

VICTORY OVER THE ENEMY – Part 1

2/19/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – I want to thank Wynn Skelton for giving his 5-part series about angels
 - Comment – Tonight, I am going to begin a related series
 - The title – “Victory Over the Enemy – Part 1”
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- Now, let me mention some background information to lay a foundation
 - I am thrilled that Wynn Skelton gave his series about angels
 - At one point, Wynn talked about only giving a 3-part series
 - But I encouraged him to expand the series – and I was pleased that he gave 5 parts
 - Weeks ago, I started talking about a related subject – while he was continuing his series
 - On Saturday, January 25 – I gave “The Father and Son Are Stronger Than the Devil”
 - (I had 5 points – including “Do not under-estimate the enemy”)
 - On Wednesday night, February 5 – I narrowed down that presentation down to 3 points
 - including – (“Do not under-estimate the enemy”)
 - Tonight – I want focus again on the concept – “Do Not under-estimate the enemy”
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- As we begin – Let me put your mind at ease
- Although we are definitely going to warn about the power of the enemy –
 - “The God of good is stronger than the enemy of evil”

Matt. 18:10 take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones – for I say to you
 that in heaven, their angels always see the face of My Father who
 is in heaven

Rev. 20:1-3 an angel puts the devil in the bottomless pit

- Do not under-estimate the enemy
- Notice some direct and overt danger

Luke 11:20 finger of God

21 when a strong man (fully armed) guards his own palace, his goods are safe

22 if a stronger man comes along and overcomes him, he takes from him all
 his armor (and weapons in which he trusted) and divides his spoils

23 not with Me is against Me – does not gather with Me, scatters

24 when an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he wants to return

25-26 when he finds the place cleaned up, he brings 7 back with him – more
 wicked than himself – last state of that man is worse than the first

Acts 16:16-17 slave girl – annoyed Paul and the others

18 Paul dealt with it
 19-24 the business people – took them to the magistrates
 Acts 19:11 God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul
 12 diseased left them – evil spirits went out of them
 13 the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves – “by the Jesus
 whom Paul preaches”
 14 7 sons of Sceva (a Jewish chief priest, who did so)
 15 “Jesus I know and Paul I know; but who are you?”
 16 spirit overpowered them and prevailed against them – they fled out of the
 house naked and wounded
 17 when this became known to all the Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus –
 fear fell on them all – & the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified
 18 and many people who had believed – came, confessing their deeds
 19 many who practiced magic – brought their books together and burned
 them in the sight of all – they counted up the value of them, and it
 totaled 50,000 pieces of silver

· Notice some subtle danger

Gen. 3:1-5 serpent – subtle approach
 · he challenged their thinking – (their brain)
 · he challenged their feelings – (their emotions)
 Matt. 4:1-11 he tried to get the Son of God to worship him
 · he challenged the Son’s thinking
 · he challenged the Son’s feelings
 Matt. 23:4 he influenced leaders – to put heavy burdens on people
 7-10 he influenced leaders – to desire titles
 11-12 he influenced leaders – to exalt themselves over people
 13 he influenced leaders – to shut up access to the kingdom of heaven
 15 he influenced leaders – to turn new converts into their bad behavior
 Luke 22:24 he influenced disciples – to view themselves as the “greatest”
 · he challenged their feelings – (their ego)
 25-27 the Son of God reminded them to serve
 · the Son of God reiterated humility & service

· As we conclude – Let me **again** put your mind at ease
 “The God of good is stronger than the enemy of evil”

Luke 22:31 Satan has asked for you – that he may sift you as wheat
 32 “I have prayed for you”
 1 Cor. 15:24-28 the Son of God will put an end to all rule, all authority & all power