

“Victory Over the Enemy—Part 3”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a series by giving a presentation titled “Victory Over the Enemy—Part 3.”

The first two presentations were designed to address the concept of not underestimating the enemy.

- Part 1—We talked about “overt danger” from the enemy.
- Part 2—We talked about “subtle danger” from the enemy.

The next two presentations were designed to address the concept of not overestimating the enemy.

- Part 3—Victory Over the Enemy from the Old Testament.
- Part 4—Victory Over the Enemy from the New Testament.

Verses to lay a foundation

In the presentation on Wednesday night, I listed 18 sections of Scripture on a handout. I knew that I couldn’t read all of them, but I wanted to present them to the audience.

Let’s look at three sections of Scripture that will lay my foundation.

- Genesis 3:15—When the Lord explained a penalty (consequence) for the sins of the serpent, He mentioned that the serpent would have some success (“you shall bruise His heel”) before he would fail (“He shall bruise your head”).
- Isaiah 45:5-7—In these verses, the Lord repeated the truth about His sovereignty—creating light and darkness and making peace and calamity.
- Daniel 10:13, 20—In these verses, we read about good angels battling with evil angels—with one battle lasting 21 days and with the help of a strong angel called Michael.

Verses from the Pentateuch

Next were seven sections of Scripture from the Pentateuch.

- Genesis 50:20—The history of Joseph reveals God allowing people to do evil behavior toward other people, so that God can make something good to occur.

- Exodus 4:21-23—Although there are many verses in the Bible to support the concept of believers having free choice, this particular example reveals one of the few times when the Lord micromanaged details to accomplish His will.
- Exodus 14:13-14—As the children of Israel were facing a crisis, Moses reminded the people to manage their fear and look to the Lord to accomplish His outcome.
- Numbers 13:17-33—This example shows that children of the Lord are instructed to recognize negative factors, but then certainly to dwell on the positive promises.
- Numbers 14:6—Joshua and Caleb kept their eyes on the promises.
- Deuteronomy 20:1-4—These verses remind the children of the Lord that He is with them and He will fight for them.
- Deuteronomy 30:15-20—These verses remind the children of the Lord to choose the way of life and blessing.

More verses

Next were eight sections of Scripture from other parts of the Bible.

- Joshua 1:6-9—The Lord instructed Joshua to be strong and to remember that the Lord was with him wherever he went.
- 1 Samuel 8:1-22—After the people asked Samuel to make someone a king, the Lord told Samuel to warn the people but to let them decide—for them to learn a valuable lesson.
- 2 Kings 6:15-17—When a man expressed concern about the physical details of the upcoming battle, Elisha prayed for the Lord to show the man the spiritual army that was there for the battle.
- 2 Kings 20:1-6—When the Lord told King Hezekiah that he was going to die, the king prayed fervently, and the Lord added 15 years to his life.
- Job 1:12—After the Lord gave the devil permission to test Job, the Lord placed binding restrictions on what the devil could do.
- Job 2:6—After the Lord gave the devil permission to test Job again, the Lord again placed binding restrictions on what the devil could do.
- Psalm 18:1-50—David wrote a beautiful psalm describing how the Lord delivered him from his enemies and from the hand of Saul. (This material is also listed in 2 Samuel 22:1-51.)
- Psalm 20:1-9—Here is a shorter psalm that David wrote about how the Lord helped him in his days of trouble.