

“DEALING WITH DECEPTION”

PART 3

“THE devil IS IN THE DETAILS”

*JOB 1:8-12*

*JOB IS A MODEL OF TRUST AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD, YET GOD PERMITTED SATAN TO ATTACK HIM IN AN ESPECIALLY HARSH WAY. ALTHOUGH GOD LOVES US, BELIEVING AND OBEYING HIM DOES NOT EXEMPT US OR SHELTER US FROM LIFE’S CALAMITIES.*

*SETBACKS, DISAPPOINTMENTS, TRAGEDIES, AND SORROWS STRIKE CHRISTIANS AS WELL AS UNBELIEVERS. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT GOD HAS AN EXPECTATION FOR BELIEVERS TO EXPRESS OUR FAITH TO THE WORLD. HOW WE RESPOND TO OUR TROUBLES IS AN INDICATION OF OUR FAITH TOWARD GOD.*

**ARE WE SCREAMING WHY ME? OR ARE WE SAYING GOD USE ME!**



*SATAN ATTACKED JOB IN THE DETAILS OF LIFE AND HIS MOTIVES FOR LIVING FOR GOD. JOB HAD NO REASON TO TURN HIS BACK ON GOD. SATAN KNEW THAT SO HE QUESTIONED JOB’S LOYALTY.*

*HE WANTED TO SEE IF JOB WOULD STILL BE FAITHFUL TO GOD IF HE TOOK AWAY ALL THAT GOD WAS BLESSING HIM WITH.*

**SATAN WOULD LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN TO SEE US LEAVE OUT THE DETAILS OF OUR LIFE, SO HE CAN STEAL AND KILL AND DESTROY UNABATED. JESUS HAS GIVEN US POWER OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE WICKED ONE SO WE CAN CAST HIM OUT OF OUR LIVES, OUR HOMES, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR SITUATIONS.**

REVELATION 20:10

THE ENEMY GETS IN THE DETAILS OF OUR LIFE BY CHALLENGING OUR VALUE SYSTEM. THEREFORE, WE MUST BE SOBER AND VIGILNANT IN OUR WARFARE AGAINST THE *devil*. SO, WE MUST:

1. **PUT IN TRUTH TO DEFEAT DOUBT.** **JOHN 17:17.** READING THE BIBLE TRANSFORMS OUR THINKING AND FORTIFIES OUR FAITH.
2. **PUT YOUR PRAISES ON PAPER TO COUNTER DISCONTENTMENT.** **PHIL.4:8.** WHEN WE TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE DOWN WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR, WHAT WE HAVE SEEN GOD DO, INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON OUR GRIEVANCES, WE HAVE PEACE AND A GRATEFUL HEART.
3. **PUT ON YOUR SPIRITUAL ARMOR LISTED IN EPHESIANS 6:10-18 TO SHAKE OFF DISCOURAGEMENT.** THE DEVIL WANTS TO STEAL OUR COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, AND HOPE. BUT WE ARE EMBOLDENED AND OPERATING BY FAITH WHEN WE GET BATTLE-READY.
4. **PUT YOUR EYES ON JESUS WHEN YOU ARE DISTRACTED.** **HEBREWS 12:2.** WHEN WE FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS, THEN ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE VYING FOR OUR ATTENTION AND CAUSING US ANXIETY MELT AWAY.
5. **PUT ON CHARITY TO GUARD AGAINST DIVISION.** **COL. 3:12-17.** CHOOSING TO OBEY THE WORD OF GOD AND FORGIVE EACH OTHER, FORBEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND FORGET THE WRONGS, BRINGS UNITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS, HOMES, AND CHURCHES. AND WE ARE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE TOGETHER, THAN APART.
6. **PUT PRAYERS UP WHEN DEPRESSION THREATENS TO DROWN YOU.** **1THESSALONIANS 5:17, LUKE 18:1-8.** I'VE BEEN IN THAT PIT, AND WHAT HELPS ME OUT OF IT MOST IS

PRAYER. I PRAY EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT, EVEN WHEN I DON'T SEE IMMEDIATE RESULTS, AND EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE I'M JUST TALKING TO MYSELF. I ALSO REACH OUT TO MY TRUSTED PRAYER PARTNERS AND ASK THEM TO INTERCEDE FOR ME. PRAYER IS POWERFUL!!

7. **PUT YOUR HOPE IN JESUS WHEN DISABILITIES DRAG YOU DOWN. 2 COR. 12:9-10.** THE DEFINITION OF DISABILITY IS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION THAT LIMITS A PERSON'S MOVEMENTS, SENSES, OR ACTIVITIES. WHEN WE'RE A THREAT TO THE ADVERSARY'S AGENDA, HE USES INFIRMITIES TO ISOLATE US. BUT BY PLACING OUR HOPE IN JESUS, WE CAN SEE PAST OUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO IN US AND THROUGH US, DESPITE OUR WEAKNESSES.

OUR ADVASARY IS INSIDIOUS AND INVISIBLE. HE KNOWS OUR WEAKNESSES AND CAREFULLY CRAFTS PLANS TO TRIP US UP AND TRAP US IN SIN. EVEN THOUGH HE'S FIERCE, WE DON'T NEED TO FEAR HIM, WE JUST NEED TO RESIST HIS ATTEMPTS TO DECIEVE US.

THE DEVIL WON'T OUTWIT US WHEN WE RECOGNIZE HIS DEVICES, REMEMBER TO PUT TO PRACTICE BASIC SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AND RESIST HIM.

DON'T LET SATAN GET YOU DOWN. HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED, AND BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE WIN!

**JAMES 4:7 KJV ~ SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.**