10/13/24 Sunday Night - Unseen War3

**Luke 10:18-20** NIV *“18He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

**Genesis 3:15** NIV *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring  and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.”*

**Revelation 12:9** NKJV *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

**Ephesians 1:17-23** NIV *“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. 18I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, 19and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, 23which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”*

Delegated authority - authority that is been transferred from one person to another.

**John 1:12** NLT *“But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.”*

**Galatians 4:4-7** NLT *“4But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children. 6And because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, ‘Abba, Father.’ 7Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are His child, God has made you His heir.”*

**Ephesians 2:10** NIV *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

**2Corinthians 5:17-20** NIV *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”*

*“ambassador”* - a representative of a ruling authority

We have been given authority by birth and also by appointment.

**Judges 6:1 (NLT)** *“1The Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight.*  *So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years.”*

**Judges 6:2-5** *“2The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. 3Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, 4camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. 5These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare.”*

The enemy’s goal is to render believers helpless and useless.

God’s goal is for us to understand and walk in our true identity in Christ

**John 10:10 NIV** *“The thief comes only to steal* *and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*

**Judges 6:6** *“So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.”*

**Judges 6:11-16** *“11…Gideon…was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. 12The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, ‘Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!’* ‘*13Sir,’ Gideon replied, ‘if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? 14Then the Lord turned to him and said, ‘Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!’ ‘15But Lord,’ Gideon replied, ‘how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!’* *16The Lord said to him, ‘I will be with you.* *And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man…’*

**Judges 6:33** *“Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel. 34Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power.*

**Zech.4:6** NIV *“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.”*

The goal is not just to learn how to deal with the demonic… The goal is not to let it interfere with our mission: sharing the gospel and advancing God’s kingdom

**I am accepted…**

-*I am God‘s child* (John 1:12)

-*I’m a member of Christ body* (1 Cor.12:27)

-*I have been redeemed and my sins forgiven* (Col.1:13-14)

-*I am complete in Christ* (Col.2:9-10)

**I am secure…**

-*God will complete…the work He started in me* (Phil.1:6)

-*God works everything for my good* (Romans 8:28)

-*I am free from condemnation* (Romans 8:1)

*-I am a citizen of heaven (*Phil.3:20)

-*I have NOT been given a spirit of fear, but of power, and a sound mind. (2Tim.1:7)*

**I am significant**

-*I have been chosen to bear fruit* (John 15:16)

-*I am God’s temple* (1Cor 3:16)

-*I am God’s masterpiece (*Eph 2:10)

-*I can do all things through Christ* (Phil 4:13)