

## Destroying the Demonic - The Helmet of Salvation Pt.2

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### Ephesians 6:10-17 NASB

10 Finally, **BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS MIGHT.**

11 **PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STAND FIRM AGAINST THE SCHEMES** (*methodeia - strategy, methods, frame devices, cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery*) **OF THE DEVIL.**

12 **FOR OUR STRUGGLE** (*wrestling - a contest between two in which each endeavours to throw the other, and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with his hand upon his neck*) **IS NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, AGAINST THE POWERS, AGAINST THE WORLD FORCES OF THIS DARKNESS, AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF WICKEDNESS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.**

13 **THEREFORE, TAKE UP THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RESIST IN THE EVIL DAY, AND HAVING DONE EVERYTHING, TO STAND FIRM.**

14 Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,**

15 and **HAVING SHOD YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;**

16 in addition to all, **TAKING UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH** with which **YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXTINGUISH ALL THE FLAMING ARROWS OF THE EVIL ONE.**

17 And **TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD.**

## THE SATANIC SOURCE OF DISCOURAGEMENT AND DEPRESSION

### Revelation 12:10 NASB

"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night."

### Zechariah 3:1 NASB

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

### Job 1:6-11 NASB

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

8 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?

10 "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

11 "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

**Luke 22:31–34** NASB

31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat;

32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

33 But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”

34 And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”

## **SATANIC STRATEGIES OF DISCOURAGEMENT AND DEPRESSION**

### **3 SATANIC STRATEGIES OF DISCOURAGEMENT:**

- **Monotony** “*what I do doesn't matter - nothing is happening - nothing is changing*”
- **Obscurity** “*who I am doesn't matter - I have nothing of value to contribute*”
- **Adversity** “*this is too hard - this is too great for me to overcome - I will fail*”

### **HOW SATAN USES MONOTONY:**

- *To create the discouragement of futility and hopelessness that nothing will ever change, nothing does any good, I must be doing something wrong, I might as well give up, because I see no results.*
- *To be driven by temporal results is to abort the mission and will of God.*

### **HOW GOD USES MONOTONY:**

- *Monotony is the chastening of the Lord where faithfulness and loyalty are forged into our character.*
- *Monotony is the school of God where we learn to obey for the love of God and the love of the Truth even if there are no results.*
- *Monotony is where we learn absolute surrender to His will and the total dissolution of our own will.*
- *Who and what you are in the monotonous grind of life prepares you for the miraculous.*

**Psalm 73:1-28** NASB

1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart!

2 But as for me, **MY FEET CAME CLOSE TO STUMBLING, MY STEPS HAD ALMOST SLIPPED.**

12 Behold, these are the wicked; And always at ease, they have increased in wealth.

13 **SURELY IN VAIN I HAVE KEPT MY HEART PURE AND WASHED MY HANDS IN INNOCENCE;**

14 For I have been stricken **ALL DAY LONG** and chastened **EVERY MORNING.**

16 **WHEN I PONDERED TO UNDERSTAND THIS, IT WAS TROUBLESOME** (*amal - grievous, sorrowful, painful*) **IN MY SIGHT.**

**2 Timothy 4:2-3** NASB

2 **PREACH THE WORD; BE READY IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON;** reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

**3 FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; BUT WANTING TO HAVE THEIR EARS TICKLED, THEY WILL ACCUMULATE FOR THEMSELVES TEACHERS IN ACCORDANCE TO THEIR OWN DESIRES.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:13 NASB**

But as for you, brethren, **DO NOT GROW WEARY OF DOING GOOD.**

**Galatians 6:8-9 NASB**

8 For the **ONE WHO SOWS TO HIS OWN FLESH** will from the flesh reap corruption, but the **ONE WHO SOWS TO THE SPIRIT** will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 **LET US NOT LOSE HEART IN DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE TIME WE WILL REAP IF WE DO NOT GROW WEARY** (*eklyo - to loose, dissolve, exhaust, to become faint-hearted, despondent, lose confidence or hope*) .

**Daniel 3:16-18 NASB**

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.

17 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 "**BUT EVEN IF HE DOES NOT, LET IT BE KNOWN TO YOU, O KING, THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO SERVE YOUR GODS OR WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE** that you have set up."

**Hebrews 12:11-13 NASB**

11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; **YET TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT, AFTERWARDS IT YIELDS THE PEACEFUL FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

12 Therefore, **STRENGTHEN THE HANDS THAT ARE WEAK AND THE KNEES THAT ARE FEEBLE,**

13 and **MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR YOUR FEET, SO THAT THE LIMB WHICH IS LAME MAY NOT BE PUT OUT OF JOINT, BUT RATHER BE HEALED.**

### **HOW SATAN USES OBSCURITY:**

- *To create the discouragement of loneliness and the hopelessness of failure*
- *"There is no value to my life. I am a failure. I have nothing to offer or contribute."*

### **HOW GOD USES OBSCURITY:**

- *To correct our self-sufficiency and empty us of self-importance.*
- *To create a desperate dependence upon God.*
- *To train us in abiding by communion, where we no longer live but it's Christ in us*
- *To teach us that God's opinion of us is all that matters and to cherish His love above all others*
- *To train us to live for an audience of One and not live to please man*

**Acts 7:29-30 NASB**

29 At this remark, **MOSES FLED AND BECAME AN ALIEN IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN**, where he became the father of two sons.

30 **AFTER FORTY YEARS HAD PASSED, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN BUSH.**

### Exodus 3:1-2 NASB

1 Now **MOSES WAS PASTURING THE FLOCK OF JETHRO HIS FATHER-IN-LAW**, the priest of Midian; and **HE LED THE FLOCK TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE WILDERNESS** and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 **THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM** in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

### Exodus 3:10-15 NASB

10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "**WHO AM I, THAT I SHOULD GO TO PHARAOH, AND THAT I SHOULD BRING THE SONS OF ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT?**"

12 And He said, "**CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH YOU**, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, '**WHAT IS HIS NAME? WHAT SHALL I SAY TO THEM?**'"

14 God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**I AM has sent me to you.**'"

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### HOW SATAN USES ADVERSITY:

- *To overwhelm us with discouragement.*
- *To cause us to lose hope, collapse our faith and give up.*
- *To convince us the problem is too great, God won't do anything, it's too late.*

### HOW GOD USES ADVERSITY:

- *To grow and strengthen our faith.*
- *To train us to look beyond the circumstances to see His power and His working.*
- *To cause us to live by His strength and to forsake our strength.*
- *To train us to expect miracles.*

### John 11:21-27 NASB

21 Martha then said to Jesus, "**LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED.**"

22 "**EVEN NOW I KNOW THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK OF GOD, GOD WILL GIVE YOU.**"

23 Jesus said to her, "**YOUR BROTHER WILL RISE AGAIN.**"

24 Martha said to Him, "**I KNOW THAT HE WILL RISE AGAIN IN THE RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY.**"

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**"

27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."