

Remnant Life Church  
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“Spiritual Warfare –  
Your Authority Given by Jesus”  
Pt 4  
Luke 10:17-20

V 18 – *He replied, “I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*

- Satan is under the authority of God
- And while he and his forces have been defeated, they have not yet surrendered

V 20 – *However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven*

- Jesus is warning the men that the quickest way to step out of the right way to serve God is to allow PRIDE to enter in

V 19 – *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

**1. I have given**

- a. Notice the tense – in the past

**2. (I have given you) Authority**

- a. This word is different than you think
- b. Authority is power
  - i. The root of this word authority is ex-ooo-sea-ah
    - 1. It is a power of choice; to do as one pleases
    - 2. A power of the mind, spirit, and will
  - ii. You can choose to fall into the snares and temptations of satan
  - iii. Or you can choose to be victorious
- c. This does not mean that bad things do not happen to God’s people, they do
  - i. But it means that God’s people can choose how they respond
  - ii. It means you can stand in the face of the temptation, stand in the face of the problem, stand in the face of the catastrophe and have victory
- d. Why? Because it has been given to you!!

**3. Trample**

- a. That word, pah-TAY-oh in the Greek, means to crush underfoot
- b. Can you think of another place you see this...in **Gen 3:15**
  - i. God places the curse on the snake for tempting Adam and Eve into sin
  - ii. He says that her seed (IOW a descendent; the second Adam) will crush his head (*Shoof* in the Hebrew)
- c. Note something about this word – it is not one of a defensive posture – it is one of aggressiveness

- i. How do you approach the difficult circumstances or temptations of your life?
- ii. Is it in meekness trying your best to fend or deflect the blows?
- iii. Or do you go after the situations in the God-given power and authority you have been promised by the words of Jesus?

#### 4. Overcome all the power of the enemy

- a. Overcome is a word that means exactly what you think it does – conquer, be victorious, win!
- b. But the next word is crucial and very important – ALL!
  - i. The word applies to both collective and individual
  - ii. That means that each and every attempt of the enemy you can have victory – but it still requires a choice
- c. Turn to a familiar story found in 2 Samuel 11
  - i. **READ – 2 Sam 11:2-4**
- d. Where does David make the wrong choices?
  - i. He is someplace that he should not be
  - ii. He does not look away (information versus interest)
  - iii. He takes actions steps to complete his thinking
  - iv. He had the authority to win over the spirit of lust because satan was already under the power of God
- e. To overcome all of the power of the enemy means that you respond in the way you KNOW you should and not allow that to be dismissed in your thinking
  - i. David knew he should have been with his men
  - ii. He knew that when he saw the woman he should have turned away
  - iii. He knew that she was married
  - iv. There is not one person in the sound of my voice this morning that does not know right from wrong
    - 1. If you give in to the temptation, it is a choice you are making to do it
    - 2. You also can make the choice not to give in

#### 5. (Finally) Nothing will harm you

- a. Be careful with this part of the verse
- b. It is one that the enemy will pervert to try and discourage you
- c. This verse is not intended say that you will never suffer any struggles or wrongs done against you
  - i. It is also not a protection from physical harm
    - 1. **Matt 13:20-22** – (Jesus and the parable of the sower) *The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. **When** trouble or persecution comes...*
  - ii. The human body is vulnerable and every one of us will eventually die
    - 1. This threw off the disciples once before as well
    - 2. **John 21:18-23** – Jesus addresses a rumor among the disciples that John would not die

- a. Jesus, once again, told them that they were worrying and concerned about things that did not matter
- iii. **Luke 12:4-5** - *“I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.*
- iv. The words of Jesus in **Luke 10:20** refer to our spiritual health
  1. Living in the authority that Jesus has given us means that the enemy cannot take that away
  2. None of his plots will ultimately succeed when you battle him in the name of Jesus

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Engaging in the battle with the enemy is not just about understanding what is happening

- That is important
- Just as knowing who you are in Jesus Christ, who He is in you, and what the Father has given you is important
- But battles are not won by thinkers, philosophers, and theologians - they are won by soldiers
- What is the ammunition of the Christian when the attack of the enemy comes?