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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT
Lesson # 3- Part II

“Where Is God When Problems Surround You?”

There are times when we have to deal with more than one problem. And that can be pretty tough! If you have ever had to deal with multiple problems at the same time, then you personally know how tough it can be. It’s very easy to become tired when you’re “surrounded” by several problems.

During these times you *must* be able to answer the question: **“Where is God when problems surround you?”**

1). **II Kings 6:8a; 14-15)**- ⁸ Then the king of Syria **warred** against Israel,...

Be aware and prepared, satan has “also” declared war against you.

Very Important: When satan declares war against you, he is out to accomplish **“two”** things. He has a **two-step** plan:

1). **Step 1-** He wants to **“wear”** you down.

a). **Daniel 7:25a-** And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall **wear out** the saints of the most High,...

Satan will not stop! He will keep coming after you. His aim is to get you to become so tired, that you finally stop fighting. And this is where many of us lose the fight.

Ask yourself: : **Why will satan not leave me alone?**

You’re “fighting”, but for some reason, he will not go away!!!

The following verse tells us “**what**” to do:

b). James 4:7- Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he **will** flee from you.

When we “**resist**” the devil and he **STILL** persist, this is where most of us lose the battle. We become “**tired**”, and “**Step 1**” of satan’s plan is about to be accomplished: **He’s about to “wear” you down!!!**

SOLUTION: The following verse tells us “**how**” to resist him:

c). I Peter 5:9- Whom **resist steadfast** in the faith, knowing that the **same** afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

The key word here is “**steadfast**”. This means to keep resisting, and consistently fighting, even when you don’t **feel** like it.

2). Step 2- He wants to “destroy” you.

a). John 10:10a- The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to **destroy:...**”

His ultimate goal is to “destroy” you, your family, your children, your grandchildren, your church, etc... But the *process* that he uses to accomplish this is to first **wear you down!!!!**

Good News/Bad News: If you resist him “steadfastly”, he will leave you.....; but only for a “**season**”.

b). Luke 4:13- And when the devil had **ended** all the temptation, he **departed** from him for a **season**.

The devil will leave, and then will try to find another way to attack you. He is very skilled at waiting to catch you at weaker moment.

c). Galatians 6:9- And let us not be **weary** in well doing: for in **due season** we **shall** reap, if we **faint not**.

When you're at the point of being worn down, you must ask God for one of the following:

- 1). To give you additional strength to fight.
- 2). To fight for you, while you regain strength.

a). **II Chronicles 20:17a**- Ye shall **not** need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, **stand ye still**, and see the salvation of the LORD with you,

Note: Whenever the fight gets to be too much for you, it's just the right size for God.

Now, back to **II Kings 6:8a; 14-15**

(vs. 8a)- Then the king of Syria **warred** against Israel,...

(vs. 14)- Therefore sent he thither **horses**, and **chariots**, and a **great host**: and they came by night, and **compassed** the city **about**.

Notice that Elisha and his servant are *totally surrounded by problems*. Again, there are times when you have to deal with more than one problem!!!

But, the question still remains, "**where is God, when your problems surround you?**"

(vs. 15)- And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host **compassed** the city both with **horses** and **chariots**. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! **How (what) shall we do?**

___ **yes no** ___ Have you ever had so many problems surrounding you that you had to ask Jesus the question: "Master.....what shall I do?"

The "**key**" to our victory; and the "answer" to the question, "**Where is God when problems surround you?**", is found in vs. **16 & 17:**

(vs. 16)- And he answered, **Fear not**: for **they** that be with **us** are **more** than **they** that be with **them**.

(vs. 17)- And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, **open his eyes**, that he may **see**. And the LORD **opened the eyes** of the young man; and he **saw**: and, behold, **the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha**.

Again, we ask: Where is God, when problems surround you?

******* ANSWER: God has surrounded the problems, that surrounds you!!!!**

But, in order for you to know this biblical truth, your “**eyes**” must be opened!

How is this accomplished:

1). II Corinthians 5:7- (For we walk by **faith**, not by **sight**!)

When a person “walks by faith”, they believe the promises found in the bible, more than what they see in the physical world.

APPLICATION POINTS

I. The servant saw that the enemy had them surrounded.

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(vs. 15)- And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host **compassed** the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! How (what) shall we do?

II. Elisha saw that God had surrounded the enemy.

(vs.16)- And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

(vs. 17b)- “.....and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire **round about** Elisha.

In the “spiritual” world, your problems don’t have you surrounded....God has both you and the problems surrounded.

2). **Psalms 34:7**- The **angel** of the LORD **encampeth round about** them that fear him, and delivereth them.

3). Zechariah 2:5- For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire **round about**, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

4). **Job 1:10**- Hast not thou made an **hedge about** him, and **about** his house, and **about all** that he hath on **every side?** thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

5). **Psalm 5:12**- For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou **compass** him as with a shield.

GOD HAS YOU TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!!!

6). **Isaiah 45:2a**- I will go **before** thee, and make the crooked places straight:...

7). **Isaiah 52:12b (NCV)**-the LORD will go **before** you, and the God of Israel will guard you from **behind**.

8). **II Chronicles 32:22**- Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on **every side**.