



SPIRITUAL WARFARE (Part 4) “The Soldier – The Battle – Never Give Up!”

> Chapter 1 - “Satan vs. God – Evil vs. Good”

(v1) Job’s character- “blameless, upright; feared God, shunned evil”

(v2-5) Job’s family & wealth, worship & intercession.

(v6-7) Satan the ADVERSARY - *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:8-11)*

(v8-12) Satan’s ACCUSATIONS - Revelation 12:10-12- *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."*

(v13-19) Satan’s ASSAULT - DEVASTATION & DESTRUCTION - How does Satan assault our faith? The LIE! “God doesn’t care!”- Mark 4:35 – 5:18

(v20-22) Job’s ACTIVE FAITH – WORSHIP! TRUST! PRAYER! - Proverbs 3:5-8 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.*

> Chapter 2 - “The Evil One Strikes Again!”

(v1-8) Satan’s attack boils over! - Paul teaches us how to overcome- 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 - HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT!

(v9-10) Satan attacks our marriages - FIGHT BACK! - James 3:13-18

- In the time of trial listen to James & Peter:

James 1:2-4- *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

1 Peter 1:3-8- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love*

> Chapter 42 – “Job Never Gives Up!!!”

- C.I. Scofield writes an analysis of Job’s experience with God:

(1) Job’s experiences opened his eyes more fully to the ineffable holiness of God (42:5).

(2) The sufferings of Job are shown to be corrective rather than penal, being used of God to test and refine his character (23:10).

(3) The outcome demonstrates that by God’s grace His people trust and serve Him because of what He is, not as mere return for temporal benefits (13:15).

(4) such experiences, as interpreted here by divine inspiration, reveal the ultimate triumph of a wise and loving God in His unseen contest with Satan over the souls of men (Chapters. 1—2).

(v1-6) Job answers God in **CONFESSION & REPENTANCE**:

- Understanding repentance: Proverbs 28:13 - *He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

- John the beloved writes in 1 John 1:8-2:2 - *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

- Job has learned not to question God, but to **TRUST HIM!**

(v7-9) **GOD CORRECTS** the three miserable comforters.

(v10-17) Observe Job’s **RESTORATION & CELEBRATION!**

- Philippians 3:7-14 - *But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.*

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.