

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)
1	subtle – asked a question
4-5	after he heard the question – he contradicted the Lord
6	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
3	the devil tried to set the terms
6	again – the devil tried to set the terms
9	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”