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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT
Part 2- Continuation of Lesson # 6

“Faith- The # 1 Priority”

We will continue on with the lesson from last week, and have added a few things.

There are *certain things* that Satan is afraid of. You must know what these *are*; and *use* them to your advantage. Use these against him.

There are **two** main things that Satan and his demons fears the most:

A). The Name of Jesus

1). Philippians 2:9-10 (KJV) ⁹ Wherefore God also hath **highly exalted him**, and given him a **name** which is **above every** name:

This means that His is the “most powerful” name in all of the universe. It is the ONE name that every devil is afraid of **“right now”!!!** And the name that every human being will **“eventually”** bow down to!!!

Demons *tremble* when they hear His name; and especially when you *use* or *say* His name. The people in the bible knew this. And this is something that new must know.

a). Acts 16:18- And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I **command** thee **in the name of Jesus** Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

(Ephesians 2:10) - (AMP)- ¹⁰ so that at the **name of Jesus** ¹⁰EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW **[in submission]**, of those who are in heaven (any angels) and on earth (every man will eventually do this, along with every demon that is in the earth right now) and under the earth, (every man and devil who are in hell right now, or that will be confined there).

This is the second thing that Satan and his demons fear the most.

B). The Word of God

QUESTION: Why are Satan and his demons afraid of the **word of God**?

ANSWER: Because it *literally* affects them like a **sword**!

It is *described* as a **sword**, because in the spiritual/invisible world, it has the **same** effects on them as a **sword**!!! The bible *depicts* the word of God, as a **sword**:

a). **Hebrews 4:12a-** For the **word of God is quick**,... (This means that when you use it; it will immediately start working, and immediately has an affect on the devil)

.....and **powerful (AMP- full of power)**.....The word of God is so powerful that Satan has **NO** defense against it.

Now, notice how it is described:

.....and sharper than any **twoedged sword**,

b). Revelation 1:16b-... and *out of his mouth* went a sharp **twoedged sword**: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

c). Ephesians 6:17- And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the Spirit, **which is the word of God**:

d). Isaiah 55:11- So shall my **word** be that goeth forth *out of my mouth*: it shall **not** return unto me **void (Amplified Version- without results)**, but it shall **accomplish** that which I please, and *it shall prosper* in the thing whereto I sent it.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE POINT: The word of God is your “offensive weapon”. When you use it, your enemy takes out running; he leaves you; and this is how you defeat him.

A Christian must build, stake his entire life and future, upon the **word of God**. On the teachings found in the bible. In order for a person to be able to do this, he/she must **KNOW** what the bible says. When a Christian doesn't know the word of God, they have no other choice but to be led by **reason**. Again, this would be *your best thinking*.

We must get to the point that when opposition comes against us, we say like Jesus said, “**It is written!**”

The word of God is like a “**two-sided coin**”. And both sides are **very important**.

I. Side A- You must **read** and **study** the bible.

1). II Timothy 2:15- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II. Side B- You must **meditate** upon what you read.

1). Joshua 1:8- This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein *day and night*, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have *good success*.

2). Psalm 1:2- But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** *day and night*.

Quit trying to read and study your Sunday School lesson fast, in order to get it out of the way. Read it *slowly*, **meditate** on it. Take some time before you lay down at night, or before you get out of bed in the morning, to *think/ponder* upon what you have read.

We suggest that you use the “**slow**” and “**show**” approach:

- A. **Slow**- Take your time.
- B. **Show**- Ask God to speak to you personally.

Exercise Faith in God’s Faithfulness-

a). **Lamentations 3:22-23-** ²²It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning: **great** is thy **faithfulness**.

VERY IMPORTANT: Know and rest assured that God is *always* with you. He is *always* right by your side. There is *not a time* in your life, *regardless of how you may feel*, that God is not with you. He faithfully watches over you. You are never alone.

a). **Hebrews 13:5b-.....** for he hath said, I will **never** leave thee, **nor** forsake thee.

b). **Matthew 28:20b-** and, lo, I am **with you always**, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

c). **Exodus 3:12a-** And he said, **Certainly** I will be **with thee**;

d). **Genesis 31:3-** And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be **with thee**.

e). **Genesis 28:15-** And, behold, I am **with thee**, and will **keep** thee in **all** places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for **I will not leave thee**, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

f). **Proverbs 18:24b-** “.....there is a friend that sticketh **closer** than a **brother**.

Exercise Faith in God’s Promises-

There is a HUGE difference between “**knowing**” God’s word and “**believing**” it. Christians are not referred to as “*knowers*”, but “*believers*”.

The bible is not full of clichés,... its full of promises!!!! In order to win this “**Faith Fight**”, a person must move from simply “**knowing**” about the promises, to “**believing**” the promises.

How is a person supposed to accomplish this? We must believe every promise of God.... “**by faith**”! We must move beyond what we see, feel, or think.

We’re in a “**Faith Fight**”. And God’s promises are connected to your faith. They work together. In order for you to **see** God’s promise come true in your life, you must have **faith** in what He has promised in His word.

a). **Hebrews 11:6-** But **without faith** it is **impossible** to please him: for he that cometh to God **must believe** that he is, and that he is a **rewarder** of them that diligently seek him.

God **REPEATS** Himself “4” times concerning our exercising of faith. **Biblical repetition is very important:**

1). **Romans 1:17-** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

2). **Galatians 3:11-** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

3). **Hebrews 10:38-** Now **the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

4). **Habakkuk 2:4-** Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith.**

PRACTICAL POINT EMPHASIZED: God’s promises are “**connected**” to your faith.