

Current Affairs # 18 — Defeating Satan, Part 3

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This is the fourth installment of the message on understanding the devil's schemes. In this fourth installment in defeating, overcoming the enemy, I want to get further into how you actually move forward to overcome, to take back the ground that was lost to you through these various schemes of the enemy, rolled out whether by mega-process (through the systemic order of the kingdom of darkness) all the way down to the personal order of how it affects you—going from the rolling out of these schemes by way of curses coming through families, affecting people while they are still in the womb, all the way up through mature, adult believers who have reached certain thresholds, beyond which they cannot seem to ascend. These schemes, on a personal level, often result in a feeling of entrapment in a lower level than believers know is available to them, and having tried everything that they could—they have confessed every sin they could think of; they live lives that are orderly; they are faithful in all the ways that God requires of them; and so on—and yet this cloud, this fog, this low ceiling seems to be right down over their heads and denying them the progress beyond these places. At this juncture, we actually are talking about people who will never turn back. They will finish their races, but more limping toward the finish line than running to the finish line.

Again, I have no magic bullet in the way of processes, schemes—things that if you do this, that will happen. Because, by and large, as you grow in the things of God, as you grow up *in Christ*, what happens is you leave behind elementary things, elementary doctrines, and you take on a message of wisdom among the mature. Included in this wisdom is how to overcome the enemy's schemes. Admittedly, some of the things I am going to say here today will actually locate you in the process of where you are in your walk with God. You may be an adult in your physical structure, your physical life, but an infant in your understanding of the things of God. So the benefit to you may be limited, but benefit it will, nevertheless, because these are things that you need to know.

We have talked about how your enemy connects between the experiences of your childhood, taken through the five senses, to create emotions, that create thoughts, that create action. Even without being mature, you can understand those things. But, how you take back the ground is also a sign of your maturity. Paul puts it this way, from Ephesians 6:10.

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood... [What that means is you are not struggling against humans. Paul goes on to describe who we struggle against and speaks of the configuration of power in the kingdom of darkness.] ...but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV)

### **Power and Authority**

The first thing to keep in mind is that you are operating in the power of God. This is not an implication that you have a ministry of power. This is an implication that, because you are a son of God, you have an allotment of power. The term in the Greek is the word *kléronomeó* (Strong's Greek 2816) and it is where we get the term "clergy" from. Clergy or *kléronomeó* is a reference to the term "inheritance" and an inheritance means: an allotment or a portion. So the word "clergy" is a reference to—not a particular group of people who preach in churches—it is actually a reference to an allotment of power that you have because you are a son of God. So then the question is: Who is the clergy? The term "clergy" means: possessing an inheritance, an allotment, a portion—*your* portion of an inheritance. And that inheritance is an inheritance of power. Jesus claimed, when He gave us the charge to preach the message of the Kingdom, that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to us.

The word "authority" comes in companionship with the word "power." Authority and power come together, but yet they are referenced by different words. The word for "power" is the word *dunamis* (Strong's Greek 1411), the word from which we get the English word "dynamite." It means dynamite; power—explosive power; power to destroy the works of the devil. Now, there is another word which also means power, but it leans toward or goes toward the legitimacy of the exercise of power. That word is *exousia* (Strong's Greek 1849), from which we get the word "executive." It means the legitimate right to exercise your portion, your clerical portion—your portion because you are an inheritor of the *dunamis* of God. So, you are legitimate. You are actually legit. You are the clergy.

In today's vernacular, "clergy" has been blow up to mean something that it was never meant to mean—a separation between the people and those who act for God. No. We are all the sons of God, and because we are sons, we are heirs (cf. Galatians 4:7; Romans 8:17). And the thing to which we are heirs is an allotment, *kléronomeó*, clergy—an allotment of power that God has allotted to us as an inheritance, an allotment of *dunamis*. Regarding that allotment of *dunamis*, or power, we are the *exousia*—we are the executive authority to exercise it. The first thing you realize when you come to dealing with the enemy is, you are not a beggar in his court. You are not suing for peace, begging for relief. You come with enough executive power, by way of legitimate inheritance, to be the feet of Jesus that step upon the head of your enemy in your domain. That is the real thing. We cannot take on the enemy the moment you think that his schemes operating in your domain are greater than you have power to push back and resist.

Most believers are not configured with that allotment of power to undo the works of the devil in every sphere in which he has exercised false authority. That is why we should not send kids to evangelize in the domain of powerful, demonic princes. They do not have a portion, an allotted portion—a *kléronomeó*—they do not possess that allotment of power to overthrow that prince. It is foolish to send teenagers to tangle with well-entrenched demonic princes. Do you know who the Scriptures remind us was sent? Sent ones—*apostolos* (Strong's Greek 652)—because they have a trans-local authority endowment of power to address the demonic accurately and effectively within the domains to which they have been sent. They have that kind of executive power, and to presume this sort of democratic access to power really is terrifying ignorance of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Kingdom of Heaven does not confer on us the same kind of equal rights as when we are the sovereign of a particular state. All of us within the borders of and within the configuration of citizenship of the United States, each of us is equally the sovereign; therefore, we may claim an equal level of sovereignty and may protest against the highest authorities within the configurations of our Constitution. But that is not the Kingdom of God. In the Kingdom of God, we are not the sovereign; Christ is. And in the Kingdom of God, we are not the possessors of plenary authority; He is. He allots this power. He allots this *exousia*, this executive action, as He determines. And He determines it after having trained people through many trials, watching many of them wash out in

the process. Those who are left standing, He endows with higher and higher orders of power and deploys them to domains that have been wrapped up in darkness for generations.

If you, untrained, unequipped, unempowered, take on a democratic notion that you can go into the domains of Satan, where he has these kinds of entrenchments—and you, because you are a citizen of the Kingdom, which you understand as being the same as the democratic standing of a citizen of the United States versus powers within the United States—you are foolish. You are going to be driven back, and you will be lucky to be alive. God is a King. Jesus Christ is *the* sovereign King. This is His Kingdom, and you do not get to decide the measures of your authority. You have no authority, vis-à-vis the King. The only authority you have is that which is legitimately configured in your allotment, your *kléronomeó*, and the executive, the *exousia*, of that is limited to what you have.

That said, I will begin by saying this: You *do* possess all the necessary authority to expel the enemy from the domain over which God has placed you. So, choreograph your responses to reflect the level of your assignment. You might need to lower your expectations of what you *can* do. Before you go off saving the world, pay attention to the saving of your domain, beginning with your internal domain, meaning your soul, your own thoughts. Rule your own soul before you set out to rule the enemy in the areas that he has subjugated by falsehoods and deceptions. You may eventually be deployed to those things, but not before you learn to rule your own soul. Then, if you have a domain that may include a family or a business, or a domain that may include certain other relationships, then having ruled internally, you may then begin to rule externally.

But for today's purposes, evicting him in your domain, meaning, kicking him out of the place where he controls the emotions of your soul. Number One: You have an allotment of power and authority. You have the legitimate right to kick the enemy out of the places within your soul, over which he has exercised dominion and control. That is the first thing to know. God would not call you to be a son, only to be taken captive again by the oncoming of the enemy. That is why, for example, when Israel left Egypt, the first thing God did was to destroy the Egyptian army in the Red Sea. Why? Because, even if they went up into the Promised Land, into Canaan, but the Egyptians remained a credible military force on their southern flank to come up any day that they woke up to try to take them back into captivity, they could not dwell peacefully within the domains

of their inheritance. So, to remove that existential threat from them, God destroyed the Egyptians where the Israelites could see Him—where they could see the work of destroying Egyptians before their faces. When that was done, they were free to go up and possess the land. God would not give you an inheritance, God would not call you into the Kingdom, if He had not in fact given you a sufficient allotment of *dunamis* (power—the reserve of power) and *exousia* (the right, the authority to exercise that power) over your domain in which your enemy has made an incursion. That is the first thing to know.

### **Discernment**

In the exercise of this power, you need discernment. Discernment is to see, to accurately see, how the enemy has embedded himself in the emotions of your soul. One of the reserves of power that you have been given is a Spirit called the Spirit of the discerning of spirits—the power to discern spirits. That is from the book of 1 Corinthians, the twelfth chapter, speaking of gifts of the Spirit. When you receive the Holy Spirit, you have been given all that the Holy Spirit is to dwell within you. The exercise of the measure of who the Holy Spirit is within you is limited by the sphere of the authority God gives you—the *kléronomeó* of your authority; that portion of your clergy, your clerical assignment—in order to see how the enemy has come in. In this war, after you first know you do have the power and you do have the executive authority, the next to know is you do have the enablement by the Holy Spirit. That enablement is called, “discerning of spirits.”

When you are in the realm of the discerning of spirits, it is not a realm where reason prevails. It is not an issue of logical cause and logical effect. Although, there is an absolute connection between the things you are suffering and not able to overcome, and the way your enemy invaded you. Your enemy cannot invade you—cannot invade the emotions of your soul—unless given permission. The way he is given permission is either, as we have said: 1) through family curses—mother, father, relatives who failed you; they were set in place to watch over you as a child, but they did not, and the enemy took advantage of those lapses in coverage, breaches in protection, and got a hold of the emotions of your soul. It may be like that or, 2) it may be later in life through traumatic occurrences, and the like.

### **Fasting and Prayer**

However he has gained admission into the emotions of your soul, discernment—the exercise of the gift of the discerning of spirits—will help you locate how that occurred. In order to do that, your soul has to be quieted. As long as your soul is blowing and going and in full control, discernment does not work, because it is discernment of the *spirit*. The Holy Spirit has a gift that He gives to your *spirit*; that gift is called the discerning of spirits. So, your *spirit* has to be operational. In order for your spirit to be operational, your soul has to be quiet, which is to say your soul has to be brought under the rule of your spirit. How does that occur? You typically need to fast. In this profiling of fasting, it is *not* about doing a religious act. It is to intentionally subjugate the soul from asserting its primary lusts and desires, and becoming the main impulse, the main source of information feeding into your decision-making process.

The soul has a mind and the spirit has a mind. If the mind of the soul is not quieted, you cannot hear the mind of the spirit. And it is in the mind of the spirit that the Holy Spirit makes the deposits that result in discerning of spirits. This is why I say this is not a logical process; it is a spiritual one. It does not mean that because it is not a logical process, it is an illogical process. No. It is a distinction between natural and spiritual. You are engaged in a higher order of activity than just natural activity, so you engage in a fast. Typically, the fast does not really need to be more than a 24-hour fast, and while you are fasting, you need to naturally give over to prayer. It does not mean you walk around for a 24-hour period just praying. It means, because your soul is not clamoring for your body to be fed, for your senses to be satiated, for the demands of your physical existence to be preeminent over all of your thoughts, because that is *not* happening, you can actually hear the Holy Spirit. He will bring to your mind, to the mind of your spirit, thoughts about how the enemy gained access. Make a note of those thoughts. Typically, you will know when fasting should be over because you are not getting anything else.

### **Forgiveness**

In the result of fasting, typically, God will bring back to your attention, not only the doors of entrance through which the enemy came, but how he came and how he works. That will usually mean that there are people you need to forgive, because they allowed for these breaches through which the enemy was able to come in and gain entrance to these emotions. So, you need to forgive

these people. When you do that, when you forgive them, what you are doing is denying the enemy the right to have that legal access in a continuing basis.

### **Repentance**

Once you have done that, you need to recognize that you have given into the belief in these things, so you believed a lie. By believing a lie, you ratified the falsehood. So, you need to repent of the lie, because the lie frames what God did and God is doing, falsely.

- 1) You sinned against God, and you need to repent of that.
- 2) And in the process you sinned against yourself, because you believed something about yourself that was not true, and you made yourself subject to it.

### **Expelling the enemy**

Repenting of it, from God and to yourself, at that point you have broken the enemy's authority. Kick him out, then, by name from your domain, and you will enjoy the freedom and the peace that is yours from the places where emotions were possessed by the enemy.

I do have a more complete teaching on this, which will be available to you under the heading, "Blockage Removal" [See Current Affairs # 19]. It is a summary of and a much expanded version of what I just said. Access it, listen to it, and may it be a blessing to you.

God bless you. We will talk to you again soon. I am Sam Soleyn. Bye-bye.