

THE SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST / 1

I REVIEW:

- ① The Call to Service
- ② The Nature of the War
- ③ ~~Knowing your enemy~~

II PREVIEW:

- ① KNOWING YOUR ENEMY
 - Ⓐ Know who your fighting
 - Ⓑ Know how your enemy fights
 - Know your enemies weaponry
 - Ⓒ Know what your enemy is fighting

III LESSON:

• This message is going to go contrary Isa. 2:4
• a passage concerning the kingdom of God on this earth in the future → "neither shall they learn war any more"

• We are ^{not} in the kingdom reign, therefore there is war
• Having looked at the nature of the war - being spiritual we understand the war and for ~~us~~ to fight in this fight is:

- a good soldier
- the good fight
- a good warfare

• We are to learn this war, how to fight
• Therefore, we are to know the enemy

- 3 Things we will concern ourselves with regarding the enemy
 - ① Know who we are fighting
 - ② Know how the enemy fights
 - ③ Know why your enemy is fighting

① Know who we are fighting

- Of course, this is an "easy answer" - "the devil", you say
- However, I submit many are fighting with the devil against God
- Also, we must know our enemy is the devil, but we have many enemies

Don't Fight God

① ISA. 45:9 "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!"

• HEB. 10:31 "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God"

• When we wrestle against Satan, we wrestle for God

Therefore our refusal to wrestle against the enemy is a passive resistance against God

• We must not be found fighting against God

• Can thorns fight fire, or stubble ~~do~~ do flame?

• Don't be found wrestling against

① God's spirit - God's spirit toward man is one of love ② HEB 10:15

② God's rules - don't substitute for your own

• GAL. 6:7-8

• 2 Tim. 2:5

• 1 Cor. 9:24-27

① 1 Tim. 2
② HEB 10:15
• don't wage your own war
• we seek to be God's champion not a cheater disqualified

② Fight the Adversary

- Eph. 6:11 - stand against the wiles of the devil
- Know the Adversary

• Remember, ~~you~~ as a believer you are dealing with the inferior enemy.

- Enemies of God - In Adam
- Enemies of Satan - In Christ

• Yet, we do not underestimate our enemy

- Such pride is the condemnation of the devil and ought not be our destruction or snare

Need to know:

- ① Power
- ② KINGDOM
- ③ NATURE

stronger man (Luke 11:21)
Jer. 31:11

① Power - Satan possesses power "prince of the power of the air. (Eph. 2)

- Luke 22:53; Col. 1:13 - power of darkness } error
 - Heb 2:14 - power of death } death
 - 2 Pet. 2:11 - greater in power & might - physical
 - Rev. 17:12 - power as kings
- ↳ ruled through "flesh", "sin", "darkness"

Ins. Phil

② Proper perspective of Satan's power

- ① Derived / usurped - not ~~his~~ his by right, but permission
- ② Limited - ① not enough, ② nor full permission
- ③ Subservient - works together for the good of them that love God

② Kingdom

↳ Rom. 8

↳ Eph. 6 - darkness of this world

• 2 Cor. 4 - god of this world

↳ Rom. 1
↳ Eph. 4

↳ Col. 1 - power of darkness

"like the Most High"

① Heaven - Eph. 2

② Earth - Jn. 12:31, 14:30, 16:11

"prince of the devils"

• "Does not rule over us", however, battles & wars

③ Nature

• Eph. 6 - spiritual wickedness

• the apples of temptation

① immaterial
- Father never taken
- the material taken by
- does not believe what
- cannot see
- trickery to produce
thoughts that he of
Gods do not exist

① Persecutes saints

② Provoke to sin, disobedience, unfaithfulness

② Intellectual - James 2

• subtlety (2 Cor. 11)

• bewitch

• beguile

③ Inventors of Sins (Pro. 8:12)

• ancient trade (Rom. 1:30)

• Sexual perversion - yet sodomites filthy in a new way

↳ this uncleanness is moveable