

Ezekiel Ministry

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

(Isaiah 40:31)

A Ministry of Hope and Healing



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*In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?*

(Psalm 56:11)

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Sharing the Light and Love of God to a Dark World

“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.” (2 Corinthians 11:14-15)

This issue will continue with teaching about spiritual warfare. Satan wants your soul. He wants you to not trust in God. He wants you to worry and take away your peace and your assurance that you are a child of God.

Satan will attack your mind. He will impersonate your own thoughts.

- † Extremely negative thoughts - I am a failure, I am ugly, I am worthless, I will never succeed, God does not love me, No one cares about me.
- † Proudful thoughts - I am better than others, I am smarter than she is, I am more spiritual than they are, I don't need anyone else.
- † Rebellious thoughts - I have a right to do what I want with my life, No body is going to tell me what to do.
- † Hatred - I don't like them because..., I will never forgive them because..., I want them to suffer the way they made me suffer.
- † Suicide - I am better off dead, nobody cares if I die anyway, They'll be sorry when I die.

Are all of these self-thoughts always demonic? No. But many of them do have their source in the demonic. We need to be careful and guard our thoughts. Satan will plant a thought and you will think on that thought until it becomes true.

I cannot say it enough Satan is out to derail your walk with God.

C.S. Lewis said “There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second is claimed by God and counter-



Keep the View from the Throne

As we go through our trials and troubles, we need to remember to keep the view from the throne. All of our problems may be real, but we need to see them in God's perspective. Satan wants to deceive you, cause you to get discouraged, to feel defeated and forsaken; but that is not God's perspective. He wants to use your troubles to bring you closer to Him, to show you how much He cares and loves you. He allows painful experiences and even criticism and opposition to teach us something. He wants us to grow. He wants us to experience His grace. If we will look at life's experience from God's perspective and what His word says, then we will not be deceived by Satan and his lies.

In order to battle Satan we need to have our foundation on who God is and what He is. We must start with a firm understanding of God's perfect moral nature.

Satan's Schemes

Friends, we are not fighting the good fight against Satan. We must wake up and realize that we are at war. We need to have knowledge of Satan's schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11 tells us, "...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

In Matthew 4 we see a summary of how Satan tempted Jesus. Satan has not changed the lies he tells in all of these centuries. He still tells the same lies. He lies in two ways, he directly contradicts the truth or he distorts the truth. He cannot tell the truth.

Satan attacks us at our weakest moment. He looks for where we are the weakest. In the case of Jesus he knew that He was hungry. He had been fasting for forty days and nights. He was weak so Satan attacked Him at His weakest point. Everyone's weak point will be different. It could be our job. If we are not putting our trust in God, Satan will tell us that we are going to lose our jobs and we will be out on the street. He is a liar. If we put out trust in God, He will provide. Our weak point may be in relationships, approval seeking, sickness or depression. Satan knows the area that we have not given to God and allowed Him to heal.

One place that he will attack us is if we hold bitterness toward someone. This is a place that Satan loves to lie to us and cause all kinds of problems and keep that bitterness growing. God tells us that forgiveness is very important and that we should forgive as He has forgiven us. If we forgive, God takes away the bitterness and this is one less place that Satan can attack us.

Just as in the Garden of Eden, Satan tells us that if we just go along with him we can become God's. We can tell God what to do and how to do it. The Word tells us that we don't do foolish things just to get God to intervene.

Then Satan told Jesus that He could have anything He wanted if He would just follow him. This is what he is telling the world today. All that matters is worldly ambition. How much we can get from the world. How much money we are worth or how much we own. Satan only wants us to see the physical world not the spiritual world.

claimed by Satan." C.S. Lewis did not believe in God or in Satan and he set out to prove he was right, but God had other plans and he became one of the greatest Christian writers.

Scott Peak a best selling author and psychiatrist writes, "Satan is an evil spirit. Evil is a dangerous word. Speak it carefully, full of care. It is not to be taken lightly. Try your best to do no harm with it. Be gentle with your self as well as with others. Yet remember those famous three monkeys covering their eyes and ears and mouth; see no evil; hear no evil; speak no evil. I think the wise person who thought them up was trying to tell us they were stupid little monkeys, monkeys of denial."

Satan's threats are always empty. They are all lies. The only power Satan has is human belief in his lies.

"The spirit I witnessed at each exorcism was clearly, utterly, and totally dedicated to opposing human life and growth. It told both patients to kill themselves. When asked in one exorcism why it was the antichrist, it answered, because Christ taught people to love each other. When further questioned as to why human love was so distasteful, it replied I want people to work in business so there will be war. I want to kill you. There was absolutely nothing creative or constructive about it; it was purely destructive." (Scott Peak)

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," says the Lord."

Isaiah 54:17

Halloween

"Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the LORD your God. The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so."
[Deuteronomy 18:10-14]

Halloween is the festival of the dead. It is a holiday that is celebrating the dead and Satan. Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of the year that was often associated with the human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, where it was believed that the dead returned to earth.

C.S. Lewis wrote that one of Satan's most deceptive tactics is to convince people that he doesn't exist. Apparently he has done a good job in his deception. Sadly, many people think of the devil as no more than a symbol of evil: like Santa Claus, he is just a fictional symbol. Many people today also do not think of witches as real people who practice magic, but simply as imaginary figures who represent the supernatural world and everything that is 'spooky.' Recognizing this pagan holiday gives the false impression that what is actually lethal is innocuous.

What's wrong with Halloween? It does not have even one single redeeming virtue. It is custom born out of pagan superstition. It is a demon-inspired, devil-glorifying, occult festival. It is an evening holy unto evil, death, and divination. The Scriptures tell us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." [1Thess. 5:22] Wake up Christian! This is the night of evil and those who love the Lord Jesus Christ should have nothing to do with it. ▲

A Christian man was told of the announcement of having a Halloween party at the church. His spirit was grieved to the point he could not sleep and asked God why he should feel that way. At 3:30 in the morning, God asked him what do you think of when you think of Halloween and then of Me? It went like this:

| Halloween | God |
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| Darkness | Light |
| Witches | Angels |
| Haunted houses | Churches filled with praise |
| Grave yards | An empty tomb...He is risen! |
| Black bats | White dove of the Holy Spirit |
| Ghost - fear | Holy Spirit - comforter |
| Skeletons - death | Jesus is life |

We as Christians do not need to have anything to do with the things of Satan. I know that there are many people that see no problem with Halloween. If you want to walk a closer walk with God, you must take a stand against things of Satan. If you doubt what I am saying I ask you to do your own research on Halloween and ask God to show you what is wrong with this Holiday.

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:6-9)