

Halloween 2021 - Knowing the Enemy

“Fighting Back”

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

With the latest headlines in our current events:

Travis Scott - Satanic Sneakers- drop of blood - \$1,800.00

**Astroland Concert : crowd crush - 9/10 dead 300 injured -
Totally Satanic - read the threads of those that were there...**

Cardiboi : pictures of him laying in the center of a pentagram

Pastor in Yonkers pleaded guilty to killing his estranged wife..

**Crime of passion or PURE EVIL : waited / ran her over w/ car
repeatedly / hacked her up w/ machete in front of
grandchildren 8 & 11...**

***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.

Those in competitive sports understand the value of "Watching Tape". Studying the opponent so you are prepared to compete.

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

I'm a Contender

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If you haven't done so already.... Would you please, Like our page on fb, or subscribe to our YouTube Channel, or follow us on IG, or ALL of the above...

This devil or accuser “our” Adversary:

He is nothing more than a created entity that has limitations and patterns of behaviors that can be exploited...

As we “Watched the Tape”.....

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

How many Know that there is NOTHING new under the son??

***1 Corinthians 10:13-16** (ESV)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Communion is a way of UNION in Common. Brings us together. We cannot commingle Christ w/ worldly passions.

These temptations ... or Lusts, result in desiring to please ourselves.

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

And she succumbed to the deceiver's manipulations, she fell for his lie. Both humanity & creation fell from God's Grace and entered into a state of corruption.

How can we possibly find our way out of this mess when we're predisposed to be our own worst enemy??

PRIDE

DENIAL

Rebellion

FEAR

ALL now living in our hearts....

Romans 7:21-25 reveals a very important truth regarding our condition.

I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. 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.

What a STRUGGLE!! Did you know that we are at war within ourselves?...

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

Opening Prayer

Jehovah Jireh

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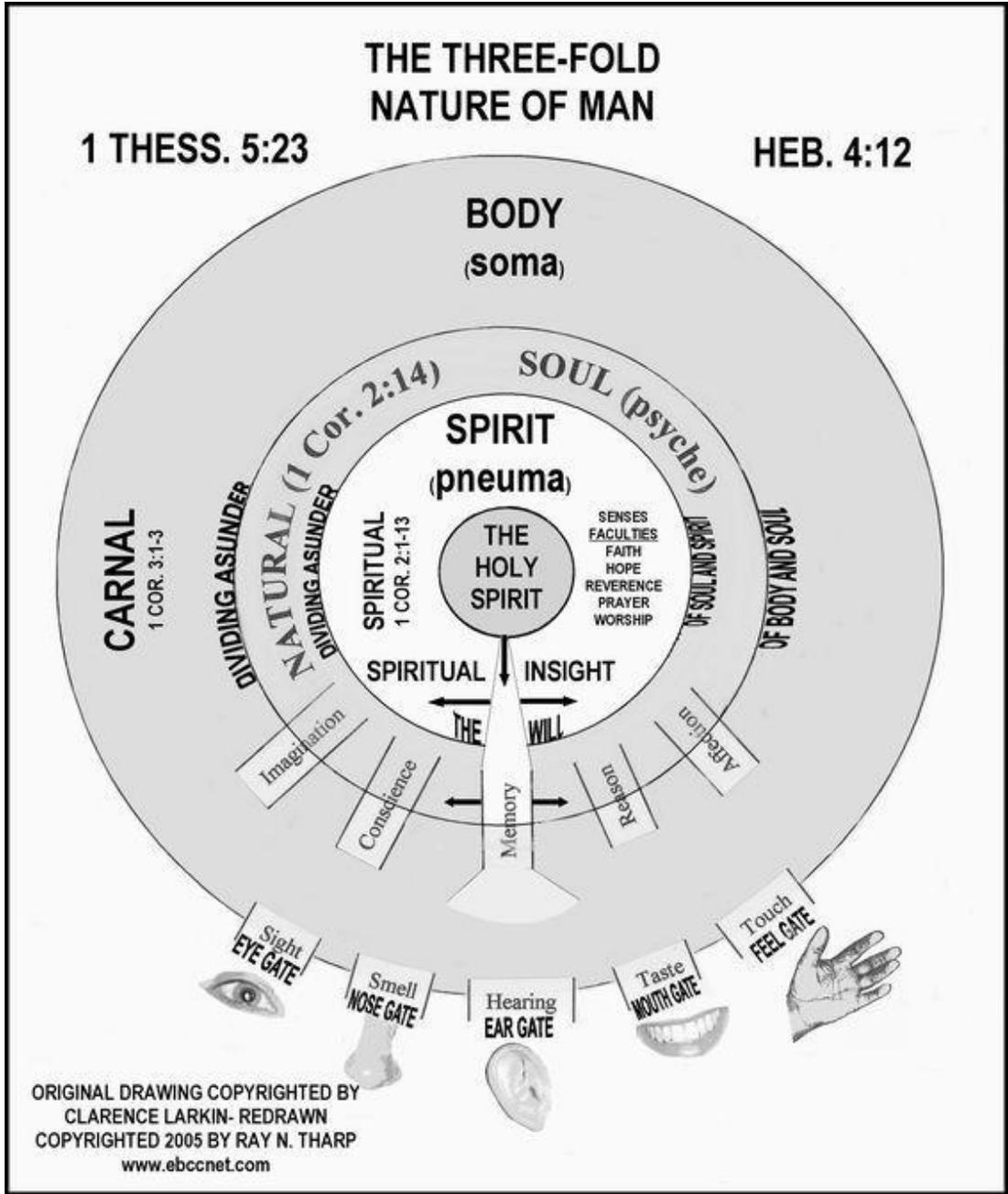
Romans 8:1-11 NKJV

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of [c]sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is [d]alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

When we ask Jesus to ATONE for our sins, to reckon & contend for our freedom & deliverance, He essentially pays our debt, removes “SIN” from the soul/spirit nature of humanity cleaning the “chamber” and then breathes LIFE into us as our Spirit nature awakens and we are “BORN AGAIN” in the Spirit.

Threefold Nature of Man



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

Transition to personal testimony...

I couldn't understand how Jesus understood what I was going through... what I went through... They didn't have cocaine & or ecstasy. NO WAY HE COULD HAVE BEEN TEMPTED W/ WHAT WE'RE TEMPTED W/ TODAY!!!!

Internet / pornography / Strip Clubs / Designer Drugs / Tinder

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.



***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.

***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 baptized in the Jordan

Jesus’ temptations follow THE SAME three patterns that we saw in the garden, and now 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.

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), and here the devil uses a verse of Scripture (Psalm 91:11–12) out of context, but the Lord replies 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) but 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!!

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

3) FAST

****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.

Where have you fallen short of Gods Holiness? What thoughts have you had that are not pleasing to Him? Hidden motives? Secret agendas?

Whether in thought, or deed, sins of omission or commission, Gods 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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