

Sunday, August 1 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare 3

Series: Vulnerability ... 6

Text: Revelation 12:7 - 12

Purpose: I want to PURSUADE my congregation to BELIEVE that the enemy uses accusation to torment the soul of believers; the Scripture reveals that he is so bold as to even accuse us before Almighty God!

Introduction:

~ Review of July 25 devotional:
Vulnerability to Fear

1. Fear – Natural Can be Protective, Matthew 4:5 - 7
2. Fear – is a spirit, 2 Timothy 1:7
3. Fear – of man is a snare, Proverbs 29:25
4. Fear – can open a door for spiritual attack, Job 3:25
5. Fear – of God is..., Proverbs 9:10

~ Revelation 12:7 - 12

Vs. 9, *"And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan (#G4567, satanas: the accuser), the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*

~ 2 Corinthians 10:5, *"We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,"*

1. Satan makes accusations about our security:

~ Satan likes to suggest to our thinking..."If you were ever saved you have surely lost it now!"

THE BIBLE SAYS:

~ John 17:11, *"And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."*

~ Philippians 1:6, *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

~ Jude 1:24, *"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy."*

2. Satan makes accusations about our walk:

~ Satan says, "You can't be born again! You continue to sin in both thought and deed!"

THE BIBLE SAYS:

~ 1 John 1:8 – 10, *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (10) If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."*

3. Satan makes accusations about our level of faith:

~ Satan says, "If you had greater faith your prayer would be answered."

THE BIBLE SAYS:

~ Ephesians 3:20 – 21, *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen"*

~ John 15:7, *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*

4. Satan makes accusations about our motives:

~ Satan says, "You are trying to please men."

THE BIBLE SAYS:

~ 2 Corinthians 5:9 - 10, *"So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."*

~ Matthew 25:23, *"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"*

5. Satan makes accusations about our ability to serve:

~ Satan says, "Look at 'so and so' you can never do what they do. What talents and abilities do you have?"

THE BIBLE SAYS:

~ 2 Corinthians 10:12, *"Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."*

~ Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

Conclusion:

Ephesians 6:17 - 18, *"and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, (18) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."*