

VICTORY OVER THE ENEMY – Part 2

2/26/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – Planning to continue our series
 - The title – “Victory Over the Enemy – Part 2”
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- Last week – I talked about “do not under-estimate the enemy”
 - Last week – I planned to cover “overt danger” and “subtle danger”
 - Last week – I only covered the “overt danger” and ran out of time
 - Tonight – subtle danger
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- Reminder – to 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”

- Notice some subtle danger
- The serpent is a master salesman

Exod. 20:17

you shall not covet

Gen. 3:1-5

serpent – subtle approach

- serpent – challenged their thinking – (their brain)
- serpent – challenged their feelings – (their emotions)

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subtle – asked a question

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after he heard the question – he contradicted the Lord

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appealed to her sense

- good for food
- pleasant to the eyes
- desirable to make on wise

Gen. 9:21

how did the serpent influence Noah to drink too much?

Josh. 7:21

how did the serpent influence Achan to steal?

2 Sam. 11:2-4

how did the serpent influence David to be unfaithful?

Matt. 4:1-11

he tried to get the Son of God to worship him

- serpent – challenged the Son’s thinking
- serpent – challenged the Son’s feelings

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the devil tried to set the terms

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again – the devil tried to set the terms

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again – the devil tried to set the terms

- The serpent is a master salesman

He targets perceived leaders

- 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
- 2 Cor. 11:13 false apostles – deceitful workers – transforming into apostles of Christ
14 Satan – transformed himself into an angel of light
15 his underlings – ministers of righteousness
- The serpent is a master salesman
Although he loves to ensnare leaders – he also feasts on followers
- 2 Cor. 11:20 the people allowed leaders to control them
· allowed leaders – to take them into bondage
· allowed leaders – to devour them
· allowed leaders – to steal from them
· allowed leaders – to exalt themselves over them
· allowed leaders – to strike them on the face
- As we conclude – reminder, to 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”