

Halloween 2021 - Knowing the Enemy

“Defeating Our Foe”

A couple of weeks ago we started NEW Mini Series revolving around the Idea of: Competitive Sports : *Value in “Watching Tape”* - studying the opponent -

***1 Peter 5:8-9** NKJV

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.

The more familiar you are with the opponents techniques & strategies, the better equipped you are to stand against him....

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1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Identified (3) AREAS we are to guard our hearts... *The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life....*

Back in Genesis we saw how satan approached Eve and touched on all three areas of temptation

These Lusts result in us desiring to please ourselves rather than trusting & waiting on God.

We want to satisfy our own carnal pleasures, even if it's in violation to God's creative order. regardless of God's moral law...

Back in Genesis the tape revealed that Eve was tempted because she was able to see that the fruit was...

Good for FOOD - Lust of the FLESH

Pleasant to the EYES - Lust of the EYES

Desirable to make one WISE - PRIDE of LIFE

Have you EVER felt that the fight *is INSIDE of you* and that your carnal nature is at war with your spiritual nature??

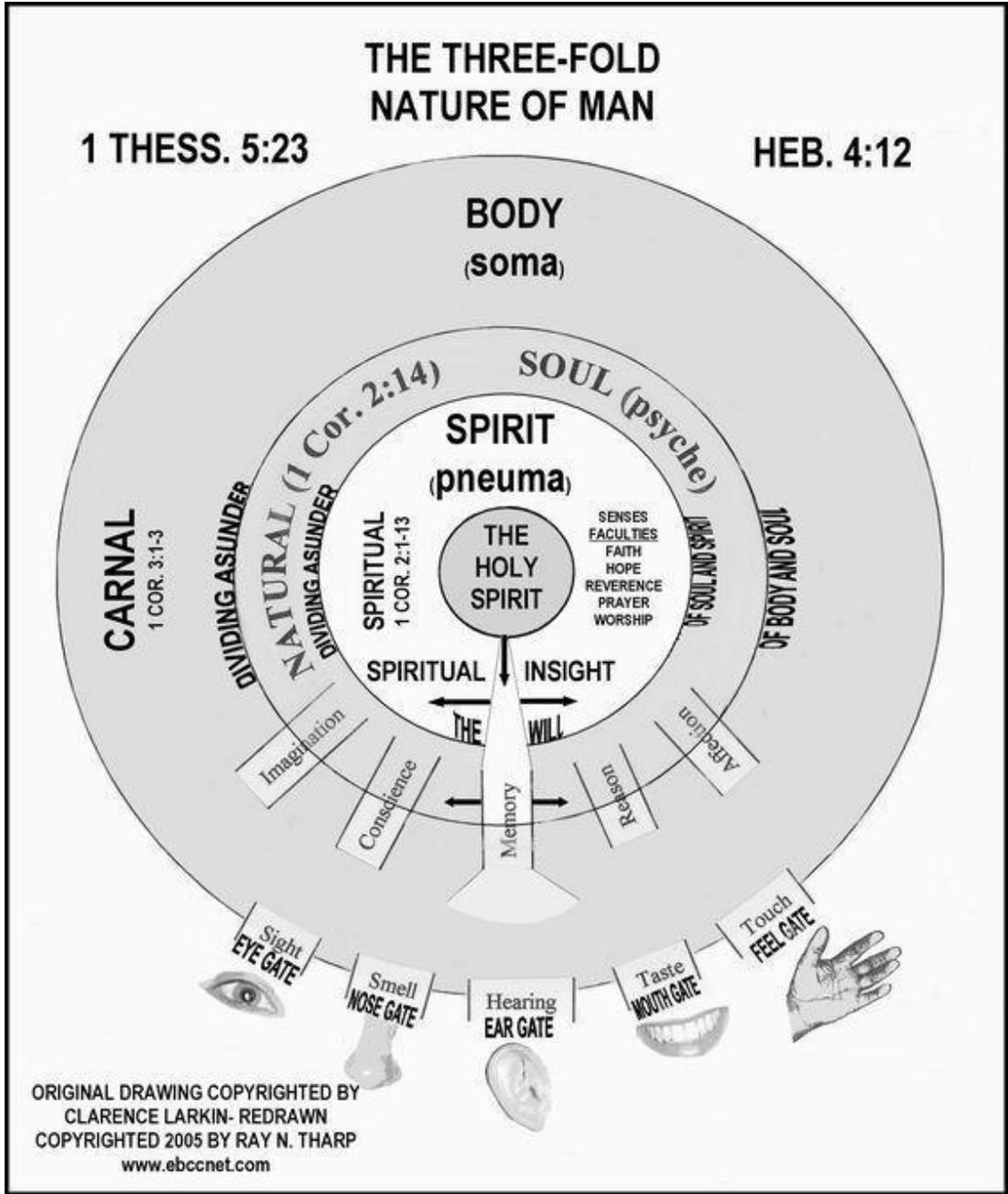
***Romans 7: 14-25** NASB

For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold into bondage to sin. 15 For I do not understand what I am doing; for I am not practicing what I want to do, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 However, if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, that the Law is good. 17 But now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. 20 But if I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin that dwells in me.

21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22 For I joyfully agree with the law of God in the inner person, 23 but I see a different law in the parts of my body waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin, the law which is in my body's parts. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

Opening Prayer

Threefold Nature of Man



Speak to the chart: **BODY SOUL SPIRIT**
Somas Psyche Pneuma

***Hebrews 4:15** NASB

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as *we are*, yet without sin.

How could Sympathize with me when (He couldn't possibly understand my pain when these items that had their hooks in me didn't exist back then) - so i thought.



***Luke 4: 1-13** NKJV

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’**”

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’**”

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus answered, “It is said: **‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’**”

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Temptation is never as great as when one has made a public declaration of faith.

Jesus was just baptized in the Jordan, set out to fast for 40 day & 40 nights. & in His moment of physical weakness, Our FOE was there, watching/waiting/eager to deceive.

Jesus' temptations follow THE SAME three patterns that we saw in the garden, and now we know are common to all men.

The first temptation concerns the lust of the flesh (Matthew 4:3–4). Our Lord is hungry, (40 days 40 nights fasting) HANGRY>>> and the devil tempts Him to convert stones into bread,

_lets just be honest with ourselves here ... I pray you won't lose confidence in me... But I would seriously be considering turning those stones into panera. Cinnabon

but *He replies with Scripture*, quoting

Deuteronomy 8:3b. NKJV

that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

The second temptation concerns the pride of life (Matthew 4:5–7) Then the devil *took Him along into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and he *said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

‘He will give His angels orders concerning You’;

and

‘On *their* hands they will lift You up,

So that You do not strike Your foot against a stone.’”

7 Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written: ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

, and here the ***devil uses a verse of Scripture*** (Psalm 91:11–12) *out of context*, but Jesus replied again with Scripture to the

contrary (Deuteronomy 6:16), stating that it is wrong for Him to abuse His own powers.

The third temptation concerns the lust of the eyes (Matthew 4:8–10), *if there was any quick route to the Messiahship, a way to bypass the passion and crucifixion, for which He had originally come, and still receive what was technically His.... this was it.*

The devil already had control over the kingdoms of the world

***Ephesians 2:2**

And you were dead in your offenses and sins, 2 in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all previously lived in the lusts of our flesh,

indulging the desires of the flesh and of the [h]mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our wrongdoings, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him,

and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

& NOW satan was now ready to give everything to Christ in return for His allegiance.

But the mere thought almost causes Jesus's divine nature to shudder at such a concept and He replies sharply, "*You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only*" (Deuteronomy 6:13).

So how do we reply when the tempter presents his delights??

How do we FIGHT BACK??

1) KNOW HIS WORD!! Man shall NOT live by bread alone....
YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT... What are you feeding your soul?

Isaiah 55:11 which says, "...so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Jeremiah 1:12 the Lord says He watches over His Word to see it performed. To **MAKE SURE** it is fulfilled...

Speak the Word over your situation! There is true power there! When we agree with God's Word and refuse to speak against it or disagree with it, we speak faith into existence.

Speak faith.

Read: Psalm 18 – This powerful Psalm is battle worship! This is the song of a man whose enemies were bearing down hard and his way out was to remind himself of the mighty, saving power of God and to cry out to His greatness. When you're in a battle season, print it and read it aloud so Satan can hear it!

2) PRAY - KNOW God is able to speak those things that are not - call the crooked things straight. Ask God to move as we prepare for another season change.

**3) FAST starve the body & feed the soul -
21 DAYS of HUNGER**

****2 Cor 10:3-6 NKJV**

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not [a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against

the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Are you READY to kill off the flesh? Die to self in order to LIVE for HIM?

Whether in thought, or deed, sins of omission or commission, God's Grace is here today... Examine yourselves, understand His redemptive process, and make a choice today to receive His provision in Jesus.... As we partake of His offering we also unite ourselves together to each other. We are true brothers and sisters now eternally bound by Jesus Christ

If you're online..... Would you stand up & stretch your hand towards the screen?? If you are here this morning & you are ready to surrender the lust in the FLESH, Lust of the EYES, PRIDE???

Come to the altar & let me pray for you.

Dear God, salvation prayer...

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK we'll cover LUST of the FLESH, EYES & Pride of LIFE & learn JESUS' strategy as we.... Let's "Watch the Tape"

***"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."***

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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