

Remnant Life Church
July 18, 2021
“Spiritual Warfare –
Your Authority Given by Jesus”
Pt 3
Luke 10:17-20

- As a child of God, you have a God-given right to have victory in your life
 - When you invited Jesus to become Lord of your life, your spirit came back into union with God
 - All the power given to the Son, is now available to you
- Spiritual victories will bring the most satisfying joys in your life.
 - Because you are fulfilling, not only what Jesus sent the 70 out to do, but what He is still sending believers to do... live victoriously
 - But you must remember that the victory is not our doing, only that we are used as God’s instruments in His desire to see all come to Him
 - The reason the 70 saw these things happen was they understood, that it was not them
 - ...even the demons submit to us *IN YOUR NAME*

V 18 – *He replied, “I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*

- What Jesus was saying is that He saw and continues to see satan falling from heaven
 - Jesus was not speaking of Satan being cast out at that precise moment, but that his power had been broken and that he was and still is subject to Jesus’ authority.
 - This is an important word for the Christian today
 - It is, once again, a part of your right, given by God through Jesus Christ, for you to have victory
- What is it that the power of God, through the name of Jesus will overcome?
 - Every plan and attempt of the enemy to take the life you have in Jesus away from you
 - But he cannot!

Romans 8:35–39 — *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

V 20 – *However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven*

- Jesus is warning the men that the quickest way to step out of the right way to serve God is to allow PRIDE to enter in
- It is an important lesson of understanding the difference between temporal and eternal

- We tend to put far too much weight on things that are only important at the moment, (temporal – temporary) but are not important in eternity.
- Our physical troubles are only temporary. When we compare it to an eternity in heaven,

This morning I would like for us to go back and spend a little more time examining verse 19

V 19 – *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

1. I have given
 - a. Notice the tense – in the past
 - b. It has been done; nothing is lacking; it is completed
 - c. The original definition includes the words supplies, grant, furnish, commission
 - i. You have been commissioned as a victor
 - ii. When an officer is commissioned in the armed forces he assumes a position of responsibility that others must recognize
 - iii. The enemy MUST recognize your authority in the name of Jesus
 - iv. The only way he will not is if you allow him to
 - d. Jesus says He has given, what was it that was done?
 - i. First, it was satan being cast out of heaven
 - ii. Second it was his being, at all times then and now, under the authority of God
 - iii. Third, the resurrection of Jesus Christ – the final act that gives us the power as a child of God
 1. **Luke 9:1** - When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,
 2. **John 13:3** - Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;
 3. **Acts 1:8** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
2. (I have given you) Authority
 - a. This word is different than you think
 - b. Authority is power
 - i. I expected the root of this word in the original language to be dunimas
 - ii. It is where we get the words dynamite and dynamic; it is power
 - iii. But the root of this word authority is ex-ooo-sea-ah
 1. While it also has to do with power, the full definition is a power of choice; to do as one pleases
 2. A power of the mind, spirit, and will to choose
 - c. Jesus is telling the 70, as He is telling us today, you have the power to choose to trample on the snakes and scorpions of the enemy
 - i. You can choose to fall into the snares and temptations of satan

- ii. Or you can choose to be victorious
- d. This does not mean that bad things do not happen to God's people, they do
 - i. But it means that God's people can choose how they respond
 - ii. It means you can stand in the face of the temptation, stand in the face of the problem, stand in the face of the catastrophe and have victory
- e. Why? Because it has been given to you!!
 - i. Or do you go after the situations in the God-given power and authority you have been promised by the words of Jesus?