

Victory Over Satan.

Rev. 20:2

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Over our last two studies we have found many things about our enemy Satan. He has a definite ending of his activities. In spite of all these activities he is performing we must understand he is still a creature and not the Creator. To understand where we as Christians must place our personal walk we will now search for Scriptures which declare that victory over Satan.

The Greek word "nikao" is found 28x in the New Testament. In the KJV it is translated almost exclusively by the word "overcome". Jn. 16:33; I Jn. 4:4; and Rev. 21:7. These verses promise the Christian total victory over our enemy. The Bible, it appears to me, describes the Conditional Security of Believer. In other words we are shown how to achieve the promised victory.

We will now examine four fundamental facts vital to maintain the proper marching orders that result in total victory. They are that the Christian must know their own weakness, strength, the weakness of the enemy, and the strength of the enemy. An error in overestimating or underestimating in any of these will prove a fatal error.

The Weakness of the Christian

The first basic fact a Christian must know to achieve victory over Satan is to acknowledge we are, of ourselves, unable to make it to heaven without following exacting God's plan of victory in placing ourselves under the Blood of the Lamb knowing our own weakness.

Jn. 15:5-6: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth (remain stable, fixed in), and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abideth not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

Rom. 7:18: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."

The Strength of the Christian

This 2nd vital principal to be observed in guaranteeing spiritual success is to know who is our chief strength.

Gal. 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Weakness of Satan

The 3rd principle vital in our journey from regeneration to glorification is to understand what is going on in this battle with our enemy is to learn what sanctification is all about. Sanctification is to be "set apart" for God. It begins at regeneration (being born again), proceeds and grows throughout life, and is only completed at death. It never being completed here is always about our intellect, emotions, will, and spirit being brought into compliance to God's will in these areas of our being.

Gal. 5:16-17: "This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

When we, as Christians, are being subjected to some fiery temptation or trial we should keep the truths about our enemies' weakness. Job 1:8-12 is instrumental in realizing nothing can touch us from Satan that God is unaware of.

2nd truth is God knows exactly how much His child can bear. Psa. 103:14 "For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."

3rd truth is that God will not allow Satan to go beyond our breaking point if we're walking under the victory in the Blood. I Cor. 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

4th truth is He allows those things that lead to our sanctification to come through the wiles of Satan to strengthen and purify us. Gen. 50:20: "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

James 1:1-4: "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

James 1:12: "Blessed (favor with God) is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."

1 Pet. 1:6,7: "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold (multiplied) temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

As we have seen Satan's weakness is exposed in that the very things he brings against us, if we apply what we have just seen, turns to us being purged from our fleshly thoughts and actions. It is also exposed by knowing he cannot stand to be resisted.

James 4:6-10: "But He giveth more grace. Wherefore He resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Eph. 4:27: "Neither give place to the devil." Give the devil an inch and he will want to be your ruler.

Satan enjoys a lively debate (Gen. 3) but he cannot tolerate being resisted. To resist him we must understand the following.

1st we must understand that the devil attacks anything that is Godly. II Cor. 2:11 "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." His devices are his tricks, methods, and plans with the aim of leading us away from God. Next week, being the Lord's will, we will look at 16 devices that he consistently uses.

2nd we must stand guard waiting for Satan to attack. "battle-ready". We need to have the complete armor of God on and the whole counsel of God written on our hearts.

I Pet. 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant (keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties) because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

3rd he cannot stand the blood of Christ, nor the positive testimony of the Christian.

Rev. 12:11: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Our sins under the blood, praise upon our lips, and remaining in a state of losing our life and being found in Him gain is the high road for the Christian to be on.

The 4th fundament fact will be examined next. We hope to review 16 deadly strong points of our enemy. The devices he constantly uses on us must be pinpointed and avoided.