

Sunday, November 2, 2025

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

Title: You Were Bought With a Price

Series: Spiritual Warfare...5

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20, 2 Corinthians 4:7, Matthew 12:22 – 25

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of four different attack strategies of the enemy and the Holy Spirit's defense against those attacks.

Introduction:

~ Short review

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20, *"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."*

~ 2 Corinthians 4:7, *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."*

~ Matthew 12:22 – 25 (Read)

~ 1 Corinthians 10:11 – 12, *"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (12) Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."*

1. The Strategy of Possession:

~ Whose slave am I?

~ Ephesians 2:1 - 3, that is who I was (past tense) compare Romans 6:12 - 14

~ Ephesians 2:4 – 10, this is who I am NOW (yet imperfect!!!) compare Romans 7:15

~ Romans 8:14 – 17 (Read)

~ Consider the example of the family of Israel coming out of Egypt in Exodus 3 – 15.

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20 and 2 Corinthians 4:7

2. The Strategy of Depression:

~ Depression is an emotional response to situations and circumstance; that emotional state affects our physical, mental and faith levels. Depression allows the evil one to whisper, "there is no hope for you."

~ James 1:2 – 3, *"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter trials of various kind, (3) for you know that testing of your faith produces steadfastness."*

~ Philippians 2:14 – 15, *"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, (15) that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,"*

~ Isaiah 41:10, *"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

~ Consider the children coming out of Egypt in Exodus 14:13 – 14, *"And Moses said to the people, 'Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. (14) The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.'"*

3. The Strategy of Oppression:

~ Oppression, in this usage, is a mental pressure or distress.

~ Isaiah 26:3 – 4, *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. (4) Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD God is an everlasting rock."*

~ Psalm 1:1 – 3

~ Philippians 4:8 – 9, *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (9) Whatever you learned and received and heard and seen in be—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."*

~ Consider the people of Israel and their failure to enter the land in Numbers 13 and 14

4. The Strategy of Rebellion:

~ Hebrews 3:1 – 19 (Read)

~ Pride, rebellion, unbelief are all connected and lead to ruin.

~ James 4:6 – 10 (Read)

~ Consider Korah's rebellion recorded in Numbers 16. There is always a cost to rebellion.

Conclusion:

~ Communion