

THE TRIUMPHANT PROCESSION

LESSON 15 – OUTLINE

- I. Through the cross and resurrection, Jesus Christ stripped the devil of all power and authority.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; [14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. *Spoil* means to take everything of value from a conquered foe.
- B. Satan, principalities, and all other demonic powers have been spoiled.
- C. Jesus Christ has made a show—an exhibition—of Satan.

- II. The phrase translated “*triumphing over them*” literally refers to the triumphant procession (Col. 2:15).
 - A. The Romans had a custom of parading the spoils of war and the conquered foe in front of the people after coming home from a conquest.
 - B. The Roman citizens knew that if they didn’t have this parade, the enemy who had been terrorizing them wasn’t defeated yet.
 - C. This triumphant procession showed all the Roman citizens that their enemy had been vanquished.
 - D. The purpose of the parade was to completely remove their fear.
- III. The Scripture plainly declares that this is what Jesus did to the devil.
 - A. Christ destroyed “*him that had the power of death, that is, the devil*” so that He could “*deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*” (Heb. 2:14-15).
 - B. Notice that it’s the fear of death that opens the door to bondage.
 - C. The devil has been paraded, according to the Scriptures, and shown to be an absolute zero with the rim knocked off—he’s a nothing!

- D. The problem is that most of the body of Christ has missed the parade—especially among the “spiritual warfare” people.
- IV. Many “spiritual warfare” people think that you must do spiritual warfare before you can go into an area and effectively preach the Gospel.
 - A. Neither Jesus, Peter, nor Paul ever sent believers ahead of them just to pray and do these other things.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

- B. To pray “O God, turn from Your fierce wrath. O God, pour out Your power. Please move” is to deny the atonement and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. There’s a huge difference between the way intercession was done in the Old Testament and the way it’s done in the New.
- D. Much of what is being taught as “intercession” and “spiritual warfare” today is absolutely an Old Testament mentality.
- V. True spiritual warfare is fought on a personal level.
 - A. You resist the lies and deception of the devil.
 - B. This is primarily done through knowing the truth.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 8:32

- C. Understanding the truth is the antidote for deception.
- D. Deception’s power and strength come from the fact that you don’t know you are deceived.
- E. But once you realize the proper standard—the truth—deception immediately loses its power.
- F. God’s Word is truth (John 17:17).
- VI. I wage spiritual warfare over a city or a country by sending in the truth.
 - A. I do that by sharing God’s Word through television, radio, CDs, books, videos, and the internet.
 - B. As people hear the truth, their hearts open and become more receptive to the Gospel.

- C. Then I also go in—or send others who have been trained—to preach and teach the Word in person.
- D. True spiritual warfare is bringing the truth of God’s Word to people!

LESSON 15 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Again, these truths are developed more in depth in *A Better Way to Pray*, *Spiritual Authority*, and *The Believer’s Authority*.

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LESSON 15 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Colossians 2:13-15, who has been quickened—made alive—who were dead in sins?
2. This that was contrary to us was taken out of the way and nailed to what?
3. According to Hebrews 2:14-15, through death, who destroyed the devil?
4. How were they subject to bondage?
5. According to Genesis 18:31-32, if there were twenty righteous inside the city, would the Lord destroy it?
6. If there were ten righteous inside the city, would the Lord destroy it?
7. According to Numbers 12:1, why did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses?
8. According to Numbers 12:9-10, what was kindled against Miriam and Aaron?
9. According to Numbers 12:13-14, who cried unto the Lord for Miriam's healing?
10. According to Numbers 14:2, who murmured against whom?
11. According to Numbers 14:5 and 19, what did Moses and Aaron do?
12. According to Hebrews 7:25, why does Jesus ever live?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 5:19, God was _____ the world unto Himself.
14. What has God committed unto us?
15. According to Exodus 32:12, what did Moses ask the Lord to do?
16. According to John 8:32, what makes us free?
17. According to John 17:17, how are we sanctified?
18. What is truth?
19. According to Matthew 12:43-45, if the unclean spirit finds his previous home empty, swept, and garnished, whom does he get to enter in and dwell there?
20. Even so shall it be unto whom?

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LESSON 15 – SCRIPTURES

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

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HEBREWS 2:14-15

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

GENESIS 18:31-32

And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. [32] And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

NUMBERS 12:1

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

NUMBERS 12:9-10

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. [10] And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

NUMBERS 12:13-14

And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. [14] And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

NUMBERS 14:2

And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness.

NUMBERS 14:5

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

NUMBERS 14:19

Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

HEBREWS 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

EXODUS 32:12

Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

JOHN 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

MATTHEW 12:43-45

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. [44] Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. [45] Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.