

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"The Enlargement Of The Battle"

Genesis 3

INTRODUCTION:

1. JUST REMEMBER that this warfare we are engaged in is all about Glory!!
2. Last week we saw that Satan launched a hostile takeover of the throne of God and the person of God.
3. When an individual goes off to war, with all its dangers and sacrifices, that individual wants to know what they are fighting for.
 - a) Is the cause worth the sacrifice.
4. Our cause is the greatest cause in the universe.
 - a) To Glorify the Lord.
 - b) **1 Corinthians 10:31**
5. As a created being God gave Lucifer the ability to choose.
 - a) All angels had the ability to choose because God wants His creation to serve Him out of love, not necessity.

SATAN'S PLAN TO TAKE BACK HIS TERRITORY

I. SETTING THE STAGE

1. **Genesis 2:9**
2. In the midst of the garden God planted 2 particular trees!!!
 - a) The Tree of Life
 - b) The Tree of The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
3. **Genesis 2:16-17**
 - a) **NOTICE** - "*You will surely die*"
4. God placed Adam and Eve in a perfect environment with everything they could ever want.
 - a) **Genesis 2:25**
5. God now had a creation through whom He would demonstrate His power and saving grace.
 - a) But in order for God's Grace to be manifest, mankind had to have the power of choice.

6. In **Genesis 3** Satan makes a move and attacks Eve.

a) Satan makes a move on the family.

7. **Genesis 2:15-25**

8. **BIG!!!!** As soon as God gave His instructions concerning the Forbidden Tree....Satan moved in.

II. SATAN'S METHOD OF OPERATION

1. **Genesis 3**

2. Satan's M/O is to cast doubt in the authority of God's Word.

3. Vs 1

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** And the very first conversation was about God.

5. God gave a command - **2:17**

a) *Satan challenged it.*

A. CHALLENGES GOD'S WORD

1. **Genesis 3:1b**

2. **2:17**

a) *"you shall not eat"*

3. **2:16**

a) *"every tree"* - that's a bunch of trees.

4. But Satan's goal is to get you to focus on what you **CANNOT** have!!!

5. **Philippians 4:6**

a) *"with thanksgiving"*

B. CHANGES GOD'S WORD

1. **Genesis 3:2-3**

2. The first mistake Eve made was to give conversation to the devil.

3. **2:16**

a) No restrictions - No cost - No limit

4. 3:3

a) "*but God said*"

5. 2:17

a) Straight forward, a guarantee thy would die.!!!

C. CONTRADICTS GOD'S WORD

1. 3:4-5

a) That's a lie!!

2. *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

III. THE DECEPTION

1. *Genesis 3:6*

2. She now wants her total independence.

A. THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

1. Vs 7

a) "*they knew*" BOOM!!!! That very second.

2. Vs 7a

a) "*Then the eyes of both were open*"

3. Vs 7b

a) "*And they sewed fig leaves together...*"

4. Vs 8

5. Vs 9-12

B. THE CURSE OF SIN

1. TO THE SERPENT

a) Vs 14-15

2. TO THE WOMAN

a) Vs 16

1) Pain in childbirth

2) Desire for domination.

3. TO ADAM

a) Vs 17, 19

IV. THE REMEDY

1. **Genesis 3:15** WOW!!!

2. In the world there are 2 seeds.

A. SATAN'S CHILDREN

1. **Genesis 6:1-4**

a) "*sons of God*" here is a reference to fallen angels.

1) **Jude 6**

2. **Genesis 6:5-7**

a) God judged these angels and confined them to prison in the abyss.

3. But Satan has no quit!! **John 8:43-47**

B. GOD'S CHILDREN

1. **Genesis 3:20-21**

a) Cf Vs 15

b) Vs 20

2. Vs 21

C. GOD'S PROVISION

1. Vs 17-19

2. Man's covering was inadequate. Man's righteousness will not do!!

3. Vs 20-21

a) Something innocent had to die for the guilty.

b) God provided a substitute.

CONCLUSION:

1. **THIS IS THE HEART OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

a) **BUT THE GOOD NEWS** ---It's no contest!!