

THE SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST / "KNOWING THE ENEMY Pt. 3" / LESSON 6

I INTRO/REVIEW:

• It is said regarding Kingdom of God on the earth, "they will learn war no more".

- Not so now - we ^{are} learning ^{of} war
- not a war which we ^{coming} think
- a war of darkness vs. light

• Learning that you would be able to go forth to war

① The Call to War

② The Nature of the War

a) Parties and sides/allies & enemies

b) Battleground of the war

③ Knowing the Enemy

a) Know who we are fighting Power

b) Know how our enemy fights Kingdom

c) Know why your enemy fights Nature

• Review (3)

① Nature = Eph. 6 = spiritual wickedness

• Intellectual

• 2 Cor. 11 - subtle/bequiled

• Gal 3 - bewitch

• foundation of sin

• inventors of sin

• Pro. 8:12 / Rom. 1:30

II PREVIEW:

- 3b - Know how your enemy fights
- 3c - Know why your enemy fights

III LESSON:

3b - Know how your enemy fights

1. Nature - intellectual (abuse of God's provision of wisdom)

- Subtle, Beguiling, Bewitching
- Ecc. 9:13-18 - not strength (physical), spiritual (wisdom)

Darkness ≠ Works of Darkness

- Rom. 12:2, 1 Cor. 1:17-31, 2 Cor. 4:1-6, 10:4-6
- Col. 2:1-12, 18-23

• Rom. 13:11-14

• lust of the flesh, eyes, pride of life (vain humility is a pride)

• Rom. 1

• Eph. 4

"spirit" - Eph. 2:2

"spirit that now worketh"

↳ temper; disposition of mind (temporary or consistent)

state of the mind

perception

↳ "works" → excitement, animation

↳ conduct

on the mind
in the mind

• 2 Cor. 11:4 - "another spirit"

• Why does he fight this way?

- Rom. 7:5 12:2
- 7:6 1 Cor. 2:12
- 8:27

} Because what God has provided & revealed

The opposition

① Provision - Col. 1:8 = philosophy
 Col. 1:18 = the law
 1 Tim. 6:20 = science falsely so-called

} WORDS

② Enticement - 1 Tim. 4:1 = seducing spirits (babblings)
 " cater to your flesh, your senses to

} 2 The. 2:2
 1 Tim. 4:1

} SPIRIT

have you believe the message

- What confirms the message today is the word of God
- made it easy, not more difficult, not the misadventure

③ Objectives -

- ① Separate you from the love of Christ (Rom. 8)
- ② Put out your light → influence (Rom. 1:16)

④ Mechanics

Confusion
Sufferings

- ① Darkness manipulates the word of God, attack the message
- ② Attack the messenger
- ③ Disrepute the messenger (slender false accusations)

- Believe the wrong things, spread the wrong things
- Ever learn, but do not come to the knowledge of the truth

Goals

- confused zealot
 - ashamed sufferer
- } humble bold ambassador
unashamed

① Faith → unbelievers from being saved
 (in study) • uses our flesh (weakness) against us (Ecc. 12:12) - no fear
 - too much fear

- 1 Tim. 4:13 ff
- 2 Tim. 2:15

2 Cor. 4:1ff - BLIND

1 Tim. 3:1-7

(in godliness) • uses the works of darkness to appeal

- uses those following them to vex our soul
- "every one is doing it"
- 1 Tim. 6:11-12

(in proclamation) • uses what others will think of us & suffering from hounding us

- Rom. 1:16
- 2 Tim. 4:1-4

© Knowing why your enemy fights?

- For his own glory
- To intercept, steal glory from God and be the recipient of it
 - with or w/o you knowing

• Mat. 4:1-9

- Get you not to serve God, you serve him
- The glory of the kingdoms
 - Prince of this world - EARTH } like the Most High
 - Prince of the power of the air - HEAVEN

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- Knows God's plan in view of who God is
- He wants to hinder God accomplishing His plan and take as many he can with him to eternal death even though he will receive no glory there and where his followers will experience eternal misery
- What has God provided for us in the fight
 - Eph-6