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Wednesday, December 09, 2020 - Group Study

Lesson Series: Possess Your Soul

Lesson Series Text: *(John 19:16-18)*

Lesson 1: Light Or Darkness

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All Scriptures are KJV: unless otherwise noted.

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- I. Before you settle in your heart that you are too spiritually mature to make a mistake that causes you to fall; consider this:
 - A. Lucifer was in heaven itself leading praise and worship and he fell.
 - B. Adam was in paradise and beholding the Glory of God and he fell.
 - C. Solomon wrote three books and had the Lord to appear to him in a dream. The Lord instructed Solomon to ask of Him what he wanted, and he fell.
 - D. Saul was hand pick by God to be the King of Israel and gave him a new heart and he failed.
 - E. Judas was with Jesus for three years, performed miracles, and he fell.
 - F. *(Pro. 16:18 - Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.)*
- II. Age and experience will defeat youth and zeal.
 - A. Satan is an old and experienced adversary.
 - B. If we depend on our experiences, in comparison to Satan's thousands of years of experiences in deceiving men; Satan will defeat us every time.
- III. Jesus was crucified at the "place of the skull".
 - A. The un-crucified thought life is the fertile ground for Satan's assault in our lives.
 - B. As Jesus was crucified in the place of the skull physically, our minds must be crucified mentally.
 - C. We must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. *(Rom. 12:1-2 AMPC)*
- IV. Wisdom and innocence must precede our warfare with Satan and demonic forces. *(Mat. 10:16)*
 - A. Wise means operating with keen discernment, discriminating, knowledge, and perception.
 - B. Harmless means innocence or freedom from sin or moral wrong, absence of trickery.
- V. Satan lives and traffics in darkness. *(Eph. 6:12 - For 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.)*
 - A. Fallen angels were condemned to darkness. *(Jude 6 - And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their*

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- proper dwelling place — these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day. AMPC)*
- B. As believers, we have been delivered from the power of darkness where Satan dwells, and translated into a kingdom of light, where Jesus dwells. (*Col. 1:13*)
 - C. However, if we allow darkness in our thoughts, Satan has access and legal right to traffic in our lives through our thoughts.
 - D. Wherever there is spiritual darkness, you can be assured of Satan's influence.
- VI. Our lesson text warns us to take heed that the light in us be not darkness. (*Luke 11:34-36*)
- A. The eye is symbolic of the conscience.
 - B. The light is symbolic of our thoughts or reasoning.
 - C. When we knowingly harbor sin, the light which is in us dwells in darkness.
 - D. Satan has access to any area of spiritual darkness, even if it is the born again human soul.
- VII. Satan seeks permission to sift the saints. (*Luke 22: 31-32*)
- A. The Father allows this so that the truth in us can be separated from the error in us—the same way that wheat is separated from the chaff.
- VIII. Submit to God. (*James 4:5-10*)
- A. God resists the proud.
 - B. God gives more grace to the humble.
 - C. We can't resist the devil until we humble ourselves.
 - D. If we draw nigh unto the Lord, He will do the same towards us.
 - E. If we humble ourselves, the Lord will lift us up.

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