



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Spiritual Victory (Forces of Darkness pt 5)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Prayer

"God, it was your mercy that saved me. You have defeated the enemy and blessed me with a new life in you, by your side, and with an inheritance. Thank you for the authority you have given me. Continue to teach me about authority and how to use it. God thank you for speaking to me, empowering me, pursuing me, and loving me. Amen."

Message Theme

How Satan Shows Up In Society

Key Truths

To be able to stand against the enemy, we have to be educated and alert. It's important that we don't dwell on the enemy, yet we know enough to notice when he is trying to deceive us.

Satan is first found in Genesis 3 in the Garden of Eden. He shows up quite sneaky, using lies and deception, not power and authority. To get Adam and Eve to do anything he first had to deceive them. He got them to think that they would gain more authority if they ate the fruit. They were deceived, thinking God was hiding something from them rather than believing the truth; that they already had all the authority. Adam and Eve had been placed to rule over the garden and protect it. We learn that without authority, satan has to move through people he has deceived. He is still on a mission today to steal man's authority.

There is a reality stated in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. It continues to say we have been *"washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of Jesus Christ."* God made humans to have authority and Jesus left us the kingdom of christianity. Romans 5:17 even tells us that we are supposed to reign. We know that Satan has rule over this world. But we, being part of the kingdom of God, have the power to stand in the truth, on the winning team, and against the enemy.

Practical Application

"Be sober, be vigilant."

This command is given to us so we can stay prepared to stand up to the enemy. God has given us authority and Satan has no power over us unless we give it to him. While it is important to know how to stand up to him, it's more important to keep our sights set on the King. Take time this week to pour into your relationship with your Heavenly Father.

Reference Verses

- 1 Corinthians 14:8, 6:9-11
- Ezekiel 28:11-16
- Genesis 3:1-5, 2:15&19, 1:26
- Psalms 155:16, 8:4-6, 139:16
- 1 John 5:19
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- John 14:30
- Luke 4:5-7, 22:29, 11:18
- Romans 5:17, 13:4, 1:26-28, 10:9-10
- Hosea 8:4
- Matthew 28:18-19
- Ephesians 6:12
- Acts 13:6-12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8
- Revelation 17:14, 13:1-4, 16:13-14, 20:1-7
- Daniel 11:37
- Hebrews 12:9
- 2 Kings 21:16
- Exodus 21:22-25
- Jeremiah 1:5

Declarations

“God has defeated the enemy. I am in Christ and I am a new creation. I am on the winning side of this spiritual battle with the power to stand against the enemy. I will not let him tempt me, instead I will seek the truth and stand up for the Kingdom of God.”

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

Spiritual Victory

1 Corinthians 14:8 NKJV For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

Ezekiel 28:11-12 NKJV Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre..."

Ezekiel 28:12-15 NKJV "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. "You were the anointed cherub who covers...You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

Genesis 3:1-5 NKJV... "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Genesis 2:15 AMPC And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it.

Genesis 1:26 NKJV ...let them have dominion...

Genesis 2:19 NKJV And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

Psalms 115:16 NKJV The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Psalms 8:4-6 NKJV What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet

1 John 5:19 AMP We know [for a fact] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] lies in the power of the evil one [opposing God and His precepts].

Luke 4:5-6 NKJV Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Luke 4:7 NKJV "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV ...the god of this world...

John 14:30 NIV ...the prince of this world is coming.

Matthew 6:10 NKJV Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Hosea 8:4 NKJV "They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge them.

Daniel 10:13 NKJV But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."

Isaiah 9:7 NKJV Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end...

Luke 22:29 NKJV And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me...

Mark 1:15 NKJV "...the kingdom of God is at hand."

Philippians 2:10-11 NKJV every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 11:18 NKJV If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?

Colossians 1:13 NKJV REF He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love...

Ephesians 6:12 TLB For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.

Ephesians 6:12 AMPC For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

Acts 13:6-8 NKJV Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius

Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

Acts 13:8-12 NKJV ... seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first...

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5 NKJV ... and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

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2 Thessalonians 2:4-5 NKJV ...who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

2 Thessalonians 2:8 NKJV And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Romans 13:4 NKJV For he is God's minister to you for good.

Revelation 13:4 NKJV So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Revelation 16:13-14 NKJV And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth...

Daniel 11:37 GWT He will have no interest in the gods of his ancestors or desire for women.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the

kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 1:26-28 MSG Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches. Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose.

Romans 1:26-28 NKJV For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting...

Genesis 1:26 NKJV Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

Hebrews 12:9 NKJV ...be in subjection to the Father of spirits...

2 Timothy 3: 3 KJV Without natural affection...

2 Kings 21:16 NKJV Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the Lord.

Exodus 21:22-25 NKJV "If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Jeremiah 1:5 NKJV "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Psalms 139:16 NKJV Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

Revelation 20:1-7 NKJV Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and

shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for [a]a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison