

SESSION 19

THE METTLE FORGED IN SECRET

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.” ([Galatians 6:1-5](#))

I. THE HAZARDS OF THIS AGE

- A. Sin that so easily ensnares us ([Hebrews 12:1-4](#))
- B. There is something within us that desires victory and control
- C. The most rebellious thing we can do is to rebel against sin
 - 1. To resist the sin that so easily ensnares ([Hebrews 12:4](#))
 - 2. Sin is like a flesh-eating cancer and must be immediately cut out
- D. To listen and not obey is to be like a man in the mirror who forgets what he looks like as soon as he walks away ([James 1:23-24](#))
 - 1. When we do the opposite of this, there is blessing
 - 2. How do we keep ourselves spotless?

II. SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

- A. The mettle forged in secret is the crucifixion of self
- B. Seek first His kingdom ([Matthew 6:33](#))
 - 1. He desires to provide for you, to care for you
- C. The Parable of the Sower ([Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23](#))
- D. Hear, receive, grow roots, and produce fruit
- E. If you love the world, you don’t love the Father ([1 John 2: 15](#))
- F. The Antichrist is coming, there are already wolves in sheep’s clothing ([v. 18](#))
- G. We must fight against sin because it is what naturally feels most comfortable to us
- H. God’s grace is sufficient for us ([2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#))

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III. THE ANTIDOTE

- A. There are three practical ways that we can war against the beast within, all of which are to be done in secret, only between you and the Father ([Matthew 6](#))
 - 1. Giving ([v. 1-4](#))
 - 2. Prayer ([v. 5-13](#))
 - a) Adoration ([v. 9](#))
 - b) Maranatha ([v. 10](#))
 - c) Dependence ([v. 11](#))
 - d) Forgiveness ([v. 12](#))
 - e) Submission and awareness ([v. 13](#))
 - 3. Fasting ([v. 16-18](#))
- B. Hagar met the God who sees in secret ([Genesis 16](#))
- C. If you can obey in the small moments, it's easier to fight in the big moments
 - 1. [Daniel 11](#)
 - 2. [Ephesians 2:10](#)
- D. God is eager to give you grace to be obedient
- E. Do difficult things with love in your heart, even in the secret places