

Battle against the Devil

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Thank you. Praise God. We have to thank God for this message. This morning, Satan has been fighting very much for this message. One computer went out completely and God Almighty has helped us to resurrect another one that we haven't used for over a year. We are thanking

God, therefore, for every one of you who have survived until this time when we are coming to the close of the convention. We believe that God has something special for us tonight and we pray that we will hear the voice of God. It might well be God's will that you do not see me, but you can see Jesus. Let us therefore look at Jesus as we go into the Word of God tonight.

We want to touch on various subjects that came up in the convention and bring them down to one point that Jesus Christ wants to bring all of us. I am reminded of the picture of the sun and the stars that our Brother Kluson put on the board. I am reminded of the scriptures where God says that He will gather all together in the heavenlies and on earth into one *IN* Christ (Ephesians 1:10). Therefore, the meeting place is in Christ and as soon as we get into Christ we are very close to all those who are in Christ. The light of the sun is a type of the glory of God and this is the thing that makes us one. In John 17:5 and 22, the Lord said, "I will give them the glory that we had from the beginning before the world was, that they may be one."

Therefore, it is the glory of God or the *anointing* that makes us one. It doesn't matter how many words we say, but if the anointing isn't moving up and down through the hearts of the brethren, then we are not one.

We, therefore, ask at this moment that the living God would spread His anointing all over the whole gathering and all those who are hearing my voice at this time. This anointing is not a feeling, it is a presence. When Adam walked with God in the garden he could feel the presence of God and the day he sinned he lost that presence.

Now, I want to talk to you about the battle in which we are involved, the warfare in which we are now involved with Satan. I want to show you how there is a change in the warfare, a change that Satan has made in order to be able to attack us on a higher level. When the sons of God begin to rise above the level of earth, Satan cannot attack them very well. Therefore, in order to attack us he is now getting up higher where we are.

I want us to begin to read the Scripture in Ephesians 6:10, ***Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:***

The Word of God is reminding us that no man can go into battle without armor and survive. Moreover, He tells us to remember that we are not fighting against human beings, but that we are in a wrestling match against princes and against their whole area of rulership.

When the equipment began to give us trouble, I began to pray before God. What came to me was that Satan is the prince of the power of the air. The word *air*, natural air that we breathe, is the natural thing, but the *airwaves* are more spiritual than the air. As you continue to study your Bible you realize that when the Lord said that we will rise up to meet Him in the air, He is speaking about a realm where Satan rules, which is higher, a higher level than the realm of earth.

So, then, it would appear from the Word that we will have to drive Satan out of the air, out of the higher level on which he wars against us, and capture that level to become overcomers. Somebody might think that I am not saying the things scripturally. Let us read the scriptures as we go on. Every point I bring I want to bring the scriptures to back up that point.

Let us look at Revelation 12:7. We are just going to prove this point from the Word of God here. ***7And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*** This is saying that there was no more place found in the air. The word *air* refers to a realm where Satan dwells. There was no more place found for him there. ***9And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

He was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him. It is very important for you to understand, brethren. ***10And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.***

Now, let us just take a little look at what we are hearing here, that there was war in heaven. Last night, and the day before yesterday, we established the fact that the heaven that is mentioned here is speaking about the church realm, where we are. But God is saying that there is no place here for carnal Christians because the devil will be put back in his place. He will be cast out of the heavenlies and back into the earth realm so that the carnal man is going to get terribly hit by Satan. The scriptures tell us that it will be the earth realm, so that means that it is not just the sinners that are going to be hit, but carnal Christians who remain in the Outer Court will be shut outside of the wedding feast. The wedding feast represents a higher realm in Christ. As those stars begin to go into the light, they will be pulled into a oneness with the Son, who is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us look back at Revelation 12:1, ***And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:***

The Word of God tells us that there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Greek, black or white, that there is no difference in Christ (Galatians 3:28). But then in this chapter it tells that there was a woman in heaven. Let me pause here again to get to another scripture which proves this before we go any further. Let us go to Ephesians 3:8-10. Paul is speaking. ***8Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;***

At this point I want to encourage some of you whom Satan has been telling that you are not good, that you are not as good as the other Christians and he slanders you. When Satan slanders the

person of God to himself, he gets the child of God down by telling him lies. Paul is saying to you, "You can't be less than I was." It said he was a murderer, a killer that killed Christians. The worst kind of killer is the one who kills Christians. He said, "You can't be worse than I was and God cleansed me and gave me the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus."

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

So, then, you can see that what we are showing you here is the church. The picture that you are looking at in Revelation 12 is a picture of the church as a woman and having the crown of the 12 stars, the 12 tribes of Israel. God has given you a place in Israel that is in His Son.

Revelation 12:2, *And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.* Now, some of us are pregnant but we don't know it. God says that at the end of time the church would be pregnant with another church. He said that He would call this church "the manchild." Every church in the Bible typology coming right on to this point has been described as a woman. God is trying to tell us that a change is coming and we must be prepared for this change. When the bride went into the bride chamber she came out as a different person - not just the bride anymore, but Christ and the bride in one.

Sometimes we look at the weakness of the church because we are right in the midst of it.

When we see the weakness of the church it becomes so big before our eyes that we cannot see the glory of God which is hidden in the womb of the church. The sufferings that we are going through at this time are the sufferings of the travail of the woman before she brings forth the child.

I am going to let you in on a little secret and I trust that you will no longer misunderstand this situation. God is Life. God is Life. Satan and death is death. Now, if you will understand this very much, I want to explain it to you. Life is absolutely contrary to and against the things that we call sin and death. Therefore, the Blood of Jesus Christ is the Life of God. Now, in order to deliver the world from the throes of death, the stranglehold of death, we have to apply Life.

If you do not have enough Life to address certain situations, you cannot overcome that situation. I'll tell you why. There are certain strongholds that Satan has on the world. The strongholds cannot be broken unless you have the proportionate power of Life to destroy them.

I used to wonder why it was that there were certain areas that always had accidents. When I was able to understand it, I realized that there were certain spirits that were bound to certain places and they would come and visit them, for that is how they would feed, by getting Life or blood. To discharge those spirits or drive them away as we saw down in verses 7 and 8, you have to have the proportionate energy or Life or virtue to discharge them.

When I heard of Brother Gruver going around and rebuking spirits from certain places and discharging them, I did not understand what kind of work he was doing. But then God began to show me that the woman with the issue of blood came and grabbed His coat and as she did that, virtue came out of Him. Life came out of Him to destroy the power of death that was in her (Mark 5:30). This is the reason why God said that you must love your life unto the death.

I had an experience with my sister-in-law where she was sick with polio and she was dying and her body was being contorted. I was praying and this angel came to me and began to lead me towards that hospital where she was in order to heal her. When we got to a crossroads he suddenly stopped, turned back to me and said, "Who is going to pay for this?" When he said this, I was

shocked momentarily and I quickly said, "I will." At that moment I felt that I had given up my life. In the vision, we went to the hospital and when he pushed a shaft down into her, he told me, "Now, you push it." I pushed it, "In the name of Jesus Christ." She leapt clean out of the bed. No more polio.

I realized at that time that if I did not have the virtue or the energy of God to do that job, I would take her place. The demon would overcome me, also. You know, the Lord told me to fast seven days for her and it was in the midst of the fast that this happened. In other words, spiritually speaking, I did not have enough in my bank account in heaven and He had me fast and pray and build up some power that I would be able to do that job.

Therefore, we see that Paul, in teaching the Word of God, told the brethren that they needed to climb up higher in God. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against princes and palities of princes and spiritual wickedness in high places."

Remember the Word in Ephesians 5:16, ***Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*** Some of us forget that we are living in a spiritual realm and that it is getting MORE spiritual. If anything happens to us, the first thing we think about is rushing off to the doctor. I am not against doctors, but I can tell you, brethren, if it were doctors alone, I would have been dead long ago. Moreover, where we were in the missionary work, for a great part of our lives there weren't doctors that we could go to. **OUR BRETHREN HAVE GOT TO BEGIN TO LEARN TO STAND UPON GOD FOR THEIR SUBSISTENCE, FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE, FOR THEIR EVERYTHING.**

We go back to Revelation 12. Of course, I would like you to ask questions on this very point, because I know that I am not carrying out the whole thing. We don't have enough time for me to preach a three hour sermon on the spirits. Verse 3 says, ***And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.***

The last thing we went through was what the dragon was and it is in this chapter here that says the dragon is Satan. I want you to understand how the Word of God is written. It speaks of the dragon and when He says "the dragon," He is talking not only about Satan but He is also talking about Satan's kingdom. Remember what we just read in Ephesians? It said "principalities" and "powers" and "rulers of the darkness of this world." Please understand, brethren, that when the devil is going to fight you on a higher level, that he is not any more setting a stone for you to stubb your toe upon. When the devil is fighting you, he is not only fighting you on the level of the natural, he is fighting you also on the level of the psychological, the spiritual and everything that pertains to the mind.

When the devil approached Eve, Eve said that the devil deceived her. Did you ever realize that he actually hypnotized her, or put a spell over her to cause her to see something that was not real? Sometimes you hear something and you believe something from what you hear, but you were not hearing really what was said. You actually got a conclusion that was not said. Remember the admonition from God in Proverbs 4:23, ***Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*** You have to understand it. In verse 24, it says, ***Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.*** It shows you that the enemy works in a realm where he even gets you to talk some things that are not convenient and to even talk things that you don't absolutely believe but you find yourself talking them.

This demon, this devil, is working now through people, through different organizations, even some church organizations. He is working through them, he is working through government, he is working on your mind. Therefore, we have to commit our minds to God and not look at anything that is going to turn our hearts to think carnally.

Revelation 12:3, ***And there appeared another wonder in heaven;*** (This is clearly telling you that Satan is in the church.) ***...and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*** I do not know if you understand that God is talking about the devil in the church. I am going to prove it for you right now. In the latter part of that verse it says, ***seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*** It said that the dragon was in heaven, but look at chapter 13. Let us look at the first verse and we see another dragon and this dragon is out of the sea. ***And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.***

Look at the difference. The difference between those beasts is the one with the seven crowns upon his heads was the first beast. The crowns or the power was upon heads. See that? The beast in Revelation 13 had ***seven heads and ten horns, and upon his HORNS ten crowns.*** What is the difference there? The heads mean the organizations. So, we see a dragon with seven heads and ten horns and the crowns which is the power was upon his heads. But now, if the heads represent the organizations, the horns represent the men who are running the organizations.

So, in chapter 13 we see the difference. Remember, that was a church beast, the one in heaven, and this is the world beast. It says it is having seven organizations, which are the heads, and ten men, and upon the MEN were the crowns. I want you to see that. In Revelation 13:2, ***And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.***

So, we see the beast is rising up in Europe. The European beast is going to have seven heads, or seven different nations, or organization of nations. He is going to have ten men, but the power will be in the hands of the men.

Now we go back to Revelation 12:3, ***And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.***

It said that this beast, this dragon in the church, was to spoil the church. Yes. It was to spoil the church, but God had created a church that would move to a higher realm. This is called the manchild church. Verse 5 tells us that the woman church will not be destroyed. In other words, the woman that was shut out from the wedding feast would not be destroyed, but she would go through great tribulation.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This means that there is a final battle coming between the church, the sons of God, and Satan and all his kingdom. This is what you call the battle of Armageddon. In verse 7 God says that He is going to give us help. We are not going to fight him on this level at all. We are going to have angelic help. So, we see that the battle of Armageddon is going to be a spiritual battle fought on a level above where the woman church lives. We get here like reading the back of the book, like reading the end of the matter. In verse 8 it says, ***And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven,*** in the church for him. Praise be to God, the church will have no more place for Satan to tempt or to disturb us and to give us tribulation.

Let us bless God for verse 9. ***And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

We go down to verse 14. *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

Praise God. I hope I have not tired you out tonight. But you know the Word; in Matthew 24:39 we are told that they “knew not.” They knew not until the flood came down upon them and you wonder why the people of God would not know that there was a flood coming. What I am saying is the people, the average church person, is not preparing for any world-wide calamity that God is talking about. The principalities and powers of darkness can only be taught the manifold wisdom of God by the church (Ephesians 3:10).

You must remember what the challenge is that is against us. The challenge is that Satan believes that he can destroy us. Satan disdains the sons of God and he feels that we are little nothings. But blessed be God! I hope to be a part of those who finish him off in a very short time. God has given us power over the power of the enemy and He said that nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19). Praise God! Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus.

Let us praise God for this great privilege that we have been given, this great fight that we are in, that we can suffer in order to gain spiritual power. The scriptures say that those who want to reign with Him must suffer with Him and He tells that in order for a woman to bring forth a child she must *travail*. The point is, brethren, that the power of God is the power of Life. When the power of Life comes into an area where there is death, then there must be suffering. I would pray to God and we would pray to God, “Oh God, bless me! Bless me!” What do you think you are asking for? **YOU ARE ASKING FOR THE POWER OF GOD, BUT YOU ARE ALSO ASKING FOR SOME SUFFERING FOR THE FLESH.** Brethren, God has continually watered down Himself in order to deal with us!

The powers of darkness are increasing their power. The scripture says that we overcame them. Now, if they increase their power and it is ordained for us to overcome them, then we must also increase in power. The power of God will destroy earthen vessels. We cannot do the job unless we have the Life of the living God in its purest form in our beings. In Hebrews 11:40, we are told that the saints that have gone on before could not do a certain job and that they are waiting on us to do it. “They without us cannot be made perfect.” They are watching us and working with us in order to receive that, to see what we are doing to deliver them.

We are talking about power against power. This is what we call the battle of Armageddon. All those that are in Christ Jesus, both those that are in the heavens and those that are in earth, in Him, are being gathered with the saints who are gone on before. The Scriptures describe it as “Michael and his angels.” Michael and his angels represent the Kingdom of God, including us, fighting against the kingdom of devils. The first victory that we have to do in overcoming is to get the devil out of our kingdom. Praise be to God. Hallelujah.

Questions & Answer Session

Questioner: Brother duCille, you said that those who died in Christ are waiting for their deliverance?

Brother duCille: Yes!

Questioner: So does it mean that after death, even when the soul is without a body, it is possible to continue the work of salvation, that we can still be overcoming?

Brother duCille: Not the work of salvation, but the work of growth. They are not yet complete.

Questioner: Isn't salvation, in its entirety, the same as deliverance?

Brother duCille: Salvation and overcoming are two different things. After you are saved then you have to overcome different spiritual authorities. It is very clear in Hebrews 11:40.

Let me say something more on this question, because there are probably many people listening who don't understand what we are saying. There was not one man, whether it be Peter, Paul, James, or John, who was perfected before he died. Therefore, it means that there were some spirits that were not overcome by him or by them. God says that this generation will completely destroy the power of Satan from the church and bring victory to the saints who have passed on before. That is what verse 40 means.

We can see Hebrews 12:1 continuing the thought that they are with us in our warfare. Hebrews 12:1, *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

Questioner: Brother duCille, you were talking about the beast with seven heads and ten horns. Are these heads seven organizations? Or seven nations?

Brother duCille: Yes, in Revelation 12:1, that first part there represents the beast in the church and it represents organizations. There is absolutely no doubt that where it speaks about the woman and heaven, so it must be speaking of the church and the heads would represent the organizations.

Now, in Chapter 13 you can see that it is speaking about the beast coming up from the sea, which is the nations.

Therefore, it is not organizations that he is talking about now, he is talking about nations, or it could also be political individuals.

Questioner: Brother duCille, I remember that in Jamaica you were talking about the beast coming forth. There were, at that time, five countries and they became six countries. According to the picture that we have from that beast: the body is a leopard, the feet are the bear, the mouth of the lion and so on. These countries, at the moment, are called a group of five plus one. That is America, England, France, Russia, China plus Germany. Do you see any connection with that?

Brother duCille: Yes. I think that the sign for us is when the organizations come to seven heads and ten horns. That would be a sign for us that this is the time. But I believe, God says, "For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom" (Matthew 24:7). So it is going to be a war in the next year that is going to mold them into the picture that you see in Revelation. Does that answer satisfactorily, brother?

Questioner: Yes.

Questioner: You said that we needed a level of power to be able to contend with the spirits that we are facing now. I am in school now and I know that earlier when I went to Hungary, the Lord revealed to me that I was not going to finish my school. Now it is like I don't even want to go to the school any more. It is not anything in me anymore. So I am looking, because I know that the time is short, how am I really going to face school and be prepared because I am not the one that is really taking care of all my fees and these things, because I want to forfeit the school. I don't know if you would have any counsel for me.

Brother duCille: As a son of God, you need to obey God. God by His Spirit, is delivering us from a lot of things to have us in the right place for the time to come. To make sure that you are not deceived by any wrong thoughts, you should call the elders before you leave Prague and let the elders come and pray with you and God will give you the confirmation that it was He that was speaking to you. That is the advice that I give.

Questioner: Thank you.

Questioner: Brother duCille, I would like to ask you concerning the type of ministry that Brother Gruver is doing, that he is delivering the certain places or areas from the local spirits and what spiritual insight you have received concerning this ministry.

Brother duCille: That man is working in an area of the Spirit that most of the church is not even aware of. The scripture speaks of redeeming the time for the days are evil. We need to realize that we are paying for a lot of the evil that is around us, because we are disturbing them and destroying them, so we have to pay a certain amount spiritually to be able to do this kind of work.

Questioner: Brother duCille, I would like to ask you about the spiritual battles that you once talked about. You said that during the night in our dreams we can go through spiritual battles, especially about familiar spirits. Could you please explain a little bit about it?

Brother duCille: Well, spirits possess areas and they strongly guard certain areas. When God wants to deliver the people who are being held down in those areas, God will stir up one of His children to go in there. When they come against you and you start to suffer, you wonder, "What have I done?" Yes. What you have done is that you are in the army of the Lord and God is allowing you to suffer that you might rise up and strike the enemy. The spiritual battle, the ancestral, your whole family has been under certain ancestral devils for a long time, from time immemorial. At this time, every ancestral devil must be destroyed. So, God has to find somebody in your family to do it so that they might be judged and cast into the pit.

Questioner: Thank you, Brother duCille, but I am just going to ask another question. I have been going through these night battles for years now. For maybe eight years, since the first member of my family passed away and then some others. You know, I was just asking the Lord for how long? I just thought for eight years and especially when I get up at midnight or early the morning I have such a headache and so much pain in the back of my neck. I would ask you, have you ever had something like that? Do you know something about it?

Brother duCille: I see from knowledge that you are not the first one in your family. You must have had some family before you who suffered like that. Isn't it so?

Questioner: No. No.

Brother duCille: You don't know of them. All right. What it is, is that you will have to overcome those spirits. Before you leave there, let the elders pray for you and cast those spirits out and prevent them from coming back to disturb you or hurt your body at night.

Questioner: Amen. But I just add as the last thing that these were four people, but I don't see these other three anymore in my dreams. There is only one that I am from time to time seeing and dreaming.

Brother duCille: Let the elders put him into the abyss tonight.

Questioner: Thank you.

Questioner: I have a question about one word that came at the convention. It was saying that we need to have the desires of the Lord. I know that I can receive the mind of the Lord to have it transformed by reading the Word of God. I know that I can work on my emotions by fasting. But what about desires, how do I get the desires of the Lord?

Brother duCille: You get the desires of the Lord because Jesus said that we will be like Him. You should have a burning desire to be like Jesus Christ in all your actions, in all your walk and in all you do.

Questioner: So, how do I get the desire to be like Him?

Brother duCille: Just read the Scriptures and believe it. Believe what it says, that we should be like Jesus. It is the will of God that He should walk in us, inside of us and talk in us, so that all of our talk and all of our operations in life would be in Him. If you don't have the desire, read the Word of God, because God has said that salvation cometh by hearing.