Crying unto another, saying “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory”. This scenario leads many to believe that their sole purpose is to glorify God. However, it seems to me that every being and especially those in



his presence will glorify God therefore they may have other purposes.

### **3. Cherubim is the other type of angel maybe focused on protection.**

**Ezekiel 10:10-14** 10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel. 11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. 13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel. 14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

Cherubim are described in Ezekiel 10:7 as male creatures as the Bible refers to them as “his”. Ezekiel 10:10-14 describes cherubim as having four wings with man like hands under their wings. Cherubim have four faces, each one looks different, one of a cherub, one of a man, one of a lion, and one of an eagle. Their entire body is covered roundabout with eyes. Seemingly, cherubim are protectors as in Genesis 3:24 God placed cherubim

and a flaming sword at the east of the Garden of Eden, “to keep the way of the tree of life”.

#### **4. Satan is the anointed, perfect, beautiful cherub.**

**Ezekiel 28:14** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so:.....

**Ezekiel 28:15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created,.....

**Ezekiel 28:17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty,.....

Satan isn't the devilish looking entity that you've heard stories about with the pointed tail, horns, and pitch fork. I have no doubt however that image was created by Satan to lead us to believe that all things that are of Satan are ugly and scary looking so that we are fooled when we see something of him that is appealing much like Eve did with the fruit in the Garden of Eden.

#### **5. Satan's arrogance got him cast from Heaven.**

**Isaiah 14:12-15** 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the

congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

These passages tell us that Satan fell because he believed he is greater than he is. Note, I use the present tense because he still believes this and is doing everything he can to act upon that belief by capturing as many souls as he can for himself. Satan was the most beautiful creature God created and the highest of all angels, but he wanted more, he wanted to replace God. He didn't want to serve God he wanted to be served by God. Isn't this the attitude of many people today? What scripture doesn't specifically say is when Satan fell. What we know is the angels were created before the earth as explained in Job 38:4-7 and Satan fell before he tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden as explained in Genesis 3:1-14. Therefore, he must have fallen somewhere after the time the angels were created and before he tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

**6. Satan is currently on the earth seeking victims.**

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Currently as described throughout the Bible and specifically in 1Peter 5:8 Satan is on the earth seeking out those that he can devour. That's where he will remain and continue his efforts pending the Lords return.

## **7. Satan isn't alone in his efforts to devour victims.**

**Revelation 12:7-9** 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**2Peter 2:4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

When Satan was cast from heaven there was a third of the angels cast out with him. From these scriptures it is obvious to us that Satan took some angels with him and he uses them to do his work here on earth. An example of how Satan uses his angels that were cast out of heaven is given to us in Luke 8, wherein, Jesus cast the unclean spirits into

the swine. A very important observation can be made from this happening. When the spirits saw Jesus, they knew who he was and fell before him. The unclean spirit called him “Jesus, thou Son of God most high”. This evidences the fact that Satan utilizes unclean spirits that were cast from Heaven with him to possess humans.

To summarize, Satan was an angel more specifically a cherub. Satan was the highest of all angels. Satan was God’s most beautiful creation. Satan was prideful and wanted to rule and reign rather than serve God. God cast Satan and one third of the angels out of heaven because that one third sided with Satan instead of God. Now Satan is on the earth utilizing those angels to devour souls in opposition to God.

## Lesson 2

### The Purpose of This War

**Isaiah 14:13-14** 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

1. When you go to war each side has reasons, objectives of the war, what they want that the other side has or is preventing them from having. Not every entity wants to go to war but to protect themselves and what they consider valuable they sometimes must. For example, Japan during World War Two wanted to rule the Pacific, to do that they had to conquer those who ruled in the Pacific. The US didn't want to enter a war and went to great lengths to work with Japan to prevent war. However, when Pearl Harbor was attacked it forced us to enter the war. This is much like what happened with Satan. God created a wonderful place of peace for us all to enjoy as we fellowship with him. God had no intent or want to war. But Satan much like Japan thought himself better than God and wanted more.

2. Have you ever met someone who no matter what you said, or did they have done it, and not only have they done it, but they did it better than you? That person who thinks he is so much higher than you that he is trying to tell you how much better he is before you even finish speaking. You know that person, once they tell you how great they are they try and get others to side with them to show how much better they are than everyone else, well that my friend is Satan. That was Satan when he was in heaven and that is Satan now. That is why Satan was cast out of Heaven and the one third of the angels that went with him were the ones he convinced he was greater.
3. Think about that, Satan was so persuasive that angles created by God who have been in the presence of God since being created were able to be persuaded by Satan to think Satan was greater. That gives you some idea about the power of Satan, in that if angels in the presence of God were persuaded, how vulnerable are we when not walking right with God.
4. My friend this is the purpose of the war that has raged since Satan decided to try and overthrow God. This entire thing is about an egotistical being trying to seem more powerful than the

God that created him. How does Satan gage his progress in this war? He keeps souls from turning to God. Just like the guy who has always done it better than you and tries to get people to agree that he is better. Satan is a pitiful arrogant, he knows how this will end but his arrogance continues to cause him to try and take souls with him to an eternal damnation.

5. There is a perfect account of Satan trying to steal souls and God's acknowledgement of it in Job 1:7-8. In Job 1:7 God asks Satan where he had been and Satan Said, **“From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it”**. God by his response is aware of what Satan was doing as he replies in verse 8 **“Hast thou considered my servant Job”**. You see there is no big secret as to what is going on, God knows it, Satan knows it, and we have the entire war plan written out for us in the King James Bible. Our problem is that we are confused as to what's going on and that allows Satan to keep us deceived. We are going to talk a lot more about deception in later lessons.
  
6. One of Satan's many weapons in this war is to keep those in God's Army confused as to every aspect of the war including the very important fact that the war even exists. Know this, there is



a war waging every second of every day and as born-again believers in God's Army we get to decide what rank we hold and how beneficial we are to the cause. Every second that we allow Satan to keep us out of the war another poor soul is damned to an eternal Hell because we are derelict in our duties as a Christian.

7. Let me be clear on a very important point Satan is a powerful foe. We alone are no match for Satan. If he can deceive the very angels in heaven who have been in the physical presence of God who are we to oppose him. However, when properly prepared by God as instructed in Ephesians 6:10-20 we can do battle with Satan.
8. Satan's strategy in this war is a simple one, keep us from recognizing the war exists and make us believe his way of living life is better. He is succeeding at this and has become so embolden by his success that he promotes the idea that if hell exists it's going to be a party with all your friends.

**Discussion Topic:** What are some areas of life where you see Satan's strategy of keeping us in the dark to the war is working?

### **Lesson 3**

### **The Enemy's Only Tactic**

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

We all know this passage of scripture. We've read it, we've heard it read, we've heard it preached. We know this is how sin first entered the world. So, why today, six thousand years later, do we keep falling for it.

If you had an enemy who was so stupid that you could use the same tactic against them successfully every time why would you ever stop using it? That's what Satan is doing and laughing at us every time.

The first mistake that allows us to be tricked by Satan over and over is to think "Oh I've heard this" and we zone out. So, unless you want to continue to allow Satan to use the same tactic, listen up. Let's look at what he's doing and see what we can do to prevent it.

Satan will always begin his temptation by questioning and trying to get you to question God's word.

Satan knew which tree they weren't supposed to eat from, so why didn't he just say, did God say you couldn't eat from the tree of knowledge?

Satan didn't ask if we could eat of the tree of the knowledge because he needed to confuse the issue, open the door to question God's command.

If we are not very careful, Satan will pose questions to us that open the door to disobeying God:

- 1) God didn't say in **Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together** Every time we have church, so its ok if I skip church for a ball game.

Satan doesn't want us to be able to just simply say NO.

**Genesis 3:2&3** 3And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

When Satan presents temptation, we must know the scripture or be willing to search it out, so we can follow God's commands.

When we don't know God's word or take the time to search it out when we have a question it opens the door to failure.

**Gen 2:17** does not say you can't touch it or you will die, so when she touched it and didn't die it caused her to doubt God's word and opened the door to eating it.

Another point to make is you notice Satan didn't choose Adam to tempt, he chose Eve. Men what is the significance of this? If you notice eve wasn't created when God gave Adam the command to not eat of the tree. Adam had, however, obviously taught his wife because she was able to reference it, although she misquotes the command. It is important for us to properly train our families. If Adam or eve hadn't added "nor shall ye touch it" she may not have had questions when she touched it and didn't die.

I can imagine Adam thinking I'm going to tell her she can't even touch it just to make sure she doesn't go around it, but we can't add to scripture. Another possibility is that Adam didn't know his command and repeated it that way and we see how false teaching can continue and ultimately be problematic when we must make its application.

Satan knows what scripture says so when Eve said she would die if she touched it, he saw an opportunity. That's why he said "**Ye shall not**

surely die”, he knew when she touched it and didn’t die, he had won her over.

**Genesis 3:5&6** 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

If tempted and the door remains open Satan is going to always then supply a reason why it’s good and why you should do it.

If Eve had said NO and stopped listening to Satan immediately, there wouldn’t have been the possibility for Satan to work on her and further tempt her. There is absolutely No reason for us to be talking to Satan.

How many of you would allow your children to spend time with a drug dealer? None of you, because you know it’s just a matter of time before they talk your children into doing something that’s going to hurt them. It’s the same application here, if you have a conversation with Satan, the master of deception, he is going to eventually deceive you.

As soon as Eve realized who she was talking to she should have ran. But we can’t blame her, we do the

same thing when we consider something that will take us away from God.

- 1) My kids want to play sports, but it could lead to us being out of church. The answer should automatically be NO, but we leave the door open to consideration and for Satan to work.
- 2) **Vs 6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise.....** Satan will tell us about all the benefits of youth sports, what a Godly influence we can be on others while we are there. He will tell you about how it will teach our kids discipline, teamwork, and character. Isn't that what they learn at church.
- 3) Before you know it, you are at ball games during church and lost people know when church is so you're not an influence. Satan will make your kids good at sports, then you are out more because you don't want him to miss all stars. Then you're just so tired and need family time so you don't come to church when there isn't a ball game. You start having family problems because you haven't been under preaching and before you know it,

although you're miserable, God is the furthest thing from your mind.

- 4) Youth sports are great but when you go into it you must set standards and make it known you will not violate them. Then when you don't violate your standards will you be a witness to others.

**Genesis 3:7-11** 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Adam and Eve realized at this point that they had sinned against God and what did they do? The same thing we do, we try and cover up our sin.

I don't know why we allow Satan to cause us to think we can hide our sin from an all-seeing God. At this point Satan has such control over us that we are like a child that knows he's wrong but won't

admit it because rebellion has taken the place of humble servitude to God. Often, we are really hiding from other people, trying to maintain a persona of what we were and what we want others to think we are.

Vs “10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.” When God convicts us of sin and we try to hide, it just prolongs the time it takes to get back in his sweet grace. The goal at this point is repentance. The fear, embarrassment, and rebellion that comes with conviction of sin is nothing more than Satan’s attempts to keep us from repentance. His goal is to keep us from God for as long as he can and if successful, we become Prisoners of this war he’s waging against God. We become POWs because we are saved, we know how to fight, but the enemy has us captive and out of the fight. All the while Satan is winning, and we are struggling miserably outside the will of God.

**Genesis 3:12&13** 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

**The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.** This my friend is how we can respond to every sin battle that every Christian has fought since the day Eve uttered those words. This is how it happened in eve’s life,



this is how it happens in my life, this is how it happens your life, and this is how it will happen in our children's lives.

We have an opportunity to stop it. If we encountered an enemy in battle who was successful with a tactic that caused you to take mass casualties, you would remember that tactic. You would be on alert for that tactic. You would do everything you could to ensure it never happens again. We would debrief the battle; we would train on how to recognize and prevent it in the future. We do that because it cost us lives.

We've talked extensively about how this spiritual war against Satan is no different than the physical ones we've fought. It has an enemy, the enemy has weapons, the enemy utilizes tactics, and the enemy is taking lives. This war requires the same vigilance in recognizing and preventing attacks.

Genesis 3 is our battle report. We just debriefed the battle report. We now know the enemy's tactic. For the sake of our families, our brothers, and God's mission we must utilize the same vigilance we've used before when recognizing and preventing the tactics of the enemy in this war that has eternal ramifications.

**Topics of discussion:**

- 1. This is the enemies only tactic, but he uses it in different applications.**
- 2. Share a situation in your life, wherein, you have fallen victim to this tactic of Satan?**
- 3. How could you have prevented falling prey to Satan in that situation?**
- 4. Satan will use the same tactic again in a different application. What are some countermeasures that you can put in place to prevent it from occurring again?**

## Lesson 4

### **The Weapon of Deception**

There is only good and evil in the world, black and white there is no grey in God's eyes. If it is not of God, it is obviously of Satan. Deception is a very important weapon in Satan's war as he uses it very often against both the lost and Christians. You see, everything is a piece of the spiritual battle nothing is exempt, either God or Satan has a reason behind everything that happens in this world. When you get dressed in the morning and you can't find your socks. You say honey where's my socks? She's going to say something like "it's not my day to watch your socks". Undoubtedly an argument ensues, and a wedge is driven in the family. Do you think that it's God or Satan influencing your wife to react that way? It's a weapon of Satan that causes you to believe it's your wife and not Satan who just drove that wedge in your family. Now your wife may have allowed Satan to use her and vice versa we allow Satan to use us. Remember, if it is not of God it's of Satan.

We walk through this spiritual battle field of life with bombs exploding and cannons blasting all around us and we are oblivious to them because we see it as normal life or we blame someone or something other than Satan. Everything that

happens and every action we take is a battlefield maneuver in the spiritual war and the sooner we realize this and operate as such the better soldier we will be.

We Christians will try and dabble in the world. Most of the time it will have to do with something that is generally considered by the world as a little sin or not sin at all although the Bible tells us there is no small sin. **James 2:10 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”** Satan will use our dabbling against us as it acts as a barrier to us having a proper relationship with Christ. Furthermore, over time if not corrected, through repentance, it will drive a larger wedge between us and Christ.

As a Christian continues to dabble and set under preaching they will become upset due to the Holy Spirit's conviction. Many Christians in this situation will say “I was hurt by Church” when in fact in most cases they were hurt because they were under conviction about the sin. Regardless, at that point it doesn't matter Satan has won that battle, he has taken you out of the fight and expanded the “I was hurt by church” front. Satan uses this often because it's easy. It allows people to disregard their sin as the reason they are no longer in church and blame the church. Satan loves this Weapon of deception because it's a triple threat; it pulls a Christian out of

the war, it damages an entire church, and their ability to reach others for the Lord. All he had to do was get a Christian to dabble in sin.

Examples of Christian dabbling are often to do with secularism, reasons to miss church or not serve God, but always they are to do with something accepted by the world but not God. Satan is a master of deception. Since proving his weapon of deception by taking one third of the angels in heaven he has continued to utilize it. This weapon is proven, as it takes Christians out of the fight and causes lost to remain lost. Deception is used on multiple fronts, it caused Godly men to become hirelings and led utterly millions to a devil's hell.

He has developed uses for deception that combats nearly everything good given to us by God. To make you aware of his abilities to deceive we are going to look at some of the fronts where Satan has deployed his weapon of deception and how he uses deception against us so we can be looking for them in the future. As we review these keep two things in mind it is either of God or of Satan there is nothing else and Satan is the master of deception.

1. **Bible Version Deception** - Society will tell you that the Bible is hard to read and not able to be understood. In opposition to prayerfully following the scriptures, a directive in

**2Timothy 2:15** “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” The world’s answer is to give the Bible to scholars and let them update it so that people today can understand it.

- a) So, then that raises the first of many questions and possibilities for Satan’s weapon of deception. What text do they start with the King James Version, the Vatican’s text, the 1611, do we go back and use the Greek and Hebrew? In answering that question many disagreed therefore many different starting points were used creating the first leap from the Bible that God said He preserved for his people in **Psalm 12:6-7** “**The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**”
- b) After taking the first step from truth and allowing Satan an opportunity to deceive we are faced with who will perform the translation. This, my friend brings into question the very persons who would

consider themselves so scholarly as to risk the possibility of making a mistake and being in violation **Revelation 22:18-19** **“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.”** I don't personally know anyone who performed any of these translations, however, Doctor Frank Logsdon a translator for the New American Standard Version has been quoted as saying "I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard." "The deletions are absolutely frightening." "I'm in trouble; I can't refute these arguments; it's wrong; it's terribly wrong; it's frightfully wrong; and what am I going to do about it?"

- c) Now, with the intent to just make the Bible easier to read there shouldn't be

any major diversions from the scripture. However, we know Satan will take every opportunity to deceive and water down the scripture to make it less meaningful. In a comparison of the seven most popular translations that were meant to only make the Bible more understandable there are some major concerns. Why would they remove entire words from the scripture or worse yet entire verses? The word Lucifer was completely removed in five of the seven and the word devil(s) was removed from all seven a total of 566 times. The word damned, damnation or damnable was completely removed in six of the seven. The word hell was removed 224 times in six of the seven. The word blood was removed in all seven a total 506 times. That's not the worst of it there are entire verses removed. For instance, Mark 9:44 is removed from the text in each of the seven. Mark 9: "WHERE THEIR WORM DIETH NOT, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUINCHED." If the purpose of rewriting the Bible is to make it more understandable why make these changes? Oh, the thousands who stick their head in the sand and continue to



spout that Satan's weapon of deception had no part in this. It is as simple as who gained from the changes?

2. **Doctrine Deception** - Have you ever wondered why there are so many different denominations of churches? That's right it's because of Satan's deception. Satan knows that he doesn't have to, nor can he conquer God's people. He only must cause enough confusion to splinter them, because that will cause people to split from the faithful doctrine and others to fall away or never become Christians because "churches are full of Hypocrites".

a) Satan started deceiving us through false doctrine in churches very early. As a launching point for this discussion let us look at the groundwork laid by Jesus when he formed his church. This will help us discern where Satan deceives.

1) Jesus organized the first church and directed his disciples to organize others. (Mathew 16:18)

2) There were only two officers in the church Pastor and Deacon. (1 Timothy 3: 1-16)

- 3) Churches are to be independent of each other, no hierarchy. (Titus 1: 5)
  - 4) The church was given two ordinances Baptism and the Lords Supper. (Mathew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-30)
  - 5) Only the saved are to be church members. (Acts 2:47)
  - 6) Eternal Security of the believers. (John 6: 35-40)
  - 7) The Bible alone is the rule and guide for the church. (2 Timothy 3:16)
  - 8) Jesus is the only redeemer; there is no forgiveness of sin but through him. (John 14:6)
  - 9) Our relationship with Jesus is personal we need no earthly advocate to speak to God. (Hebrews 4: 14-16)
- b) As you can see there are many avenues for Satan to work his deception and he

has. When Jesus was on the earth, he started the Church. No denominational name, as a matter of fact the term church is used 114 times as the scripture refers to Followers of Jesus. Although the church has been called by many names throughout history Jesus was not the author of any denominational name. However, every time Satan splinters a denomination it is because he deceived a group about a standard of the faith and they generally have taken a denominational name. As you can see this is very important in Satan's battle because confusion fosters corruption of Jesus standards for the church and corruption splinters and weakens the church. It is very important to note there remains one constant lineage from the foundation of Jesus's Church to present day.

- c) The very first example of Satan's deception and splinter in the church came in the first century when Pastors claimed authority over other churches in violation of Titus 1:5. Then in 313AD Constantine requested all churches send a representative to form a council of

churches, faithful churches did not comply. This council eventually led to the Catholic Church then eventually as some protested against the Catholic Church and splintered, they were called Protestants. This is the beginning of the creation of every other denomination as every future denomination splintered from this group. It is important to note that it had become the doctrine of the Catholic Church to Baptize infants born into the church and as the Protestants splintered many continued this tradition. Afterwards when Catholics and Protestants were witnessed to, saved and baptized back into Jesus's Church they were called Anna-Baptist by the Catholic and Protestant Churches, meaning in the Greek re-baptizers. Over the years Anna was dropped and the nick name Baptist stuck. This is but one example of how Satan uses false doctrine as a weapon against the Faithful Church created by God. Over the centuries he has used this weapon of false doctrine and continues its use today. He has often even expanded the use of this weapon in the form of cults that are not branches of the faithful

church or even the oldest splinters the Catholics or Protestants.

### 3. Separation Deception

**2Corinthians 6:14. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”**

**1 John 2:15 “Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”**

The Bible is very clear we are to be separated from the world. However, it seems that churches of today are doing everything they can to be more like the world. They do this under the idea that it is easier to bring the lost in if the church looks, acts and sounds like the world. Therefore, they disregard God’s directives about separation from the world. Churches that do this are right in that the lost will flock to these types of churches. The problem is once there they either stay lost or never get past the milk of the word because there’s no conviction. What’s there to be convicted of at that point the church and the world are the same?

- a) The only time I've ever been comfortable in church is when I was right with God. Church isn't a place to be comfortable it's a place to be convicted and brought closer to God. These churches are often led by those who fell to Satan's "I was hurt by church" campaign. They often have years of church / religious experience and want to provide a place for others who have been "hurt by church" to go and feel comfortable. These come as you are/leave as you came groups are in fact spoke of in Revelation and are commonly referred to as "The One World Church". They are the foundation of what's to come, wherein, government and religion unite to persecute the believers.
- b) It is very easy to see how Satan is using church separation deception as a weapon and a recruiting tool. If you don't want to give up your sin and be separated from the world as the Bible tells you, blame the church, find a group where you can't tell the difference, call it a church and live however you want. God is not going to contradict his word, the

only other entity is Satan and he is the only one who gains from the situation, don't be fooled.

c) Imagine if when you enlisted in the United States Military you had actually enlisted for the enemy and didn't know it. Then imagine if unbeknownst to you every effort you made while enlisted was detrimental to the U.S. Military that you thought you were in. That is exactly the scenario concerning churches who are not separated from the world. Sounds impossible for that to happen, however, this is a spiritual war against the master of deception, the being that deceived angles in the presence of God.

4. **Science Deception** – This is Satan's way of allowing man to think himself more intelligent than God and promote humanism as the ultimate point of worship. How silly we must seem to God who spoke everything into existence when a scientist reports some spectacular revelation he has discovered. Science is useful; it helps us discover cures, helps us explain happenings and gives direction on how to proceed in matters. However, when we allow science to contradict Bible just because science can't explain Bible

the pendulum has shifted. Although Bible is eventually always proven correct Satan uses science to contradict Bible and lure many away with limited evidence. The problem is by the time the corrections are made non-biblical theory has been accepted and taught as fact for years. When science is found to be incorrect, they laugh it off as the advancements of the day. I saw an advertisement recently poking fun at the idea that science once believed the world was flat, they just laugh at the mistake giving no value to **Isaiah 40:22** that said, “**circle of the earth**” thousands of years earlier. There are many examples of science being wrong and if the Lord tarries there will be more. All the while Satan uses the deceit of science to laugh at bible.

5. **Societal Influence Deception** - Trust your heart, God is love, there are many ways to heaven, and celebrity influence. These are some points, but not all the points of belief that popular society promotes through the influence of Satan. Satan uses societal influence to contradict God’s teaching. If accepted by a Christian this deception causes damage to a Christians walk with God and it keeps the lost confused about salvation preventing them from ever obtaining salvation. Satan uses influential



people in society to promote his deception. He knows if he can make an opinion the commonly accepted view on an issue then it becomes more difficult for Christians to combat that belief with biblical truth because they are then arguing contrary to popular opinion. Generally popular opinion is less restrictive; therefore, lost society likes it better. Satan can then cause society to label Faithful Christians as religious extremist and cause the lost to disregard true doctrine, never learning the truth of the gospel. Satan uses celebrities, politicians, hiring pastors those with the most societal influence to promote his deception.

6. **Trust your heart-** Society will tell you that you should trust your heart when making decisions. Of course, this is completely contrary to scripture that teaches us to pray and trust God's direction when making decisions. Satan deceives us in this way, so we can make decisions that satisfy our flesh. He also knows that if we don't consult God, we will usually make the wrong decision. Scripture tells us that the heart is deceitfully wicked, and we should depend on our faith in God for direction. **Jeremiah 17:9 The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked: who can know it?**

7. **God is love-** Society would have us believe that God is love and therefore He wouldn't or couldn't hold us accountable for iniquity in our lives. Satan deceives us in this way, so we can justify the sinful things we want in our lives. The pope recently went as far as to say, "God can only love and not condemn". Anything in our lives that we place above God is service to that thing and iniquity in God's eyes. If we chose family time, sports, hobbies, or work over the church, we bow to and serve those things. It's the same for anything else that we put in front of God. When we put anything above God, He says we hate him, he is jealous, and will not only punish you but also all the way down to your great grandchildren. Yes, God is loving but he is much more.

**Exodus 20:5&6 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.**

8. **Many ways to Heaven-** Society would have you believe that there are many ways to get to Heaven. Satan uses this deception to cause the

lost to believe all they must do to get to heaven is to find a religion that fits their life. This seems like a great plan because they don't have to change their life to conform to that religion. A quick look at religions will show you that they were all founded by men, their gods are all dead, you live the same miserable life, and salvation depends on something you must do not something their god did. It's interesting that religions all have different gods but share the same devil, gives some insight into whose behind their religions and gods.

**John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

**1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

You only need look as far as who profits from these deceptions to determine who is behind them, and its Satan.

## Lesson 5

### God's General Orders

**II Timothy 2:1-4** 1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

A general order is a published directive, originated by a commander and binding upon all personnel under his command. What makes it a general order (as opposed to a direct order) is that the actor is not explicitly named, nor precisely what (or who) is to be acted upon. It's not an order for an individual but it is an order for everyone to follow. God gives us the same in this passage. He doesn't say John go and shut the door, that would be a direct order. He says everybody, when you encounter something that may be a distraction during class correct it, its general. Like all orders, general orders, are for the good of all, they serve the purpose of progressing the mission. God has given us general orders in this passage for the war against Satan. These are orders

that all are responsible to adhere if you care to be a good soldier in God's army.

**Be Strong-** *1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

This passage doesn't tell us to be strong and just figure out how to do it. God tells us to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Too often, all we hear is be strong and then we wonder how to do it. We get messed up by trying to do it on our own or by depending on some deception that Satan presents us. God doesn't say my son be strong by using a self-help book, or listening to a counselor, or working out, or taking some medication. **He says my son be strong through His grace.** What's that mean? The opposite of strength is weakness. We are weak because we fear but what's to fear if we are living in God's perfect grace. We go through life as weaklings even the worlds perception of Christians is weaklings. We worry and are sorrowful about everything and it portrays weakness. Would you ever worry if you had a set of guiding principles that said if you follow everything these principles tell you to do everything will work perfectly for you? No, if you had those principles it would cause you to face this life with strength wouldn't it. That my friend is Christ Jesus's grace. What do we have to be weak about? The absolute worst-case scenario in every situation

is this body dies and you go to heaven. That my friend is strength!

**Recruit and Teach Others**— *2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

At every rank a very important part of your job is to train your replacement in the event something happened to you the mission could move forward. For the same reason God gives us this order. The military has recruiters, trainers, and fighters. Some of us were able to experience all three of these duties. As good Christian soldiers we are required to be all three. We are to recruit by spreading the gospel and winning souls, we are to train by teaching those that come behind us to take our positions, and we are to fight against Satan who wants to stop us from recruiting and training others. We do this, so the war effort can continue. Almost always when the United States enters a war it is protect our way of life and to give others the opportunity to enjoy our way of life. We fight this war against Satan for the same reasons. We fight Satan because he hates the grace filled life we live and don't want us introducing it to others. But the Lord commands us to recruit and to do that it requires us to be a part of the war.

**Endure hardness-** *3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

Don't expect Christian life to be a walk in the park. We think that just because we are now a Christian everything is going to be perfect and we will never have any trouble. The fact is if we are doing it right, we are in a war, we have just changed our position from a lost refugee of war to a soldier in the fight. We are going to be shot at, we are going to have maneuvers planned against us, and we are going to encounter the enemy. But when we transformed from a lost refugee to a soldier, we were issued the equipment we needed to fight the war. We must utilize the equipment we were issued. You can't fight a war if you never break out your weapon (bible), you can't fight a war if you never establish communications with headquarters (prayer), you can't fight a war if you don't follow orders from those charged with guiding you (Holy Spirit), and you can't win a war without support (Other Christians). The way we endure hardness is through complete reliance on God and the structure He has put in place to help us endure hardness.

We have a hard time enduring in this war when we don't use our equipment and we don't get into the fight. Too often we enlist, are issued our equipment, and have the full support of the allies

but keep acting like a refugee. You must get in the fight!

**Don't entangle yourself with this life-** *4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

Immediately preceding every deployment, you did a workup for that deployment. You generally didn't do that work up at your regular duty station, you went somewhere more like the place you were deploying to. You did that for two reasons, one to acclimate yourself to the environment where you would be fighting and even more important, two, to get you away from normal life so you could stop thinking about the things of life and start thinking like a fighter. See we knew that we couldn't fully concentrate on the fight we were about to get in if our thoughts were entangled with our life, bills, kids, wife, house. To be a good soldier we had to think about the fight and have faith that the one who chose us to be a soldier, America, would care for our life while we were fighting. It's the same in this war we can't be entangled with this life if we are going to be a good fighter, we must prepare and enter the fight with the confidence that God is going to take care of our families, bills, work, etc.. If we can't have that little amount of faith in God, like we did for our country, what are we fighting for? You



can't concentrate on the war if all your thinking about is home.

**Matthew 6:31-33** 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

#### God's general orders

1. Be strong in God's grace.
2. Recruit and train your replacement.
3. Endure hardness depending on God.
4. Fight and let God take care of home.

**How are you doing at following God's Standing orders?**

## Lesson 6

### **God's Command Structure**

Every successful military effort requires structure and every person in that structure must perform the duties required of their position or the entire effort will fail. Our effort against Satan is no different. Unfortunately, too often Satan will infiltrate our ranks and cause disruption. As we are qualified and called God will promote or demote us as necessary to ensure the needs of the effort are met. It is our job just like during our service, to fulfill the requirements of our rank and be preparing for advancement.

As we look at each position in this war effort think about where you are, where God wants you to be, and what you need to do to get there.

### **Supreme Commander in Chief - God**

**Philippians 2:10-11** 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; 11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

There is no power higher than Jesus. We forget that sometimes and think government, the president, pastors, even ourselves are higher. Satan

likes to think he is higher and does all he can to fool us into believing it also. When we put something other than God in command of our lives, that thing really isn't commanding us, its Satan. We may put our job, family, money or anything else at the top of our pyramid but its Satan that caused us to. Think about the gifts that God gives you, our job, family, money, ask yourself do you love the gift or the giver more. That will tell you what is at the top of your pyramid. The fact is that in all things there is none higher than Jesus and we must recognize and respect that He is in charge and allow Him to command in our lives.

### Generals - Pastors

**1 Timothy 3:1-7** 1 This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he **take care of the church of God**?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of

them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

**Hebrews 13:17** Obey them that have the **rule over you**, and submit yourselves: for they **watch for your souls**, as **they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

What a great responsibility is placed on these men. It is for that reason God requires great qualifications. The qualifications are so great that God's hand is required to meet the qualifications. That's our first way of knowing a man is qualified to meet God's standards, it takes God's guidance to meet the standards. The duties and responsibilities listed in just our two text passages for a pastor should scare us to death if not called by God to fill the position. "Take care of the church of God", "rule over you", "watch for your souls", "must give account" for our souls. If God has put those requirements on a man and he meets them who are we to question his leadership? But we do, and it is Satan that causes us to question his leadership because he is trying to infiltrate our ranks.

**Division Officers – Youth Pastors, Teachers, Ministry Leaders, Evangelists, Missionaries.**

Ephesians 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some,

pastors and teachers; 12 For the **perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

God requires us all to serve in ministry, but He calls some men and women to work in specific ministries. When He calls you to work in a ministry it's for "**the perfecting of the saints**", its "**for the work of the ministry**", it's "**for the edifying of the saints**". Edifying means to instruct and benefit. That means the purpose of any ministry is to help others, those the ministry is focused on. The youth ministry's focus is to instruct and benefit the youth. A veteran's ministry is to instruct and benefit veterans. God gives you a burden for those people and directs your focus in everything you do to benefit the people of that category. Missionaries are called to a certain people group. When God gives you a burden for a people group, he also gives you the desire, contacts, and tools you will need to help that people group. The purpose of edifying each of these groups is to perfect the saints for the work of the ministry.

### **NCO's / Good Soldiers - Christians, Church Members, Saved**

**Matthew 28:16-20** 16Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17And when they saw

him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.  
18And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**  
19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

God commands his soldiers to “go into all nations” and to be “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”. God doesn’t say get saved (become a soldier) and stay focused on what you were focused on before, he says start telling others about him. It is our duty as a good soldier of God to recruit others. His command wasn’t to do some physical work in the church. Our **duty** is to tell others. It’s not enough to contribute physically in some way and say that’s my ministry it must include telling others about God to be a ministry.

Look for god’s direction, where is he directing you, ask God to give you a burden for a ministry direction. Always be on the lookout for someone to tell about God and always be on the lookout for the next place God wants you to serve.

What ministry are you working in? Is your overall purpose in that ministry to win souls? Are you looking for God's calling as to where he wants you to serve or how to advance in your ministry?

## Lesson 7

### When Satan Infiltrates the Ranks

**2 Corinthians 10:3-4** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

**1 Timothy 1:18** This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

**2 Timothy 2:3&4** 3Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

By these references Paul understood two things that we need to understand. We are in a war against Satan and we should strive to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

If scripture references good soldiers, well then there must be bad soldiers. Nobody wants to be a bad soldier but when the enemy infiltrates our ranks that's what happens. Just like in physical war, Satan knows if he can infiltrate our ranks, he can



affect our mission of winning souls. Satan is continuously trying to infiltrate our church ranks.

When Satan is infiltrating and attempting to turn a “good soldier” to a bad one, if we do anything other than attempt to restore that good soldier, we are playing right into the enemy’s hand. To our own detriment, fundamentalists have failed at this, choosing to sacrifice our brother rather than restore them.

If you were going into battle, who do you want to go with you, a green guy straight out of boot camp or the warrior who has been in the fight, has the scares of battle, knows the enemy, and hates him. I want the guy who must look in the mirror every day and see the scars the enemy put on him. That can’t happen if every time we see a wounded brother on the battlefield we walk up and put a bullet in his head instead of dragging them off the battlefield and patching them up for the next fight.

When we see a brother fall and we point our weapon at them we are falling for the trap. Satan knows that battle scared soldier has the potential to be a great warrior if we get him back in the fight, so he uses us to take him out.

To prevent Satan’s infiltration lets identify how he does it and review the counter God has put in place for us to use when we see it. I’ve correlated some

familiar classifications to better illustrate how Satan infiltrates our ranks and attempts to damage our mission.

### **Satan uses Spies to infiltrate:**

Spies infiltrate our military and intelligence ranks because they are not properly vetted before we let them in and give them position in our ranks. In the eagerness of today's church to put names on the rolls we make the same mistake. Once in our ranks we shouldn't expect anything but problems, because of who they naturally serve as a lost person.

**Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

It should not be of any surprise to us if we allow lost people in the ranks that they will still naturally be serving Satan and be detrimental to the mission God requires of the church.

When I say new converts must be properly vetted I don't mean back ground checks and pedigrees, I mean it's our job as "good soldiers" to ensure they understand the plan of salvation and they are truly saved before we introduce them into the ranks simply because they repeated a prayer. Just like in the world of espionage it's our fault when security

is penetrated, we shouldn't expect any less from the enemy. No man can serve two masters.

### **When Satan infiltrates he produces POWs:**

POWs are saved but useless to the fight because Satan is holding them in the captivity of sin.

New Christians continue to be a prisoner to sin after they are saved because we don't disciple. Although saved, that new Christian because they haven't been properly disciplined, never knows what the scripture says about how to obtain freedom from sin.

Sure, they may have gotten saved but that's when the sin battle begins and if not properly disciplined, they never get past it and remain a prisoner to it.

It's like making a newborn baby a bottle and just setting it beside the crib and expecting them to figure out for themselves how to eat it. They are going to starve, and it's the same for Christians we don't disciple.

Mature Christians can become POWs also and we usually just shoot them because Satan tells us they aren't good enough to serve by us anymore. When in fact they are better equipped to serve because they have experience with the enemy. Look bible doesn't say to kill them if they are able to come back in the fight it says to rescue them!

God gives two directives concerning these we have classified as POWs:

To the POW:

**James 4:6-8** 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

To the Christian Soldier:

**Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

### **When Satan infiltrates he produces MIAs:**

MIAs are saved but useless to the fight because they either don't show up or when they do, they don't get involved in the fight.

If you were on a mission and you noticed that one of your guys were missing would you say, "oh I haven't seen him in a while, don't know what happened to him" and then just keep going? No!

For more than one reason you are going to stop and see if you can figure out where he is. 1. he is a team member and you hope he would look for you, 2. if

you don't find out what happened to him you run a greater risk of someone else on the team falling to the same thing, and 3. he may be laying out there injured, needing you and savable.

So why then when we notice a brother in Christ missing, do we say, "oh I haven't seen him in a while, don't know what happened to him" and then just keep going? The best way to prevent a brother from becoming a POW is to create a search party when you notice they are Missing in Action.

Hey, Satan is setting traps. He is conducting maneuvers. He is deploying weapons. When one of our Christian brothers fall victim to Satan's attack it usually first shows in them becoming MIA and it's our duty to go find them.

### **When Satan infiltrates he produces Saboteurs:**

Saboteurs are those unsaved spies and saved POWs who infiltrate the camp and become saboteurs.

By Satan's influence it seems that poor soul can't help but try and sabotage every effort that God puts in place.

Their weapons are always advancing. It used to be town square, then the telephone, now they have nuclear capability, social media.

Their conventional weapons of gossip, backbiting, complaining, and strife now have long range capability because of social media.

They will be disagreeable concerning everything that happens, they have an opinion on everyone especially the poor pastor, to make things worse they are elite special operations recruiters.

Unfortunately, like a suicide bomber they have been brainwashed by Satan to believe they are part of the solution and not the problem. But if they are under the enemy's direction what else should we expect.

**2 Thessalonians 3:11-16** 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. 14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

They are a brother, not the enemy. If they refuse to be restored, they must be admonished.

When we allow it to continue unadmonished it's a detriment to the mission of the entire church by causing division and taking our focus off the

mission. It's a detriment to the saboteur, how do we expect them to stop if we never follow God's command in how to correct them. Furthermore, when we recognize it happening and chose to do nothing because it gives us something to talk about, we have then become the saboteur.

When this happens, we are derelict in our duty and people are going to hell because we let Satan infiltrate and divide us.

### **When Satan infiltrates he keeps Refugees:**

Homosexuals, abortionists, prostitutes, drug addicts, cult member, murderers, rapists, molesters, those are the refugees of this war. The enemy has them captive.

If you were to remove the influence of Satan and do you think they would choose to be those people?

They are not the enemy, but we treat them like they are and then wonder why we can't reach them. It's ok to hate the stench of their sin but how do we expect to help them if we allow Satan to cause us to hate them.

**Mark 2:17** When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

The sick that Jesus is talking about in this passage are our prostitutes, murderers, drug addicts, and rapists. Our duty is not to fellowship with the righteous we are commanded by God to treat the sin sick, convert them to “Good Soldiers”, and get them in the fight with us.

### **Satan is the Only Enemy:**

We have only one enemy and its Satan, and he is responsible for every Spy, POW, MIA, Saboteur, and Refugee in this war.

He is the reason you have money problems. He is the reason you have family problems. He is the reason we struggle with sin.

If you want to hate someone, hate the real enemy, hate the one who causes it all, hate Satan.

Do you recognize that it is also Satan’s influence that puts the gun in our hand and causes us to point it at our brothers and sisters and the refugees of this war?

He knows if he can get us to point our weapons at each other they are not going to be pointed at him, and if so, he has no opposition as he drags more and more of the poor lost refugees to hell.

This is the biggest war, it is still going, grab a weapon and get in. This war against Satan is more



important than any conflict this country has ever been in, it has eternal ramifications. It is the most important thing you will ever do.

I ask you to consider these questions:

**What is your position in this war?**

1. Are you a spy in this war, may have repeated a prayer and been hiding in the ranks for years?
2. Are you the Prisoner of War saved but still captured by sin?
3. Are you Missing in Action saved but not serving?
4. Are you a saboteur, who allows Satan to use you to disrupt the mission?
5. Are you a lost, sin sick, refugee of Satan's war against God?
6. Or are you a good soldier?
7. This mission is eternal and too important not to be found a good soldier.

## **Lesson 8**

### **Satan's Allies**

**Hitler** in his book *Mein Kampf* states: "...it [Nazi philosophy] by no means believes in an equality of races, but along with their difference it recognizes their higher or lesser value and feels itself obligated to promote the victory of the better and stronger, and demand the subordination of the inferior and weaker in accordance with the eternal will that dominates this universe."

**Hitler** "I am sure that the Japanese, the Chinese and the peoples of Islam will always be closer to us than, for example, France, in spite of the fact that we are related by blood."

**Hirohito Japanese Emperor** referring to their relationship with Germany stated, "We have resolved to endure the unendurable and suffer the insufferable."

The same can be said for Satan's Allies.

#### **Points to make about this odd axis of treaty:**

1. How could the Japanese who knew Nazi Germany's thoughts on race superiority join in the Axis Treaty with Germany and Italy?

2. Japan was willing to compromise their principles to obtain short term benefit they wanted, IMPERIAL POWER.
3. Japan's willingness to overlook their principles to obtain immediate satisfaction cost them everything.
4. Germany had no intention of viewing Japan as an equal and without doubt would have turned on them the minute, they were no longer useful. But Germany needed Japan to occupy US resources so not to have them used against Germany.
5. So, Japan compromised and turned on the U.S., Germany used them for their own need, and they both ultimately lost everything.

**Colossians 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**Titus 1:15&16** 15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in

works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Satan has Axis treaty allies also. He uses them to leverage power against Christians just as Germany used Japan to leverage power against the US. Satan's allies have also chosen to overlook truth and principle for short term rewards but will face long term consequences.

In this lesson we are going to look at some of Satan's allies, what they gain by being an ally of Satan. We will describe how they leverage power against Christians and define how we are to properly handle them when they attack.

Most of Satan's allies whole heartedly believe they are not Satan's ally and that they are on the side of righteousness.

**Celebrities:**

The compromise – The ability to be a good morale role model.

What they Gain – More celebrity power and popularity which makes them more valuable.

Satan's Power Leverage – Because of their popularity people listen to them because people

listen to them Satan can use their popularity to contradict truth.

**Government Agencies:**

The Compromise – The ability to properly govern and cause the people to prosper.

What they Gain – Individual votes which results in power and longevity in office.

Satan’s Power Leverage – Because of their power and ability to make legislation Satan uses them to continue the downward spiral of society by sponsoring legislation like abortion and gay marriage.

**Unfaithful Churches:**

The Compromise – They compromise the duty of the church and the spiritual prosperity that comes with teaching conviction.

What they Gain – Because they don’t teach conviction they are easy to attend so they grow in numbers and financial prosperity.

Satan’s Power Leverage – Because they are popular, and a “church” Satan uses them to contradict and diminish the work of faithful churches.

**Science:**

The Compromise – They forgo the ability to confirm and include biblical evidence that would confirm their work.

What they Gain – They gain funding and support of their community because they support their version of science for that reason they gain support and funding.

Power Leverage – Because of their compromise Satan uses them to contradict scripture as to how things work and how things were created, causing society to look upon scripture as fairytale because it isn't supported by "science" and a detriment to the church's efforts.

**Politically Correct Culture:**

The Compromise – Popular culture compromises by allowing culture to continue its downward spiral.

What they Gain – Because of the compromise and the acceptance of cultural issues that cause the downward spiral of society, people avoid being criticized.

Power Leverage – Because no one stands for correctness Satan has full reign.

## **How should we as Christian deal with Satan's allies?**

They are Not the enemy. Odd situation, because they act like the enemy, but they are not. They have simply been tricked by Satan. But for Satan's influence they wouldn't act as they do.

We can't treat them like the enemy if it is our goal to rescue them.

Satan's goal with his allies is three-fold.

- a) He causes them to profit by inconspicuously carrying out his will.
- b) Because they see profit by carrying out his will, they look at anyone who believes contrary to what they are doing to be their enemy.
- c) Because Satan causes them to treat us as enemy, our flesh wants to treat them as the enemy and for that reason we can't reach them for Christ, therefore, we become victim to Satan.

## **How should we deal with Satan's allies?**

- a) Be careful not to be influenced by them. Do not interact with them unless you are being led by God or they will influence you improperly. Satan is the master of deception and without God's direction we open our self to failure.
- b) We must first think of them differently. If we can view them for who they are, a victim of Satan, it will change how we treat them.
- c) If we change how we treat them despite how they treat us it will open communication and allow us the opportunity to reach them.
- d) Satan knows we can't operate in the flesh and see them properly, so we must depend on the Holy Spirit to lead us in dealing with them, or we will fail. God gives us direction in the scripture as to how to do this. **2Timothy 2:24** And the servant of the Lord **must not strive; but be gentle unto all men**, apt to teach, patient, **25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;** if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,** who are taken captive by him at his will.



**This is the most important point of this lesson. When “faithful Christians” view Satan’s allies as the enemy we have become Satan’s ally, and guess what, we think they are on the side of righteousness.**

**The Compromise** – We forgo our ability to win lost people to The Lord, which is our duty as Christians.

**What we Gain** – The ability to feel superior to some other class and think of their sin as worse than ours. We think we are the righteous.

**Power Leverage** – Satan prevents us from performing our duty. Souls die and go to hell. He continues to get to use those other allies to conduct his work.

**Discussion points:**

- 1. Can you think of another ally of Satan and how he uses them?**
- 2. Have you had any experiences dealing with Satan’s allies and how did you properly or improperly deal with them?**

## Lesson 9

### Satan's Weapons Against Christians

**Matthew 28:16-20** 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:** 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

This is our mission. As Christians we serve no other purpose. Everything we do bares the ultimate burden of verse 19. Why are we kind, so we can carry out vs 19. Why are we charitable, so we can carry out vs 19. Why do we tithe, so we can carry out vs 19. Why do we edify each other, so we can carry out vs 19.

Satan's mission is to prevent us from carrying out verse 19. He does that by utilizing weapons designed specifically for Christians. The weapons he uses against the lost are designed to keep them lost they shouldn't have the same effect on Christians as they did when we were lost. If lost

people's weapons affect you the same as they did when you were lost check yourself.

The conviction of the Holy Spirit is the difference maker in the design of the weapon for the lost persons and the weapons he uses with Christians. Satan knows that Christians have the conviction of the Holy Spirit to detect and warn us of the possibility of Satan's attacks, so he must design weapons to help him overcome that.

Imagine if there were a race of people who were immune to a certain virus, you wouldn't attempt to use that virus as a weapon against those people. You would use a different weapon that would work. That's the situation Satan is dealing with because of the Holy Spirit that lives within every saved person.

**Matthew 26:41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak.

As Christians we get complacent and think because we don't do the things or go to the places, we used to go to that we are safe from Satan's attacks, but that's not the case. God tells us in Matthew 26: 41 to **watch and pray** because He knows that we are vulnerable to attack. I remember, and I'm sure you have a similar story, when standing security

watches, on a secured base, on an even more secured area of the base, with a pier guard, I personally still had a contingency plan if we were to be attacked from any direction. In that multi-level secured area, I knew in my head what I would do if attacked from each direction and I planned for it. I **watched and prayed** because I knew that although I was in a secure area, I couldn't be complacent because there was still an enemy and there was always a possibility of attack. As Christians we forget and get complacent, we must **watch and pray**.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

This passage is specifically for Christians, the devil isn't a lost person's adversary.

**These are three common weapons designed specifically for Christians.**

**Confusion:** Questions when studying scripture are good, it causes us to expand our study. However, God is not the author of confusion. If we had no sin nature, scripture would be clear as a bell on first read. Its Satan's weapon of confusion that causes people to question the validity of scripture and what

it tells us to do. When man doesn't understand scripture, it's not a problem with scripture it's a problem with man, keep studying and ask God to reveal it to you.

**1 Corinthians 14:33** For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**Doubt:** One of the best weapons Satan has is doubt. It's a double threat weapon that is followed by impatience. We look at situations that rise in our life, see no resolution, and start to doubt God's promise to care for us. After he deploys doubt, he follows it up with impatience which causes us to make decisions without waiting on God. We don't see things the way God does. We only see the piece right in front of us, but God sees it all. When we learn to "**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**" we will look back on impossible situations and be amazed at how God worked it all out.

**Proverbs 3:5-8** 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

**Emotion:** Fear, Embarrassment, Lust, Arrogance, Anger, Jealousy these are some of the common **lusts of the flesh** weapons that Satan uses. The flesh exists within us because of our sin nature, it exposes itself through sin. The spirit exists within us because of the Holy Spirit that entered us when we were born again, it exposes itself as service to God. The flesh and the Spirit are in continual competition within us to control us. When Satan presents a situation and we act on it, his weapon was successful. The reason lost people can freely act upon lusts of the flesh is because they have no Spirit competition within. We must be mindful of what is happening when lusts of the flesh present themselves. Satan's purpose for deploying any of these lusts of the flesh has nothing to do with you, he doesn't care about you, it is to eliminate an opportunity to win souls by ruining lives, testimonies, and entire ministries.

**Galatians 5:16-23** 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

**Satan's weapons against Christians are useless unless we allow him to use them.**

**1 Corinthians 10:12&13** 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it].

Let's look at what this passage tells us about Satan's attacks. It first warns us in verse 12 to not be complacent in our security. **12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.** Verse 13 indicates that it's not if but that attacks will occur. It goes on to tell us that the attack will not be more than we can bare if we are depending on God to carry us through the attack. The key to enduring Satan's attack is found in four words "**but God is faithful**". We can't do it on our own, we can't depend on the pastor the only way Satan retreats from an attack is "**but God is faithful**".

Satan doesn't have the ability to prosecute a surprise attack if we are tuned into The Holy Spirit. We will be alerted when Satan is coming which means we must be in constant communication with God so that The Holy Spirit can be our first alert when Satan plans the attack. If our first indication

of an attack is when we are standing eye to eye with Satan, we've had our Holy Spirit early warning system turned off.

**Discussion Points:**

1. What are some early warning notifications The Holy Spirit uses to warn of a potential attack?
2. How has Satan attacked you?
3. How did the Holy Spirit alarm you?
4. Have you ever forgotten **“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”** and fallen?



**Lesson 10**  
**Satan's Weapons Against the Lost**

**2 Corinthians 4:1-4** 1Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**

The axis of this war is for Christians to reveal Christ to the lost and Satan to conceal Christ from the lost. Satan wants to take Christians out of the fight, so we can't reveal Christ to the lost. All Satan needs to do to keep the lost is keep them blind to the **light of the glorious gospel of Christ**. It's a different type of weapon process all together to keep the lost.

**How does he keep them lost?**

Why would someone who deals with the trials of this life not want to be saved and enjoy life with the comfort of Christ? Because as verse 4 says Satan keeps their minds blinded to the possibilities of life

with Christ **“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not”**. A Christian who has experienced life with Christ’s direction, knows that even if there was no heaven, life with Christ is preferred. It is our duty to convey that fact to the lost in an attempt to clear their eyes of Satan’s blinding and bring them to Christ.

**What are the weapons Satan uses to keep the lost blinded?**

**Blinded with Religion** - The lost have so many options they don’t know what to believe. It prevents and diminishes the efforts of true faith. The ecumenical Christian movement in order to be nonconfrontational and keep their financial and numerical status contributes to the problem. If Christians don’t Stand for truth, we are contributing to the problem. If we are the ones responsible for proclaiming the truth and we don’t stand, nobody else will. In the face of persecution by the world and religion we are required to proclaim the true gospel.

**Blinded with easy believeism** - Satan leads them to believe that because they repeated some words they are saved but nothing in their life changes, and they lose hope because of it. Satan loves “The Sinners Prayer” because he knows it means nothing if not

combined with repentance and belief. “Christians” contribute to the false salvation problem because we want to say we led someone to The Lord. These folks are destined for hell thinking that they are safe because they repeated words. Our duty is to proclaim the gospel not to save people.

**Blinded by the world** – Life is bombarded with troubles. Satan offers answers to each of these troubles aside from the gospel. When the first answer doesn’t work, he will provide another answer. When that one fails, he will provide another. He can do this until a person dies never knowing the gospel. He can keep them blinded from “**the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**” for their entire life. They never come to the truth of comfort in life or the possibility of salvation for eternity simply because he keeps them chasing the answer and nobody ever presents them with the gospel. We must proclaim the joy of the gospel.

**How do we combat Satan’s attempts to keep the lost blinded? Verse 3 “if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:”**

We must not hide the gospel. We must live it faithfully, present it properly, and present it regularly.

1. **Live it faithfully** so others can see the profit of living with Christ. If we aren't living faithfully how can we expect our life to be filled with joy.
2. **Present it properly** so others can see the joy in serving God. If your life is full of complaints, why would anyone want to be a Christian. Replace complaints with Praise for God.
3. **Present it regularly**, tell lost people how good God is to you. Tell the world about the ease of life and joy of serving God!

If you never heard about something or everything you heard was about it was the struggle associated with it, would you want it?

### **Discussion points:**

1. **How often do you present the Gospel?**
2. **When you talk about being a Christian is it in a positive light?**
3. **Give a name of someone you promise to present the gospel to this week.**

## **Lesson 11**

### **Satan's Weaknesses**

**Ephesians 6:10-20** 10 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.** 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

The first and most important point concerning Satan's weaknesses is that he is not weak. Satan is in control and the most powerful being in this world aside from God Himself. Satan's weaknesses are only available to us through the Lord. We alone have no power against Satan.

**God's makes us some battle promises.**

**Deuteronomy 28:7** The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

**Luke 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

These are some awesome promises given to us by God. Imagine in every circumstance of your life being able to depend on these promises by a real God who doesn't have the ability to lie. I think of the times when my commanding officer was standing before his men giving them some motivational speech before a big operation. You know the speech "if you do these things, we will be victorious". These two verses among others are God's motivational speech to us. The only difference is my commanding officer's speech was based on many things out of his control. God's promises for your life, in the battles of this life, are based on certainty promises that cannot be broken.

**How do we obtain God's battle promises?**

**Battle Promise 1:**

**James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.**  
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The key to obtaining these promises and every other promise from God is found in the first sentence of **James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.**

Our commanding officers essentially asked us to do the same thing in their speeches. They asked us to follow them in to battle. That's all God asks us to do, submit to His command and follow him into battle. The difference is God's battle promises are secure and unbreakable. We have evidence throughout scripture of how God lead battles turned out and how battles turned out when men didn't follow God's command.

### **Battle Promise 2:**

**2 Corinthians 10:4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

We've used weapons that cause us to feel secure and powerful, we had confidence in them because we had proven them. However, **“the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God”**. God's unbreakable promise to us is that the weapons he gives us are indefensible by Satan. They are more powerful than any weapon we've ever held. They are made for the **“pulling down of strong holds”**.

**What are God's indefensible weapons?**

**Satan has no defense against kindness.**

**Romans 12:19-21** 19Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 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. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Retribution and revenge are Gods. When we seek revenge, it polarizes and portrays us in a bad light to everyone else preventing our ability to reach them for with the gospel. When we show kindness in the face of hostility, it allows us to obtain our mission of presenting the gospel and Satan has no defense against it.

**Satan has no defense against scripture.**

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

When Jesus was tempted by Satan His responses were scripture because it is powerful. We have the same scripture weapon available to us and God will provide the appropriate scripture in the heat of the battle. Psalm 119:11 says “**Thy word have I hid in**



**mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”**

Scripture references are not original and are not necessary hide the words in your heart. Study the words and their purpose and hide that in your heart so its retrievable when you need it. Satan has no defense against scripture.

### **Satan Has no defense against prayer.**

**John 14:13** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

We must ask and what we ask must be glorifying to God. Essentially when we ask for something that is good for us God will give it to us because it glorifies Him when we recognize that His giving is Him taking care of his child. Satan has no defense against God caring for us when we pray, he can't do anything about it. When we are in a situation and ask for God's direction in that situation Satan can't do a thing about it. Unfortunately, we often act without utilizing this weapon of prayer and Satan can control the situation. Satan has no defense against prayer.

## **Satan has no defense against salvation.**

**1 John 5:4-5** - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith.

As a lost person we spend our life staring down the barrel of hell and the problems of this world and there is absolutely nothing we can do about it. However, because of faith in God we have access to salvation and **“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith.”**. Once we are saved there is absolutely nothing Satan can do to change it. We are eternally secure. Satan has no defense against salvation.

**Hebrews 13:5** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

The scripture is packed with promises from God, and we can take advantage of the fact that Satan has no defense for them. These promises simply require we submit to God and His ways. The first two courses of “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” explain this lesson well.

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
    What a privilege to carry  
    Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
    All because we do not carry  
    Everything to God in prayer!  
Have we trials and temptations?  
    Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
    Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
    Take it to the Lord in prayer.

### **Discussion Points:**

- 1. Where in your life could you use a weapon that Satan can't defend against?**
- 2. What prevents us from using God's indefensible weapon?**
- 3. What do we need to change to insert God's weapon in our life?**

## **Lesson 12**

### **God's Exit Strategy**

An exit strategy is a means of leaving one's current situation after a predetermined objective has been achieved. Political leaders often get in trouble because they didn't put the work in on the front end, to determine what they needed to achieve, so they could at some point exit their war. God has had this war and exit strategy planned from the beginning of time. We know exactly how it is going to end. How much better would the wars we fought have been if we knew exactly how they were going to play out. Let's look at scripture and see how God lays out His exit strategy and informs us of it. This is a perfect example of how scripture holds the answers if we study it.

#### **When will the war end and the Lord return?**

**Matthew 24:36** But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

1. Therefore, it's important to be ready now for when the Lords return. Those not saved when He returns have no hope.

### **How will we know the war is close to ending?**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

1. Although we don't know the date certain God does and He wants us to be ready. That's why he gives us these indicators, warnings if you will.
2. What time in history does this passage describe better than today?
3. Verse 5 describes many of those claiming Christianity today.

### **How will we exit the battlefield?**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18** 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up

together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1. If you are not saved, you can't be comforted by this passage because it is describing the point of no return concerning your eternity.
2. If you are saved verse 18 indicates how wonderful this passage is for us because it's the end of our conflict with Satan. It's our EAOS (End of Active Obligated Service)!!

### **What happens on earth after we exit?**

**Matthew 24:21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**Revelation 13:16-18** 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six.

1. Revelation chapter 6-18 details the misery of the tribulation.

2. Daniel 9:27 tells us that the tribulation will last seven years.
3. Currently on earth the Holy Spirit is present and keeps Satan from having complete control. During this period of tribulation, the holy spirit won't be on earth to keep Satan at bay.

### **What happens to the unsaved people at the end of the tribulation?**

**Revelation 19:20-21** 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

1. The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire and those who accepted them, and their mark are slaughtered and are eaten by fowl.

**What happens to Satan at the end of the tribulation?**

**Revelation 20:1-3** 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

1. Satan is locked up and unable to have any influence on man.

**Where are the born again and those who didn't take the mark of the beast during the 1000-year reign?**

**Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.



1. During this period, we will return to earth to rule and reign the earth with God.
2. The earth will be a much different place as Satan will have no influence during this period.
3. Imagine the earth with no Satan. The beauty and wonder of God's creation with no hardships of Satan.

### **What happens to Satan after the 1000 years?**

**Revelation 20:7-10** 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

1. When Satan is released, he will seek to deceive those who were born during that 1000 years and turn them against God.

2. Those he deceives will be devoured by fire from God as explained in verse 9.
3. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire for eternity as described in verse 10.

**What happens to the dead after the 1000 year reign?**

**Revelation 20:11-15** 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

1. These are those who died before the rapture, died at the end of the tribulation and died at the end of the 1000-year reign. This is you

if you are sitting in this room and are not saved.

2. Note that they were judged by their works but none of their works were enough to keep them from being cast into the lake of fire.

### **What happens to the earth after the 1000-year reign?**

**Revelation 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

**2Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

1. This place and everything that you hold dear that keeps you from turning to Jesus is so meaningless in the end that it burns with the earth.
2. What thing or person, that is eventually going to burn, is so important that you are willing to miss out on God's victory and suffer eternally for it.

## **What happens to the saved after the 1000 year reign?**

**Revelation 21:2-4** 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

1. Eternity with God, no Satan, perfect peace.

### **Discussion points:**

1. In the beginning of this lesson I asked you how much better it would have been in the wars you fought if you knew the exit strategy and were secure in the fact that the exit was going to go exactly as planned. Each of you agreed that scenario would be preferred.
2. So, then there can only be three reasons you are not saved:
  - a) You don't believe God.

- b) You love your way of life so much that you are willing to experience the events just described for eternity.
- c) You haven't heard this before, you believe it, and you want to be saved.