

**INTRODUCTION:** In Exodus 17:8-16, we have the first mention of Joshua who is at war with the Amalekites. Joshua is a picture of the new born Christian entering spiritual warfare with his flesh nature, the world, and the devil which is pictured by the Amalekites. Each generation has the same battle, but God has promised us victory in & thru Christ's victory at the cross! Romans 7:14-25

**"And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev 12:11**

**I. Satan's Battle Plan: Division & Contention - I Cor 1:10-18, Jam 3:14-16, 4:1-4**



- A. Satan's Name Means To Trick & Deceive... (Matt 4:1-9)
  - 1. By Accusing... *to produce **guilt** that leads to self righteousness*
    - a. "If thou be the Son of God..." v3, 6 [basis of anger]
    - b. "cast they might accuse Him" - Matt 12:10
    - c. "his accusation...THIS IS JESUS..." - Matt 27:37
  - 2. By Arguing... *which separates from truth & leads to **bitterness***
    - a. "command...these stones..." v3 [basis of immorality]
    - b. "cast thyself down" v 6
    - c. "come down" - Matt 27:40
  - 3. By Attacking... *that leads to **despair** & then submission or removal!*
    - a. "fall down and worship me." v9 [basis of occultic oppression]
    - b. "I will exalt my throne above... God" - Isa 14:13
    - c. "he... betrayed Him" - Matt 26:48
    - d. "And they crucified Him" - Matt 27:35

- B. Satan's Weapons: Gen 3:1-15
  - 1. Unforgiving spirit thru accusation - 1 Cor 5:1-13 versus 2 Cor 21-11
    - a. "they sewed fig leaves" - self righteous works to cover sin
    - b. "they... hid themselves" - scared of God's wrath on sin
  - 2. Arguing with another gospel with its false ministers - Gen 3:15
    - a. "enmity" - 2 Cor 11:3-4 no grace but works - Eph 2:8-9
    - b. "thee" - I John 2:18-29, 4:1-21
    - c. "thy seed" - 2 Cor 11:13-15
  - 3. Attacking thru corrupting God's truth - Gen 3:1-5, 2 Cor 2:17
    - a. Compare Gen 2:15-17 versus Gen 3:1-5
    - b. Psa 91:11-12 versus Matt 4:5-6

- C. Satan Aims at our Flesh Nature - Job 2:4, Mt 26:41, Rom 8:3
  - 1. Our flesh nature wants to depart from God's truth - Rom 8:1-13
  - 2. Understand that our loins is our weakness - Jam 1:12-16
    - a. The loins is our fleshly regenerative part - Ex1:1-5
    - b. Our flesh nature is connected to our loins - Jam 1:13-16
    - c. With our loins comes pride, vanity and lust - I John 2:15-17
  - 3. Satan appeals to our mind thru self-righteousness - Gen 3:1-5
    - a. Physical: "eat of every tree" - v1
      - 1) "good for food" - Gen 3:6
      - 2) leads to egotism: "pride" = Pharisees - Lk 18:10-14
    - b. Soul: "Ye shall not surely die" - v4
      - 1) "pleasant to the eyes" - Gen 3:6
      - 2) leads to hedonism: "pleasure" = Sadducees - Acts 23:8
    - c. Spirit: "ye shall be as gods" - v5
      - 1) "desired to make one wise" - Gen 3:6
      - 2) leads to legalism: "perfection" = Scribes - Gal 3:2-3
  - 4. Christians are defeated by a defiled conscience of guilt & bitterness - I Tim 1:18-20
    - a. legalism is the coverup - I Tim 1:5-11
    - b. Denial of Christ occurs - II Cor 13:5



**"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even OUR FAITH. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that JESUS is the Son of God?" I John 5:4-5**



**II. First Step: Be Armed With God's Belt of Truth - Eph 6:14**



- A. God desires His truth to be our moral foundation in life - Jn 6:63, Psa 15, 51:6
  - 1. We are begotten, born again by His word of truth - Jam 1:18
    - a. Faith in Christ comes thru hearing God's Truth - Rom 10:17
    - b. Faith comes to us thru the righteousness of Christ - 2 Pet 1:1
    - c. We are made holy & righteous in Christ - 2 Cor 5:21
    - d. Christ becomes the author & finisher of our faith - Heb 12:2
  - 2. God Himself in Christ is our belt of truth for protection - John 14:6
    - a. Christ is the truth of all heaven and earth - John 1:1-5, 14
    - b. The Holy Spirit guides our thoughts & actions - John 16:13
    - c. God's Holy Word sanctifies us for His work - John 17:17
- B. Only in God's Spirit is our flesh nature crucified - Gal 5:16-26
  - 1. We identify with Christ's crucifixion - Gal 2:20/Rom 6:6
  - 2. With our mind we serve the law of God - Rom 7:24-25
  - 3. We need to confess all known sin (self-righteousness) to God - I John 1:9
    - a. confession cleanses the guilt (condemnation) in our spirit - I Jn 3:19-21
    - b. confession of our faults to those we have offended clears us from the bitterness we harbor against them - Eph 4:32
    - c. a clean conscience allows us to freely love God & others - Matt 22:36-40
    - d. **key** to overcoming **all** temptation is to **LOVE God** - Jude 17-25, Jam 1:12
  - 4. Our loins then need to be encircled, girded with God's truth - Eph 6:14
    - Note: To gird means to protect from and to surround with
    - a. First, build a wall around yourself with God's word - Isa 26:1
    - b. Second, lay a siege (we are dead in Christ - Rom 6:3-11) against the fleshly nature by not feeding it carnal things - Rom 13:13-14



- C. Discipleship is Christ training us with His truth - John 8:28-32
  - 1. Follow Christ's example of quoting scripture - Mt 4: 1-10
    - a. Mt 4:4 comes from Deut 8:3
    - b. Mt 4:7 comes from Deut 6:16, cf Ex 17:1-7
    - c. Mt 4:10 comes from Deut 6:131
  - 2. Memorize God's word - Psa 19:11
    - a. James 1 - Overcoming temptation
    - b. Romans 6 - Confronting the temptation
    - c. Galatians 5-6 - Walking in the Spirit
    - d. Psalm 51 - Confession of past & present sins to remove Satanic accusations and footholds in your life - Rev 12:10, Eph 4:26-27
  - 3. Personalize your victory - Romans 8:37-39
    - A. Memorize Romans 6 "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid...." - 2 Tim3:16-17
    - B. Personalize Romans 6 "What shall I say then? Shall I continue in (name the temptation) that grace may abound? God forbid."
    - C. Quote Romans 6 every time you are confronted with the temptation and Satan will flee and you will be free! - Jam 4:7

**WARNING:** Consider what happened to King David when he decided not to go into battle and took off his belt of truth!!! - 2 Sam 11-24

**III. Be Committed Daily Like the Apostle Paul - 2 Cor 1:8-10**

- A. In the Spirit (Prayer): "...I die daily" - 1 Cor 15:31  
"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." - Phil 1:20-21
- B. In your Soul (Bible reading): "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, ..." - Phil 3:10-11
- C. In your Body (Confession): "*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*" - 2 Cor 10:5 [example of girding]
- D. With His Promise of fruit (Obedience): "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." - John 12:24
  - 1. The fruit of His glory - John 15:8
  - 2. The fruit of His character - Gal 5:22-24
  - 3. The fruit of souls saved - John 15:16



**"If any man will come after ME, let him deny himself, and take up HIS CROSS daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23**

**"And the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin." I John 1:7**