

UNLEAVENED BREAD – Day 7
“Overcoming The Sin Without”
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And greetings brethren. Welcome to the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread – 2005. And time still marches on and we are going forward and God is still on His throne, and the plan of God is being worked out according to His schedule, according to the way that the Father has planned it. And of course as we know the holy days picture the plan of God. Now why is it that the world does not understand what God is doing? Well, 1) they don't believe God; 2) they don't keep the Sabbath; 3) they don't keep the holy days. And when they read about the holy days, especially when they come to Leviticus 23 they say, “Well these are all just ritual days and so we don't have to keep them.” Well that's why I mentioned last time if you don't have the tape, “Which Came First – The Ritual or The Day?” be sure and write for it. And we also have it on-line so you can download it there. But here on the seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, it is a special day, it is a holy day, and it is also a weekly Sabbath.

Now, let's pick it up here again and just remind ourselves of it, Leviticus 23:7, and it says: “In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation...” And let me just mention this: the words “holy convocation” in the King James could very well be translated “the appointed time.” So what we're dealing with is this: God has set the appointed time. Now we know this year that it is later than other years. But if you have noticed, winter in the northern hemisphere is a whole lot longer and a whole lot more severe, and that's why it is later. Because the Hebrew Calculated Calendar adjusts for the seasons automatically. And that shows that God gave the Hebrew Calculated Calendar for us to use. It's a misnomer to call it a Jewish Calendar. That's not so. So anyway, let's go on here: “In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*” (Lev. 23:7-8, *KJV*). So today is that holy convocation.

Now let's come back to Exodus 12 for just a minute where we see the same thing where God gave before the giving of the ritual offerings, He gave also the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Now He says here, verse 18: “In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even...” That is *ba erev*, sunset. That's when the day begins. “...Ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.” That is as the day ends at sunset, so that's a full seven days. And up in verse 16 it says: “And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation [an appointed time], and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you...” So there we have the command given before the rituals at the temple were given. And besides, when you look at the operation of the Passover and Pentecost – all of that came before the giving of the law, because the law was given on Pentecost, but the day came first, and God gave the commandments, and that's what, as we will see, is one of the memorials of keeping the Feast of Pentecost. So, God gave us these days so that we might know His will and His truth.

And part of it is that on all the holy days we do take up an offering. And we take up this offering based upon how God has blessed us, based upon all the commandments that we know about giving offerings. And so as I mentioned the first holy day, you give this offering according to the blessings that God has given you. And so at this time we will go ahead and pause and take up the offering.

(Pause)

And now let's come to Exodus 14 because this tells us the meaning of the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Now all the holy days have meaning and purpose and understanding. The Passover – God passed over the firstborn, and He judged all the God's of Egypt. And that's important, as we saw, because what that does with the beginning of the Passover, and this is why the Passover is so important – all the holy days, the holidays, the gods of this world have been judged and condemned and killed, as it were, through all the plagues that God gave in Egypt as well as the firstborn of the Egyptians and all of their beasts. So you need to always keep that in mind.

Now, because God has rescued us and rescued the children of Israel out of Egypt, which is a type of sin, Satan doesn't give up on us. And so as we covered in the first holy day, how to overcome the sin within, today we are going to learn how to overcome the sin that is without. How to overcome the attacks which come from Satan the devil. Now we know in Exodus 14 that they came down by the Red Sea and they were all encamped by the Red Sea in kind of a very long column there, because there wasn't much room going back because there were mountains to the back of them. And we know that Pharaoh came with all his horses, all his chariots, and all of his men to come and recapture the children of Israel to put them in bondage and slavery again. Now God deliberately took them that way. And typical of what people do when the going gets tough, because you see it's not easy being a Christian and the going gets tough. And one of the battles that we constantly have to fight is the sin without by Satan the devil as pictured here by Pharaoh and all of his soldiers. And look at the difference in the armament. They had swords, they had spears, they had chariots, they had trained soldiers. And here are the Israelites out there just freed from slavery. They don't have any weapons. But they have the greatest weapon of all, and that's the thing we need to understand. And that greatest weapon of all was that God was on their side.

Now when they saw Pharaoh drawing near, Exodus 14:10: "And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?" Now you see, here is one of the things that Satan wants to get you to do when the going gets tough – accuse God. Now never accuse God. Always remember this, as we will see: "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28, paraphrased).

Now of course they didn't have the Holy Spirit, they didn't have the faith. So then they said, which was not true but it was a lying self-justification, they said, verse 12: "*Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*" Now you see, here's the lesson for today. And it's a special and particular lesson, and we are going to expand this out on how we can fight the sin that comes outside of us, or the sin from without that's trying to get within.

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will shew to you to day..." Now there will come a day in all of your problems, and all of your difficulties that God will show Himself strong on your behalf. "...For the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" (Ex. 14:10-14, *KJV*). Now that means this: If God is going to fight for you, don't accuse Him. Wait on the Lord, as it says. He's going to fight. That is the key of this day. The only way we can fight Satan the devil is with the sword of the Spirit, and the Word of God so we can conquer those battles that come to us, which are pressing from the outside. But you see if we do not overcome (like is pointed out on the first holy day), the sins within, then you are going to be very vulnerable to the attacks from without. And Satan knows that.

So then you know the rest of the story: God told Moses, "You go stand on the edge of the Red Sea and you hold up your staff." And God caused a great wind to come that night and made it all dry, and opened up a great huge way for the children of Israel to go. And at the same time He protected the children of Israel by sending a cloud behind them, which was darkness to the Egyptians and light to the children of Israel. And so as the sun was coming up they marched across the Red Sea in a miraculous and tremendous thing that God did for the children of Israel. Now you see, God will intervene and rescue us. And let me tell you the ultimate of the rescue that God is going to give to us, which will be the resurrection from the dead. So always keep that in mind.

Now let's come to Psalm 34 because we know that we are going to have troubles and difficulties. We know that Satan is there to try and put fear in us to try and make us trepidatious, to try and turn us from God. And we are going to see that he has got all kinds of schemes and means and power to try and do so. But we need to rely on the power of God, not on our own strength. This also tells us how we need to approach God so He will fight for us.

Psalm 34:4: "I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." You know, today a lot of people just live in fears. All kinds of fear. They worry, they fear instead of putting it in God's hands, instead of relying on God's way that He is going to deliver, He is going to give the answer. Oh yes, we need to be alert in how we need to handle ourselves and take care of situations, but if we are looking to God and seeking God He'll provide the means and the way for us to do it.

Now notice: "They looked unto Him [that's what we need to do], and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard

him, and saved him out of all his troubles [fears].” Just like He did the children of Israel, standing there in the side of the Red Sea. Can you imagine what they thought seeing all night the wind blowing and drying up the Red Sea, probably to the space of about ten miles. This was no just little rabbit in a hat trick. This was a fantastic miracle. And God did this to perpetually show that He will fight for us in whatever miracle is necessary.

“...Saved [delivered] him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.” Now you stop and think about how many times that you have been delivered from things, saved from things where that it had to be an angel intervening to do it, because God sent the angels as ministering spirits for those who are called as heirs of salvation. That’s us.

Now, here is one of the themes of the Feast of Unleavened Bread: “O taste and see that the LORD *is* good...” That’s why we eat unleavened bread. And another thing that many people have not thought of is this: is that the manna that was given to the children of Israel, which was given six days of the week, and on the sixth day they could keep it over on the Sabbath and it wouldn’t spoil; but that had to be unleavened, because those who kept the Passover during that time had to have some kind of bread. Well, the only bread they had was the manna because they couldn’t eat any grain until they came into the land, as we have seen, and wave the wave sheaf offering. Now that’s why we sent out to you the tape and the video that I did in 2000 about how the sequence of days run when the first holy day is on a Sunday and the last holy day is on a Sabbath. So, “taste and see.”

Now, the unleavened bread then – let’s look at it this way – the unleavened bread then is for the Passover and Unleavened Bread, the feast thereof, is typical of the manna that God gave to the children of Israel. And it’s also typical of eating the Word of God, because Jesus is what – the bread of life. So that’s something that we need to understand and realize.

“...Blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in Him.” Now we are going to see trusting in God is the most important thing that we need to do in overcoming the sin “without” so it doesn’t come in and attack us. We need to have, and we will see later in the book of Ephesians, all the armor of God to fight this spiritual battle, because it is a great spiritual battle.

Now verse 15: “The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous...” He knows you. And He knows you inside and out. And having the Spirit of God in you, He is dwelling in you, and that is the true unleavenedness that comes from God – that Christ with His Spirit is in us. So His eyes are upon us: “...and His ears *are open* unto their cry.” God answers our prayers. He says He delights in our prayers. Verse 16, the opposite is of those who are evil: “The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.” So whatever the troubles that you have, bring them before the throne of God and ask for deliverance. And keep asking for that deliverance until God provides the way, which He will. And after all, that’s the whole meaning of the word

exodus. *Ex* in the Greek means “out.” *Odos* or *hodos* means “the way.” So it is “the way out.” And that’s why Jesus said, “I am the way the truth and the life, and none can come to the Father except through Me.” Delivers them out of all their troubles.

Now notice verse 18: “The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” So when you put everything in God’s hands then you are of a contrite spirit. Now notice verse 19: “Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all” (Psa. 34:4-8, 15-19, *KJV*). Not part of them, not some of them, not most of them, but all of them. Now sometimes there will be difficulties that will go on for quite a while. But God promises that no one is going to be left desolate if they trust in Him. And so that’s what this last feast day pictures.

Now let’s understand the spiritual warfare that we are in. And let’s understand that Satan is busy, he is active, he is working. And we know from Revelation 12:9 that Satan the devil is deceiving the whole world. Now what I want you to do is this: I want you to observe and just ask the question: How much truth do you see in the world in the news, the newspapers, the magazines, on television, or whatever? Now, it is a mixture of truth and error – that is true. But you know, isn’t it profound, and I think that we have more and more deception as we go along. Now, we also need to understand that Satan the devil has many, many agents out there and many means, especially today, to do his deceiving and to do his attacking from without. And Satan is trying to do it in the earliest years possible. So it’s quite a world in which we are living.

Now let’s come to II Corinthians 4 and let’s see the power of Satan the devil. Let’s see how the world views him. Because you see, as we have learned by going through the series “Holidays vs. Holy Days – By Whose Authority?” you are under one of two authorities. You are under the authority of God the Father and Jesus Christ and you love them and keep their commandments and serve them, or you are under the authority of Satan the devil and you follow him and agree with the world and love the world and the pride of life, and you keep the holidays of this world.

Now let’s come to II Corinthians 4 because we know, as we have seen, Satan is a liar, has been a liar from the beginning. So it is no wonder that his ministers deceitfully handle the Word of God so they can go into the Word of God and take Scriptures and make it look like they are teaching from the Word of God, but they are not. And when those attacks come from without you better be strong within.

Now let’s pick it up here in verse 1: “Therefore, having this ministry [of the service of the ministration of the Spirit and forgiveness of sin and so forth], according as we have received mercy, we are not fainthearted. For we have personally renounced the hidden things of dishonest gain...” Now that’s all part of repentance, isn’t it? That you personally renounce all of those dishonest things that are within. That’s why you have to start with the sin within before you can fight the sin without. “...Not walking in *cunning* craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully...” And that’s what all the ministers who claim to be Christian who are under the authority of Satan the devil, and Sunday and

holiday-keeping do, they handle the Word of God deceitfully. "...But by manifestation of the truth, we are commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God. But if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are perishing; in whom the god of this world [who is deceiving this world] has blinded the minds of those who do not believe..." because they believe a lie. And there is coming a time in this world, not too far down the road, when because people do not love the truth of God, God is going to turn them over to the great deception and the lie of the antichrist, and it is coming. If I could use a Bible term – "Lo it cometh." It blinds their minds.

Now when Satan blinds their minds they don't say, "Oh, I've got a blinded mind." No. They say, "Oh, I am wise and intelligent." Just like as we saw with Adam and Eve. They said, "Oh, our minds are open." No, their minds were really closed. So the same thing here – blinded: "...lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is *the* image of God, should shine unto them." See, they have been blinded. They have been cut off. And Satan wants to come in and from the outside to get at us inside with his attacks so that we become blinded ourselves. And have we not seen that happen to how many brethren, that when they heard all of these good sounding arguments that they had no answer for the deception and the lying of what Satan the devil brought and inspired. You know, that's why it's important you understand the Word of God and you live by the Word of God, so if someone comes preaching any other doctrine or any other thing you are going to know it. Now if you are not on top of it then you could be subject to some of these things here.

Verse 5: "For we do not preach our own selves, but Christ Jesus *the* Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake..." (II Cor. 4:1-5, *FV*). And that's what it is with any true minister. He's not going to preach himself. How important is a man? Well only if he speaks the truth. And that's what it says there in Isaiah, if they speak not according to this word there is no light in them. And the light that is in them is darkness. And as Jesus said, "If the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness." See, but God has called us out of the darkness, hasn't He, and He is there to fight the battles for us. Well, let's look at the enemy, Satan the devil.

Let's come to Ephesians 2:1. Let's see how this world is, and let's add to it everything that Satan the devil has at his disposal: radio, television, music, the educational system, the religious system, the entertainment system. All of those forces are out there just coming in. Now also we need to understand that Satan the devil has television, and the internet, and now the cellular phone, that he can send any message to anyone anywhere in the world who wants to receive it regardless of the sin or the filth. They can now import to their cellular phone pornography sites with the worst pornography possible. And all of those things are there. I don't know how many of you have Direct TV. It's not wrong to have Direct TV. I don't have one but my son David has one, and I sat there and went through all 200 channels that he has. And it was quite something. Do you know what I concluded? There is nothing on. All of it motivated by Satan.

Now also think about this: How much of it is cast around the occult? Ninety-nine percent of it. Why? To keep people in darkness and indoctrinated in Satan's way. Now in addition to these things that I have mentioned Satan has his own personal spirit and power and demons to also come in and interfere and attack. Now I don't want you to take an attitude of being afraid because that's not the purpose of this sermon. The purpose of this sermon is to let you know who the enemy is, because if you don't know who the enemy is you don't know how to fight the enemy. And remember this: we are going to see Christ is the one Who will fight for us as it says there in Exodus 14 – God will fight for you if you are on God's side. And that's why repentance is so important. Not repentance with flattery, as the children of Israel did so he had to come in and kill some before they wake up and have some kind of sincere repentance. No, deep and profound repentance. God will be there with you and fight your battle for you.

Now notice Ephesians 2:1: "Now you were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you walked in times past according to the course of this world..." You are part and parcel of this world; part and parcel of this society. You did those things of the world; lived of the world; acted of the world. And maybe you were involved in many things of the baser parts of the world; involved in illicit sex, involved in illicit drugs, involved in alcoholism and drunkenness. All of those things to pull you down. And those things have made you weaker inside and more vulnerable to attacks unless you stay strong with God.

"...According to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air..." Satan, as I said, has all these helpers and where do they come from? They come out of the air, don't they? Yes. "...The spirit that is now working within the children of disobedience; among whom also we all once had our conduct in the lusts of our flesh, doing the things willed by the flesh and by the mind, and were by nature *the* children of wrath, even as the rest *of the world*" (Eph. 2:1-3, *FV*). But God has called you, and God loves you, and we are going to see God has provided the tools and power to overcome.

Now, here is what we need to do concerning this world and the course of this world. Let's come to I John 2 and let's see how it needs to be first. And it starts out, as we have seen, with the love of God. That's why the love of God is so important. That's why God does not want us to get bogged down into a religious thing of do's and don'ts. And those physical laws then become the paramount importance. See, you have to love God with all your heart, and mind, and soul, and being. And when you do then you can look at the world and see the world for what it is.

Now here in I John 2:15. And in loving God that has to be single-hearted, single-minded, and with spiritual purpose and intent. And yes, with zeal. Not ho-hum. Not lukewarm. And when that happens then you can look at the world and do just like John says here: "Do not love the world, nor the things *that are* in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him..." So the opposite is true then isn't it? If you love the Father, if you love Jesus Christ then you are not going to be loving the world. Yes, you are going to sigh and cry and groan and moan that the world is in the

shape that it is in, but you are going to help bring the solution when Christ returns. So keep your mind on that.

Verse 16: "...Because everything that *is* in the world [and this is how Satan works]—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pretentious pride of physical life—is not from the Father, but is from the world." Now what you need to do is this: take this one verse here (verse 16) and write it out, set it before you when you watch television and do some channel surfing, do some evaluation. And maybe give yourself a little grading score from 0 to 10. And you are probably going to find that almost everything on television is going to be somewhere [from] 7 to 10. "...The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pretentious pride of physical life—is not from the Father, but is from the world." Now notice: "And the world and its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God abides forever" (I John 2:15-17, *FV*). So there we have the way we need to look at the world.

Now let's come to Colossians 1 (*FV*) and let's see also some of the things that affect us and what Paul said how we were before God called us, and that we were actually enemies of God in our mind. Now this is what we were previously before God called us, verse 21: "For you *were* once alienated and enemies in *your* minds by wicked works [because he has a carnal mind – the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be]; but now He has reconciled *you* [to God the Father]..."

Now let's look and see what we need to do. Let's go back to the book of Proverbs 4 and let's see the whole process. It's laid out here. God gave it to us. Now we could apply this spiritually. See, what we do – remember how we went through the sermons on the law of Moses with the veil lifted, or without the veil? Well, here we have the same thing in the Psalms and the Proverbs and also the prophets how we can see the spiritual application of what God is doing for us.

Now let's begin here in verse 14 – basic understanding what we need to do. Now, let's also understand this, that they know that if you allow things into your mind from without, sooner or later you are going to be doing whatever is coming into your mind. That's important to understand. Verse 14: "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*." Don't be like the world. That's all part of loving the world. "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." Get out of the way. You know, that's New Testament doctrine. You know, the safest way to avoid adultery and fornication: God says – Flee! Get away. Run away from it. Don't fill your mind with pornography. Don't fill your stomach with booze. Don't fill your blood stream with drugs. Avoid it, pass away, see. "For they sleep not..." And yes, people stay up nights trying to figure out how to carry out evil. "...Except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." And that's what needs to be with us and bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Verse 19: "The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble." They don't know what the problem is. It's just like the world today – get rid of the commandments of God. "Oh, but we have a society that's filled with murder, and

pornography and adultery and lying and cheating and stealing and all of this sort of thing, but we can't teach the Ten Commandments. And we can't have the monument of the Ten Commandments." Well the truth is, they will never have a society that will function even in the letter of the law unless they teach the Ten Commandments. So it shows how schizophrenic that the carnal mind is. Don't want any rules and regulations, [but] boy when things get bad you moan and groan, "Oh, we don't know how this goes." No. Verse 20: "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings." Now, you are a son of God aren't you? You have the Spirit of God. Ok, take this as instruction from God, your Father in heaven above: "Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Now here's the key, verse 23. In order to fight "the sin without" you have got to prepare your heart and mind to resist and to not to give in to temptations, which come from the world, which come from Satan, which come and try to enter into you. And it's just like leaven that is in the air trying to come in and leaven you with sin. Remember this, verse 23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence..." Or, you could put it this way: Guard the door of your mind! Now that's how you fight the sin that is without. You don't let it come in. "...For out of it [the heart, the mind] *are* the issues of life [that's spiritual life, physical life, spiritual death, physical death]. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on [straight ahead], and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil" (Prov. 4:14-27, *KJV*). Now that's walking in the way of the Lord.

Now let's add the Spirit of God to that, because that's how we are supposed to do, see. That's how we are supposed to function. Now that's really tremendous when we understand it. Now we know this, that the world today, Paul wrote to Timothy and said, that there are deceivers who are deceiving one another and growing more deceitful every day. And that Satan the devil is out there and those who give in, he devours according to his own will, because they weren't able to resist the attacks from without. Now that's important for us to understand and realize because this tells us how we are going to fight. And let's understand this: you are going to have battles with Satan the devil. You are guaranteed that. And living in this world you can be sure that it is going to happen.

Now let's come to I Peter 5 and let's see how we are to approach this. Let's see how we are to fight this spiritual battle with the help of God, with the power of God, with the Spirit of God, with the Word of God and with a conviction and determination that we need to supply. See, we are not just passive robots and God has made it so that we have nothing to do. Listen brethren, we have everything to do, because in doing it we build the character of God. In doing it we build the strength of God. In doing it we are guarding the door of our minds. In doing it we are resisting Satan the devil. And we are fighting against his battles against us and we need to understand that Satan is there battling, fighting, warring, tempting, enticing, deceiving, making things look good, and wanting to get you to leave God. Now that's the battle from without that we have to fight. And we'll see here in I Peter 5 just exactly how we need to fight it. And we will also see that there is

a promise in overcoming. And we will also see that God will help us and establish us. So you put all of these Scriptures together and this gives you, as we will see through this sermon, how to fight the sin without, those things that Satan sends after us – the battle against Satan, this world, and the demons.

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Now here in I Peter 5 we see what Peter writes about Satan coming after you. Now isn't Peter experienced in that? Now stop and think for a minute. Remember what Jesus told Peter after Peter heard Jesus tell him that He was going up to Jerusalem and be killed by the elders and the chief priests. He said, "Far be it from me Lord." And Jesus turned to him and said, "Get you behind me, Satan. You savor not the things of God but the things which be of men." Satan was after him there. And remember what Jesus said when Peter said that he wouldn't deny Him, he would even die with Him. He said, "You are going to deny Me before the cock crows twice." And He said to him, "Peter, Peter, Satan has desired you to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed that your faith fail not." So when Peter writes about this he knows because he has experienced Satan coming after him.

So he says, I Peter 5:6: "Be humbled therefore under the mighty hand of God so that He may exalt you in *due* time..." Vanity is one of the key openings that gives Satan the entrance from without to within. Verse 7: "...Casting all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you." And this ties right in with Psalm 34, right? Yes. So whatever your cares, whatever your difficulties bring them before God because He loves you and cares for you. "Be sober!" Spiritually, physically, don't be drinking of the wine of the cup of the fornication of this great Babylonian religious system that's in the world today. "Be sober! Be vigilant!" Not ho-hum. Not halfhearted. Not whenever you feel like it, but vigilant. "For your adversary *the* devil..." Now he is our adversary. He's against God. He's a liar. He's a schemer. He wants to come from without to get you to agree with him and take you away from God. That's his purpose. But you see, when we have the understanding of the meaning of the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread we know that God will fight for us. We know that any enemy can be overcome. Satan the devil can be overcome.

Now: "For your adversary *the* devil is prowling about as a roaring lion, seeking anyone he may devour. Whom resist, steadfast in the faith..." Not wavering, not doubting, not hesitating, not accusing God, not feeling sorry for the self, but steadfast in the faith. You cannot fight against Satan the devil on his terms. You have to fight against him with the faith – the faith of God, the faith of Christ in you, the love of God as we have seen. If you love God then you are not going to love the world. "...Knowing *that* the same afflictions are being fulfilled among your brethren who *are* in *the* world" (I Peter 5:6-9, *FV*).

Now come to Revelation 12 and let's see something very important, because it also shows not only is Satan deceiving this world, but it shows how we overcome Satan the devil. And here is an attitude of mind that we need to have. Now it says in verse 9

(we'll just review this verse again): "And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, who is deceiving the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him." There are our adversaries listed right there. "And I heard a great voice in heaven say, 'Now has come the salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ because the accuser of our brethren has been cast down, who accuses them day and night before our God.' " See, that's why we are under the grace of God. Because Satan is there before God saying, "Look at, look at, look at, look at...." And we know we have enough sin and imperfections that we need to be forgiven all the time. That's why Christ said every day ask God to forgive your sins. Every day forgive those who have something against you. Every day, see, don't let it build up. Get rid of it every day. And he says in another place, "Don't let the sun go down on your wrath." Don't go to bed with anger, and hatred, and bitterness. Those are all the leavens of Satan that come from within. And if you have those within then he's going to use those things to attack you from without and you won't have the will to resist.

Now note in verse 11: " 'But they overcame him through the blood of the Lamb...' " Because Christ overcame Satan the devil. He conquered the principalities, the powers, and Satan the devil through the crucifixion and resurrection. That battle and victory has been won. And to overcome means to be victorious. You can overcome Satan the devil (it says so right here) through the blood of the Lamb – through His sacrifice, through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. " '...And through the word of their testimony...' " You have to stand for the truth. You have to know the truth. You have to testify of the truth. And your life has to be a living testimony of Christ in you. " '...And they loved not their lives unto death' " (Rev. 12:9-11, *FV*). That's how you overcome Satan the devil – resist in the faith, stand in the grace of God, use the blood of Christ, and your testimony, and love your life not unto death. You love God more than anything that there is.

Now, let's come back here to Ephesians 6 and let's see how we are to fight. Now we do have the battle within. That's one battle. We also have the battle without. So we have two sources of sin to fight. Those things that are within, and those that come from without. Now God has given us the protection. God wants us to be in a spiritual (how shall we say) a spiritual shield that covers us from head to toe, and there's the way that it is done.

Let's come back to Ephesians 6 and let's pick it up here beginning in verse 10. This is what Paul says that needs to be done to fight against these warring powers of Satan the devil coming against us: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in *the* Lord, and in the might of His strength [or, power]." See, because of ourselves we don't have the power to do it. But with the Holy Spirit, we do. With Christ in us, we do. With the blood of Christ, we do. With the resisting in the faith, we do. We do have that power to do so. And it's important to realize that this strength comes from God and comes from God alone. "Put on the whole armor of God..." Now we are going to examine that in just a little bit. "...So that you may be able to stand [just like it says back there in Exodus 14 – stand!] against the wiles of the devil..." Now we are not to be ignorant of his devices. We are not

to be ignorant of the things in the ways that he uses. He uses the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, and temptation and lies and deception. Those are all of his wiles. "...Because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood..." Now we have to wrestle against our flesh and blood – that is true. Satan does use people, flesh and blood people, to accomplish his work and his will. But it is not the flesh and blood that we are fighting, it is the power and the spiritual power of Satan behind it. "...But against principalities [who have been overcome by Christ] *and* against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age..." So we have a mighty battle, and Christ is using us in that battle. Not that we go out and think we can politically change this world. Because you see, everything that is politics in this world is of the world and is going to fail and perish and is of Satan the devil regardless of how righteous the cause may appear.

Now there are some who have part of the truth and they fight abortion. There are some who are against pornography and illegal sex. That's true. But that's not the whole battle. That's just part of the battle. See, what needs to be changed is who rules the world. And until Satan is removed and Christ comes as King of kings and Lord of lords, you are not going to be able to change very much by political things. Oh, you may be able to make some little changes here, or some little changes there. But you are not going to change the world because it's Satan's world.

"...Against the spiritual *power* of wickedness in high *places*." That's where it comes from – high places. "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand. Stand therefore..." Now he says it three times. What is the saying? "If you don't stand for something you are going to fall for anything." Let's rephrase it: If you don't stand for God, and with God, and for God you are going to stand and fall with Satan the devil. You need to understand that. That's just the way it is. And we have to put it in these terms, spiritually speaking, because that's the way it is in the world and that's the spiritual reality that we have to face. "Stand ... having your loins girded about with truth..." That's why you study the Word of God. That's why you know the Word of God. That's why you walk in the way of God. That's why you live in the way of God and have the righteousness of Christ.

"...And wearing the breastplate of righteousness..." to cover all the vital organs of your body so he can't get to your heart, so he can't get to your mind, so he can't get to your innards. That's why you have that. "...And having your feet shod with *the* preparation of the gospel of peace." Always doing the will of God. Always doing what you can to further the gospel.

"Besides all *these*, take up the shield of the faith..." Now the shield of faith is likened to whatever armor they had in fighting in those days. They would have a shield where they would put their arm and then the shield, whether big or small, they could put in front of them. So when arrows would come – and the worst kind of arrows were the flaming arrows where they would dip them in pitch. And it's been known that they have been able to set whole cities on fire when the armies gathered around these small cities, that all the infantry soldiers would take their arrows and dip them in pitch. And imagine a

thousand soldiers who have done this. And they have a whole lot of these arrows. And they start shooting them high in the air, and they come and land in the villages and land on the thatched roofs and land wherever there is anything combustible. And they shoot many, many, many, many of these arrows in and the whole town just becomes a conflagration and burns to the ground. Now liken the temptations that come from Satan the devil from without like those fiery missiles, because that's what it's talking about here. It says "the shield of faith" so you can deflect all of them. "...With which you will have the power to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one..." You are not going to succumb to the lust of the flesh, or the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life. You are going to extinguish those arrows.

"And put on the helmet of salvation..." Don't let them get to your mind. Guard the door of your mind. Put in your mind the Word of God. Put in your mind the truth of God. Grow and develop the Spirit of God within your mind by love, by truth, by obedience, you see. "...And the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God..." Now see, all of these things are the whole armor of God so that you are protected from head to toe. So that there is no entrance that Satan can use to get to you.

Now there is only one thing that is not protected, and that is your backside. And God is the only one who can protect you there. And it also has this analogy: if you turn your back on God you have no protection.

Let's finish up here: "...Praying at all times with all prayer and supplication in *the* Spirit..." Now we're told in I Thessalonians 5 to pray without ceasing. You pray to God every day. Not only in prayer where you are on your knees, but whatever you are doing, wherever you are going, that God is there to help you. You say, "Help me God. Here comes a temptation. Let me get it out of my mind. Don't let that come into me. Help me. Protect me. Guide me. Watch over me. Lead me." That's what it means to pray without ceasing. "...Praying at all times with all prayer and supplication in *the* Spirit, and in this very thing being watchful with all perseverance [not letting up, not slacking up, being diligent] and supplication for all the saints..." (Eph. 6:10-18, *FV*). Not just for you, but for all the saints. Because as Peter said Satan is out there trying to go after all the brethren, right? Yes. Who are the enemies of Satan the devil? We are! Who is the most vulnerable? We are. So that's why we have to have all of this armor of God to fight the battle without from keeping the sin from coming within.

Now, let's see how we rely on the strength and the power of God. Let's come to the book of Psalms. There are quite a few Psalms that we will read here. Let's come back and let's begin here in Psalm 18. This is putting all the power of the things that we just read of into force. Now we'll see how all of this comes into action, and how God fights for us.

Now, Psalm 18:1: "I will love thee, O LORD, my strength." He is our strength, but see it comes from love first. That's why we have to love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and being, then we won't love the world. It's that simple. And, if we are

overcoming the sin within and have the protection without then Satan can't come within. And he can't attack us. And we can't be shot down by any of his missiles.

Now notice: "The LORD *is* my rock..." Put in your margin there, Matthew 7. You build on the rock. And the rains come and the floods come and the wind blows and you don't fall. But if you build on sand, lo and behold the day is coming the rain is going to come, the flood is going to come, the wind is going to come, and *poof* – it's gone (Matt. 7:24-27).

"The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower." That's interesting – high tower, isn't it? The way you get away from it all is get into the high tower of God, right? If you are in a battle and there is a high tower, no one can get to you. "I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." The ones without – Satan the devil.

Now over here, verse 30: "*As for* God, His way *is* perfect..." You know, this settles a lot of issues when you come to understand that. A lot of people are... And one of the tactics of Satan the devil to try and get you is this: take a Scripture here and a Scripture there and let them fight each other. And let that create doubt, and let that give a conflict. And then sure enough someone is going to come along, some minister, some preacher is going to come along and he is going to provide the way then, which is going to take you away from God. See, if you know that His way is perfect, and the Word of God is tried and it's perfect, and if you trust and rely on that, that's your hope.

"...He *is* a buckler to all those that trust in Him. For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God? *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect." See, God can make your way perfect through the power of the Spirit of God, through you using the Spirit of God and walking in the way of God, and changing and growing and overcoming and keeping the armor of God on you. "He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet* [in other words quickly get out of the way when danger comes], and setteth me upon my high places. He teacheth my hands to war [to war and fight against Satan the devil], so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation..." This is where Paul got all of this. All the things that he wrote of there in Ephesians 6 come right out of the Old Testament. He just rewords it a little bit, you see. "...And Thy right hand hath holden me up, and Thy gentleness hath made me great" (Psalm 18:1-3, 30-35, *KJV*). Now that is something.

I'll tell you what you do. If you have a great battle that you are fighting, or if you have a particular difficulty that you are in, or if you are fighting a spiritual battle that you don't know how to get a hold of, go to God, repent, yield to Him, ask God to help you really love Him with all you heart, and mind, and soul, and being, ask for the strength of His Spirit, and get on your knees and take these Psalms that we are covering and ask God to give you the strength. That will be a life changing experience for you. That's what you need to do.

Now let's come over here to Psalm 24. Now here it talks about Christ. He's at the right hand of the throne of God in heaven above. And Psalm 24 talks about how Christ, when He ascended to the Father to be accepted as the sacrifice for the sins of the world, walked in to the everlasting doors. Now verse 7: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle" (Psa. 27:7-8, *KJV*). See, Christ will fight our battles for us. That's the promise that God gave, isn't it, going clear back even to the children of Israel? Hold your peace, don't complain, put it in God's hand and He will fight your battle for you. You have to do your part, but He will fight for you.

Here, let's come to Psalm 61. Now all of these Psalms are profound and important in growing and overcoming, you see, because if you are strengthened within with the Spirit of God, and you have on the whole armor of God through prayer, through study, through living by the Word of God, through constantly going in the way of God, then you will be able to fight the attack from without. You will be able to recognize it. You will be able to understand the wiles of the devil, and you will be able to use the shield of faith to ward off all the fiery darts of Satan the devil.

Now, Psalm 61, quite a psalm: "Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee [it doesn't matter where you are], when my heart is overwhelmed..." And I'll tell you what – every single one of us is going to come to a point that our hearts are overwhelmed. God is going to bring us through trials and difficulties so that it is overwhelming to us. For what purpose? For us to look to Him, that's why. How are we going to grow and overcome unless that happens? How are we going to be able to stand against all the difficulties and problems that we face unless we learn to rely on God. So, when our hearts are overwhelmed, ask God to do this: "...lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I." And that Rock is Christ. "For Thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings" (Psa. 61:1-4, *KJV*). Trusting in God, He will fight that battle for you.

Now let's come to Psalm 71, just a few pages over. See, all of these things are there for us to learn. This is why we have the Word of God. That's why it's the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. If you don't use the Word of God you are not going to be able to fight that spiritual battle. You are not going to be able to confront the sins from without that are trying to come in. And if you have too many sins within that you are not overcoming then you are not going to be able to fight the sins from without that are coming in and you are going to be overwhelmed with both.

Now Psalm 71:1: "In Thee, O LORD, do I put my trust..." See, trust in the Lord at all times. Not just when you are in trouble, not when you think things are a little difficult, but all times – the good, the bad, the difficult, the easy. "...And cause me to escape: incline Thine ear unto me, and save me. Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; for Thou *art* my rock and my fortress." Now see, if you have the Spirit of God... Have you ever

thought of it this way: God has given the commandment for your salvation. And He is there to help you in everything. "...For Thou *art* my rock and my fortress. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For Thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *Thou art* my trust from my youth" (Psa. 71:1-5, *KJV*). Tremendous. Look at the strength that you can get from that. If you go to God on your knees and say, "Oh God, I lay out before You all these problems and difficulties and things. They are too overwhelming for me. But I trust in You. And don't let me be put to confusion." And when you understand God is not the author of confusion, but Satan is, you see, and you trust in His righteousness to deliver you, He will do it. No doubt about it. No doubt about it.

Now let's come to Psalm 21. These psalms are really tremendous. This is why David was a man after God's heart, because he understood the things and was put through the experiences that we see here so that we can get strength from it. Now Psalm 21:1: "The king shall joy in Thy strength, O LORD [joy in the strength of God – that's what he's saying]; and in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips" (Psa. 21:1-2, *KJV*). Now you see what happens when you take that attitude and rely on the strength of God, not your own, see. We are weak against Satan the devil. That is why Jesus had to say, "Peter, I have prayed that your faith be strengthened because Satan has tried to sift you like wheat."

Now let's look at one more Psalm here. Psalm 27:1: "The LORD *is* my light and my salvation..." You stop and think, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Jesus is our Savior, isn't He? "...Whom shall I fear?" You don't have to fear anything. You do not have to fear Satan the devil and the demons. You do not have to fear what this society is trying to do to you. You can overcome it. You can close the door on it through Christ. "...The LORD *is* the strength of my life..." Not your own. Not your own vanity. Not your own schemes. "The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

"When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident. One *thing* have I desired [he says] of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple." Now think about this – here is a perfect example: the best way that you keep yourself and your life oriented in the right direction is to have your mind on Christ in loving God the Father, and Jesus Christ, and have your mind on the goal to be in the Kingdom of God. When you have that goal, when you have that spiritual focus, when you have that attitude, when you put yourself into it and let God's Spirit work with you, you will grow, you will change, you will overcome. And these temptations that are coming from without, and Satan's attack from without you can resist and put away from you.

Verse 5: "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion..." That is all the armor of God, which the Greek word is *panoplia*, like a great umbrella to cover

you. And that is what a pavilion is. "...In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock." (Psa. 27:1-5, *KJV*). Now that's tremendous.

Let's look at one other thing here. Let's come to Proverbs 24:10, and use this as a way of encouragement. "*If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.*" Now consider that. Don't faint, that is, get weak and give up. Another way of putting it is faint hearted, or fearful. Have the strength of God, not your own strength. You are not going to be able to do it on your own. It will never happen.

Now let's see how the apostle Paul did. Let's see what he said. Let's come back here to II Timothy 4. Let's see what Paul had to go through. Now remember, Paul was put through a lot of things. And Christ told him when He called him that He was going to show him the things that he had to suffer. And he suffered perhaps more than any of the other apostles. He had to fight without, he had to fight within. He had false brethren, false apostles, carnal people to deal with. And it's all recorded in all of his epistles. But he says this, II Timothy 4:14. He names this man who was there in Ephesus, who was a copper and silversmith who made idols, and because of so many thousands of conversions by the apostle Paul he nearly went bankrupt with all the idol-makers. So he was after Paul to kill him. And here, it looks like he had him arrested and thrown into the lions den.

Verse 14: "Alexander the coppersmith did many evil things against me. May the Lord reward him according to his works." Now this is how you pray for your enemies. Put it all in God's hands. Let God do the rewarding according to the works, and that way you are still loving your enemy but putting them in God's hands.

"You also be on guard against him because he vehemently opposed our words. During my first defense, no one stood with me; instead, everyone deserted me." Now there is going to come a time when you are going to feel like you have been deserted by everyone. That is so you can trust in God, that's why. It's like the apostle Paul here. Then he said, "...(*I pray that God will not lay it to their charge.*) But the Lord stood by me..." So if everyone deserts you, God is going to stand by you. "...And strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully made, and all the Gentiles might hear *the gospel*; and I was delivered out of *the lion's mouth*." So apparently Alexander the coppersmith had him arrested, thrown in prison and no one came to his defense. He was thrown out there to the lions and God delivered him. So it got right down to the last minute, didn't it? Instead of coming *grrr, snarl* and eating him up, I wonder if it was like this: "Here kitty, kitty, kitty. Nice kitty." Who knows?

Verse 18: "And the Lord will deliver me from every wicked deed and will preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom; to Whom *be* the glory into the ages of eternity. Amen." So this is a summary of how Paul lived what he wrote. And God acted in his life to do the things for him, to fight for him when he was deserted and alone. And everyone of us are going to have to go through that time.

So let's come to Ephesians 3. Let's see what we need to do. Let's see how we need to do it. Let's see the promises that God gives. Let's see the inner weapons that we

have, the inner defense that the Word of God, and the Spirit of God, and the power of God in us will perform for us, and how we need the strength of God so that He will fight our battles for us.

Now let's pick it up here in verse 11: "According to *His* eternal purpose..." And that's what we are into brethren – God's eternal purpose. We are a part of it. We are a part of God's plan, part of God's calling, part of the coming Kingdom of God. We are part of His church now of Whom Jesus is the head. "...Which He has wrought in Christ Jesus our Lord, in Whom we have boldness and *direct* access with confidence through His *very* own faith. So then, I beseech *you* [he's writing to the brethren] not to faint at my tribulations for you, which are *working for* your glory. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power by His Spirit in the inner man..." See, when you fight those sins from within, as we covered on the first holy day, then you have the strength and the armor to fight and resist the sins from without, which are instigated by the world and Satan the devil which come at you all the time.

And "...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith..." That you have that strength and that power through God's Spirit by faith. And that it is Christ in you the hope of glory, and it is the mind of Christ within you that is working, you see. "...*And* that being rooted and grounded in love..." The love of God. That's where you are. That's how you are steady. That's how you are sure. That's how you are righteous – through Christ. "...[That] you may be fully able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height..." so you can know the plan and purpose of God. That's what God wants you to understand and realize, you see. "...And to know the love of Christ, which surpasses *human* knowledge..." To understand that He died for you and was crucified for you because He loved you, and He has called you. And God the Father and Jesus Christ have given you of His Spirit, and of His Word, and of His Truth, and of His goodness: "...so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." So that you can be in the Kingdom of God completely unleavened. But we have this battle that is before us to fight, which this last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures. Satan is out there like Pharaoh and his armies coming after us. But we can conquer, we can overcome, we can fight it with the help of God, the power of God, the blood of Jesus Christ.

Now remember in all your prayers, remember this, verse 20: "Now to Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that is working in us..." (Eph. 3:11-20, *FV*). Claim that promise. Put on the full armor of God. Use the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit, and stand – stand and let Christ fight for you. That's how you overcome the sin without.

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