

Victory Christian Center of Hollywood

A Church appointed to Advance the Kingdom of God!

March 23, 2014 Pastor MC's sermon notes

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The Devil is on the prowl: Watch out: Be Alert: Be Aware: He looking for someone he can destroy. Hear the word of God.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” I Peter 3:8

The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Don't allow yourself to be taken Advantage of:

“Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.” 2 Cor. 2:11

Many debates are out there

Many debate whether the devil is on the earth or in hell; can he dwell in Christians or only in the world? The fact is, the devil is in darkness. Wherever there is spiritual darkness, there the devil will be

Example of Satan having access to the carnal side of human nature is seen in Peter's denial of Jesus. Peter was not fearful of man because he drew a sword against the multitudes who had come to arrest Jesus. No human fear did not cause Peter to deny the Lord. Peter's denial was satanically induced.

Peter had live with Jesus, walked with Jesus, talked with Him, slept with him and ate with Him. Then, later his behavior of lying, deception and betrayal overtook him.

A Warning from Jesus

Jesus had warned the apostle, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers” Luke 22:31-32 . Satan had access to an area of darkness in Peter's heart. The Pride in Peter's heart gave him a sense of boldness, an air of superiority-he walked on water – most boldest-most outspoken of the apostles. Pride comes before a Fall (Proverbs 16:18). The devil demanded permission to sift Peter and he received it. Peter was ignorant of the areas of darkness within him, and his ignorance left him open to attack.

Power Point: Are we ignorant of Satan's devices. Are we ignorant of the areas of darkness within us? Do we know how to walk in-practice and apply daily Godly Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge in every situation? Do you know the weak and vulnerable area left for the enemy? Remember God is opposed to the Proud, but gives grace to the Humble.

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Submit to God-Resist the devil he will flee (James 4:7)

Our Responsibility regarding Satan is clear:

1. We must be sober and watch, lest he devours us (I Peter 5:8,9)
2. We must give him no foothold whatever (Eph. 4:27)
3. We must resist him in virtue of the cross (James 4:7; I Peter 5:8,9)
4. We must not be ignorant of his crafty devices (II Cor. 2:11)
5. We must overcome him by the victorious word (Matt. 4:1-11)
6. We must triumph over him in Jesus name (Eph. 1:19-22; II Cor. 2:15)
7. We must overcome him by regeneration and faith (I John 2:29; 3:9; 5:1-4, 18)
8. We must overcome him b the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-13; Galatians 5:15-26)
9. We must overcome him by the blood of Christ and our testimony (Rev. 12: 11)
10. We must recognize and cry out for the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit
11. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit and be determined to exercise that power to be victorious over sin
12. We must cry out and ask for Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge from the precious and powerful Holy Spirit.

V. Do not be ignorant of Satan's devices: Know that he is out there, looking for cracks in us. Teach our children about how the enemy will try to work in their little lives. Teach our spouses, our family members as well. But know this: we win-we have the Greater one living inside of us and we win! But, we win on the condition, that we must obey God at all cost! We must do it His way! We must surrender all to God! He is our Commander in Chief: We are soldiers in His army and we win!

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Let's Pray (A prayer of Deliverance and Victory Now!)

Heavenly Father, I confess Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior: I renounce any oppression from the evil one in my life because of iniquity, transgression and sin of my parents, ancestors or myself and humbly ask God for release and cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ.

I repent from every sinful attitude, action or habit or mine, which does not glorify Jesus Christ and ask forgiveness, release, cleansing and wholeness.

I ask you to show me anything else, which I need to do or to pray so that I and my family maybe totally free from the consequences of any sins, known and unknown.

I ask you Holy Spirit to fill me, overflow me and give me Help from heaven-give me Wisdom, understanding and knowledge-witty ideas and creative inventions.

I renounce the devil and all demonic influences, bondages, dominations and infirmities in my life and my family's life. I cover myself with the precious Holy blood of Jesus-I call on the powerful Holy Spirit to be my Helper. Jesus is my Master, Savior and Lord. Thank You Lord for Your powerful word that gives me Victory each and every day.

I ask You, Lord, for the release and freedom promised by Jesus Christ so that He maybe Lord of my total personality and be glorified in all I say and do. I am expecting Increase, Multiplication and Land possession- I am ready to take my place in God's army now in Jesus name, amen.