

The Holy War – Ear-gates and Eye-gates
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We'll begin today by reading from the 2nd paragraph of page 7 (Chapter 1), and will finish on page 9 at the end of the 4th paragraph (Chapter 1). Click on [this link](#) to open and download a copy of The Holy War.

Holy War: *“Now, with two notables dead, what did the rest of the citizens do, but discover that they were in a fool’s paradise unless, as I hinted earlier, they proved the truth of the giant’s words. First, they did as Ill-Pause had advised them; they looked, they considered, and were charmed with the forbidden fruit. They took it, and ate; and having eaten, they acted like drunk men. Then they opened the gates, both Ear-gate and Eye-gate, and let Diabolus in with all his fellow-conspirators, immediately forgetting their good Shaddai, his law, and the severe punishment that came with its breach.”*

These two ‘notables’ were Captain Resistance, who had to be taken out of the way first – the one who caused man to resist Diabolus, and in doing so, Lord Innocence – the innocence of man, was killed. The citizens of mansoul made their first mistake to listen to what Diabolus had to say, but we also see that they opened up both the Ear gate and the Eye gate of Mansoul and let Diabolus in with all his fellow conspirators. The Eye-gate was to be a place of inspection, but there was no inspection made, and after eating the forbidden fruit they acted like drunk men casting off all restraint.

Genesis 2:15 Amplified Bible says; *“So the Lord God took the man [He had made] and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely (unconditionally) eat [the fruit] from every tree of the garden; 17 but [only] from the tree of the knowledge (recognition) of good and evil you shall not eat, otherwise on the day that you eat from it, you shall most certainly [h]die [because of your disobedience].”*

Note that God spoke this to Adam before Eve was even created, Adam was more responsible than Eve for disobeying God and eating the forbidden fruit because he was created first, and was head over her.

Genesis 3:6 Amplified Bible says; *“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise and insightful, she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband [c]with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of the two of them were opened [that is, their awareness increased], and they knew that they were naked; and they fastened fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”*

Prior to the fall of man, they were living in a perfect world, beyond what we as Christians are living in now, so if this is the case, how much more do we need to realize that if this is what happened in a perfect world, how much more can it happen to Christians in this fallen world? This is why it’s important for Christians not listen to what the devil has to say, but also not put anything evil before their eyes. Examine your lives Christians, and see where you are openly allowing access for the devil to

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tempt you to sin against God. You may not have control of what you see and hear in secular settings such as work, sports, school etc, but you do have control when you're not in secular arenas to monitor what you allow into your ear-gates and eye-gates which give entrance into your body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Just do an honest evaluation as to what you allow yourselves to see and hear thru your media devices, (cell phones, TV's, radios etc,) in the course of the day, and are you selective in what you allow into your temple, (your body), where the Holy Spirit dwells?

Romans 12:1-2 Amplified Bible says; “12 [a]Therefore I urge you, [b]brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be [c]transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].”

As Christians, do you play the grace card on a regular basis to cover wilful sin that enters ears and eyes, or do you purpose to live holy and separate in a fallen world, putting a guard over your ears and eyes, and even in secular settings, do you set the standard or does the devil? Do you see living holy in secular settings to be legalistic, and are you the same person at home and church as you are in secular settings? If Adam and Eve fell in a perfect world, what's gonna stop you from falling? It's important to keep in perspective that your life as a Christian is a spiritual battle with Satan and his fallen angels, and it must be fought in the spirit first, not the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 Amplified Bible says; “3 For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual] warfare according to the flesh and using the weapons of man. 4 The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ, 6 being ready to punish every act of disobedience, when your own obedience [as a church] is complete.”

Holy War: “*Diabolus, having now obtained entrance through the gates of the city, marched up to the centre to make his conquest as sure as he could. And finding, by this time, that the affections of the people were warm towards him, he, thinking it best to strike while the iron was hot, made this further beguiling speech to them, saying:*

‘Alas! my poor Mansoul! I have done you this great service to bring you honour, and to ensure your liberty. But, alas! alas! poor Mansoul, you need someone to defend you; for you can be sure that when Shaddai hears of this, he will come. Sore indeed will be the one from whom you have broken free of his bonds, and cast his cords away from you. (Psalm 2:3) What will you do? After all your trouble, will you allow your privileges to be attacked and taken away from you? What will you do?’”

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The devil is not settling for you to live a lukewarm life sitting on the fence, with one foot in the world and one foot in the church, but rather, his goal is to be Lord of your life, and no matter how much you try to convince yourself that it could never happen to you, relying on the grace card of your soul being eternally secure, is it really worth the risk of spending an eternity in hell separated from God?

1 Peter 5:8-9 Amplified Bible says; “*8 Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.]”*

How many Christians that once were on fire for Jesus are no longer serving the Lord, it’s going on all the time, and it’s only getting worse as the day of Christ’s return draws near? The great falling away of Christians will be a clear indicator of His return to rapture His Church and this, by the way, can happen at any time now.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 Amplified Bible talks about the lawless man, (anti-Christ) coming; “*2 Now in regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our [a]gathering together to meet Him, we ask you, [b]brothers and sisters, 2 not to be quickly unsettled or alarmed either by a [so-called prophetic revelation of a] spirit or a message or a letter [alleged to be] from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has [already] come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive or entrap you, for that day will not come unless the [c]apostasy comes first [that is, the great rebellion, the abandonment of the faith by professed Christians], and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction [the Antichrist, the one who is destined to be destroyed], 4 who opposes and exalts himself [so proudly and so insolently] above [d]every so-called god or object of worship, so that he [actually enters and] takes his seat in the temple of God, publicly proclaiming that he himself is God.”*

This is the devil’s ultimate desire for the Christian, for them to renounce their allegiance to Christ and declare the anti-christ to be their Lord. This is all the more reason for Christians to take up the whole armour of God outlined in Ephesians 6, and fight the good fight of faith, submitting unto God’s word, and resist the devil’s offer to backslide from the Lordship of Christ in their lives. The day of Christ’s return is so near, it’s right at the door, and now is not the time sit on that uncomfortable fence with one foot in the world and one foot in the church, but how many Christians are on that fence today?

James 4:7-10 Amplified Bible says; “*7 So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people]. 9 Be miserable and grieve and weep [over your sin]. Let your [foolish] laughter be turned to mourning and your [reckless] joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves [with an attitude of repentance and insignificance] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up, He will give you purpose].”*

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Holy War: *“Then, in complete unity, they said to this bramble, ‘You come and reign over us.’ (Judges 9:14) So he accepted their invitation, and became king over the city of Mansoul. This done, the next thing was to give him possession of the castle, and thus the whole strength of the city. So into the castle he went, that castle which Shaddai built in Mansoul for his own delight and pleasure. This was to become a den and stronghold for the giant Diabolus.”*

Jesus wants lordship of your life today, Christian. You say, that could never happen to me, Jesus has been my Lord for years, I was raised in the church. Well, this maybe so, but what are you allowing to enter your temple, where the Holy Spirit lives, whom you proclaim to be Lord? Are you protecting your ears and eyes or are you just pulling the grace card of eternal security that allows you to sit on the fence with no conviction of sin, righteousness and the judgment to come?

Holy War: *“Now, having taken possession of this stately palace or castle, what does he do but make it a stronghold for his own use, which he strengthened and fortified with all manner of provisions against King Shaddai or those who would attempt to return it to him and his dominion. This done, but not thinking that he was secure enough, the next thing he did was to reconstitute the city authorities by setting up one, and putting down another, according to his own pleasure. The Lord Mayor, whose name was Lord Understanding, and Mr. Recorder, whose name was Mr. Conscience, he put out of office and power.”*

The devil’s goal is to darken and remove all understanding of God’s word in a Christian’s life, so that what they once understood to be true, becomes no longer truth, and what they once proclaimed to be the way the truth and the life, is no longer Jesus.

Ephesians 4:17-19 Amplified Bible says; *“17 So this I say, and solemnly affirm together with the Lord [as in His presence], that you must no longer live as the [unbelieving] Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds [and in the foolishness and emptiness of their souls], 18 for their [moral] understanding is darkened and their reasoning is clouded; [they are] alienated and self-banished from the life of God [with no share in it; this is] because of the [willful] ignorance and spiritual blindness that is [deep-seated] within them, because of the hardness and insensitivity of their heart. 19 And they, [the ungodly in their spiritual apathy], having become callous and unfeeling, have given themselves over [as prey] to unbridled sensuality, eagerly craving the practice of every kind of impurity [that their desires may demand].”*

It would be good to read all of Ephesians 4:17-32 on what the life of a Christian is to be and what it’s not to be.

The Holy War: *“As for the Mayor, though he was an understanding man, and had agreed with the rest of the city of Mansoul to admit the giant into the city, Diabolus thought it best not to let him remain in his former fame and glory because he was a clever man. So he banished him into*

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obscurity, not only by removing him from office and power, but by building a high and strong tower between the sun's rays and the windows of the former Lord Mayor's palace. By this means, his house and all his property were made as dark as dark can be. (Romans 1:21) And so, being away from the light (Ephesians 4:18-19), he became like one who was born blind. In addition, the Lord Mayor was put under house-arrest; nor could he, on parole, go further than the walls of his house."

How many Christians has the devil placed on house-arrest, they no longer go to church, and not only have they lost understanding of God's word by forsaking the assembly of church gathering, they become spiritually blind, and grieve the Holy Spirit's gifts and calling on their lives? All it took was for Lord Mayor (Lord Understanding), to agree with the rest of the city of Mansoul to admit Diabolus into the city; so who have you come into agreement with Christian, to give the devil access thru the your ears and eyes, that now have you on house-arrest with your understanding of the Bible darkened to the point of spiritual blindness that you can't even see how backslidden you are from God?

Holy War: "As for Mr. Recorder: before the city was taken, he was a man well-read in the laws of his King, and was also a man of courage and faithfulness, speaking the truth on every occasion. He had a brave tongue and a head full of sound judgement. Now, this man Diabolus could not stand, because, although he had agreed with his coming into the city, he could not, with all his wiles, trials, stratagems, and devices, make him his own man. True, he had greatly fallen away from service to his former King, and was also pleased with many aspects of the giant's laws and service. But all this was not enough for Diabolus, for he was not wholly his."

Mr. Recorder and Lord Understanding backslid as they didn't inspect Diabolus before he came in. I see Mr. Recorder as the prophet. Still speaking in spite of persecutions, still delivering the word of the Lord, making mistakes along the way, but still delivering the word, relentless to preach. The Recorder is also known as Mr Conscience, and he was a preacher of Shaddai's laws that helped the town of Mansoul to serve their King Shaddai. He along with the rest of Mansoul was in agreement to let Diabolus and fellow conspirators in thru the Ear-gate and Eye-gate. It's always needed to examine your heart as to where you're allowing the devil to gain access to your temple through those two gates.

The Holy War: "Diabolus, therefore, feared the Recorder more than any man left alive in the city of Mansoul, because, as I said, his words used to shake the whole city; like thunder-claps they were. Since the giant could not make him wholly his, what did he do but considered every way to corrupt the old gentleman, and by corruption to deaden his mind and harden his heart in the ways of pride. And as he went on, he accomplished his design, corrupting the man, and, little by little, drawing him into sin and wickedness so that, at last, he was not only corrupted from the first, but, in consequence, was defiled, and became almost (sad to say) past all conscience of sin."

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You get the feeling that God's hand of compassion was still on Mr. Recorder as we see Shaddai's protection on him, but regardless of how much he spoke – or as Diabolus said that he thundered – the people could not hear him any longer. Diabolus made him out to be a mad-man because he could not convince the people otherwise, so he pushed the narrative that he was crazy, mad, insane and feeble, even enticing him to retract what he said when he was 'drunk' and in 'fits of rage'. How many preachers today, without being drunk, have renounced their own sermons. I'm sure there are preachers today who have been accused of being, 'loco', I'm sure there are preachers today that have come under the same accusations and temptations that Diabolus threw at Mr. Recorder. You have to remember that this is all dealing with the conscience of man. He was a voice, he was the voice of God that spoke thru him as it says in the following paragraph.

Holy War: *“‘Mansoul, consider that despite the old gentleman's raging, and the rattle of his strange and thunderous words, you have heard nothing from Shaddai himself.’ What a liar and deceiver he was, when every outburst from Mr. Recorder against the sin of Mansoul was the voice of God through him to them!”*

So long as the devil can remove consciousness of sin out of a Preacher of the Gospel, be it an Evangelist, Pastor, Prophet, or Teacher, it will also effect the people who follow them, and often cause many to backslide. It's called striking the Shepherd to get to the sheep. It seems like that was the goal of Diabolus to strike Mr. Recorder (Conscience), to cause the sheep to turn from King Shaddai. How many preachers of the Gospel are in this place right now, they continue to preach with the gifts and callings on their lives still in operation regardless of no repentance of sins committed?

God's word does not return void regardless of a preacher's consciousness of personal sin, the word of God is the same, it does not change. It's the people that the devil is planning to cause to backslide, as for the preacher, they're just a vessel that eventually gets exposed for their sin and if repented of are restored to ministry. We should always keep in perspective, that it's not God's will that anyone should perish, but that all would come to repentance, and that He holds the backslider in His bosom and this includes the preachers of the gospel.

So from what we've read today in pages 7-9, Mansoul, (Adam and Eve), were in perfection, yet were tempted and fell. We weren't born in a perfect world, they were. If we realistically compare them to New Testament preachers who fell and made mistakes along the way, allowing pride to get in the way, ie.; Peter – a denier of Jesus, James and John – sons of thunder, they like us, were born into a fallen world. Mr. Conscience and Lord Understanding made some huge mistakes, but it's like they had a hook in their jaw from God that didn't allow them to give themselves totally over to Diabolus, and that drove him crazy. Look how far Diabolus went out of his way to destroy Mr. Conscience and in doing so, destroy the people. If he locked up Mr. Understanding on house-arrest in darkness, you can't help but see how he's doing the same to ministers today by darkening their understanding of God's word.

Have the ear-gate and eye-gate been open to Diabolus today in your life, and has he darkened your understanding of God's word? Where has he placed you under house-arrest by not allowing you to get

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out on parole and go beyond your home, simply because he doesn't want you to go out into the neighborhood, the church, to be able to operate in the gifts and calling on your life? Does he want you locked up in the church of me, myself and I? He wants to see all understanding of Shaddai and Jesus Christ gone in your life. He wants to see you so backslidden that you're confessing the as lord over your life.

We shouldn't be surprised what we see in the church today, it's all signs of end-times, but we have to keep in mind that Jesus is returning for a spotless church, not for a lukewarm, fence-sitting Christian with one foot in the world and one foot in the church. You'll be left behind when He raptures the church and you'll have seven years to repent and if you survive, probably be be-headed by the anti-christ for refusing to worship him. But as I've said before, let the head role and don't deny Jesus.

In the mean time, we can prepare our lives to live holy, submitting ourselves unto God when he tempts us. Like I said earlier, it's a spiritual warfare, and Ephesians 6:10-17 shows us how to engage in this warfare to win. Fight the good fight of faith. Jesus has given you all authority to bind the devil, cast him out, lay hands on the sick, speak with new tongues, be filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus has called you to spiritual warfare, to die to yourself, to be the bride of Christ that needs to be spotless. Don't pull the 'grace card' or 'eternally security card'. The one's that aren't spotless and are half-stepping it, are being left behind. The persecution will be like mankind has never seen before and what is happening in third world countries now will be the norm...and worse.

Today, you can make the choice to be ready and prepared, to fight and resist the devil's temptations with the Word of God and overcome. Meditate in God's word day and night so when the fiery darts fly at you from Diabolus, you can resist him with the word of God. "*Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.*" (2 Timothy 2:15). Ask the Holy Spirit and he'll show you how to fight the good fight of faith. He'll give you understanding how to speak the word when it's needed.