

Barb: PC: Dear Father in Heaven. Thank you for the Sabbath blessing. In particularly this convocation time You have provided for us. May Your Spirit teach us what You would have us to know for this hour. In Yahshua's holy name. Amen. HalleluYAH! Amen!

Barb: B: Amen D: Amen

Zahakiel: Amen.

Peter: Amen.

Naraiel: Amen.

Adriel: Amen

Elyna: Amen

Peter_JR_1718: Amen.

gadriel: Amen, Amen

Zahakiel: Happy Sabbath to everyone. Tonight's study has the interesting title: "Satan's Greatest Victory." The Scriptures tell us we must be harmless as doves, but also wise as serpents. We must know the plans of the Enemy, not that we have any power to counter them directly, but so that we may cooperate with Heavenly forces by praying specifically, and fervently, for those plans to be overthrown.

We, as CSDAs, are the preservers of the earth. We are the ten "righteous ones" (Gen 18:22-33) for whose sake the Almighty is holding back the natural course of events... from destroying the world in its sin and rebellion. Were we carnal in spirit and mind, this might be a source of pride; and no doubt, those WITH carnal minds who hear us saying things like this will conclude that we must be prideful, because that is the way the world thinks. But as Moses, who could speak a good testimony of his own faith and humility, so the last generation of the Redeemed can acknowledge, without sin, the gifts that the Father has placed within us and the beauty of the character we possess, for it is Christ's own character that we apprehend by spirit and in truth. As He was in the earth, so are we.

So then, as the world's preservers, as the Beloved Ones for whom the Father has maintained all things, (and all are invited to join this number, it is not because of our merits that we are called this) we have a responsibility to pray, specifically, for the overthrow of Satan's power on the earth. Only in this way can souls be wrested away from his merciless grip, so that they may begin the work of preparing for Heavenly service.

But what is his greatest victory?

If we knew this, it would direct our prayers, and it would – I surely declare – give us greater success in our efforts to further our Father's Kingdom.

We are considering evangelism. In the Feast to come, I pray our members will take up the call and practice their ability to share the Gospel in its various aspects with the Brethren, and also to guide us in discussions about both evangelism and cleansing the camp of any residual "leaven." That is, after all, the purpose of this Feast.

But even the best-laid plans, even the perfect plans, will come to nothing, if they are not accompanied by fervent, effectual prayer; and again, we must know what best to pray for to bring about the results that we desire.

Interestingly enough, the Enemy's greatest victory was actually his very first on the earth. Having failed in his direct rebellion before the Throne, Satan's exile to earth provided him with a new opportunity to indulge his corruption, and here he found far greater success. We read, then, of the very first temptation – and the very first sin:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made. And he said unto the woman, 'Yea, hath Elohim said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" "And the woman said unto the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim hath said, 'Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.'" "And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'" (Gen 3:1-5)

Some have thought that Satan's temptation was "aimed," as it were, at Eve, and he sort of caught Adam by surprise. If, however, you look carefully at the wording, you will see that Adam was Satan's target from the beginning. It was his submission to the temptation that truly condemned mankind to its sinful state, and we see it in the words of the Serpent, "Ye shall not surely die."

One of the things I like about older forms of English is that distinctions can be made between a singular and plural audience. While Adam was not present with Eve when she heard these words, Satan was including him in his temptation. He did not tell Eve, "Go ahead and eat the fruit, because it will not harm you (Eve)." Rather, he was saying, "Ye (mankind, plural) will benefit from turning away from God's instructions, and disbelieving His declarations."

Now, the world believes that these events are mythological, symbolic, and that they never took place. Ironically, in accepting this, they are doing precisely what Eve had done. They are submitting to Satan's greatest victory of all – believing that the Word of Yahweh is not absolutely trustworthy. In this sense, Satan has had an unbroken series of victories over mankind, beginning with Adam and Eve, our first parents, and continuing until the very last human being ever is born.

What a contrast, what a dark reflection, of Yahshua and His people, who, separating themselves from the legacy of Adam, have an unbroken series of victories over sin and death through the Gospel.

What are the effects of this great victory, of Satan inspiring mankind to mistrust the Word of Yah? One of the most "visible" results that we see to this day is the idea that Yahweh's Word – and for now I use that term to indicate the Bible – is vague, ambiguous in some areas, and therefore there are multiple "valid" interpretations of its teachings.

Now, I do not believe that one person is given any special skill over another to know the "right" reading in every case, but if Christianity understood the concepts of unity and the covenant, then disagreements would lead to discussions, and ultimately resolutions. Instead, because such issues

as Church membership, and being "one people" have been seen as less than absolutely vital for sanctification, disagreements have led to fragmentation, and the rise of denominationalism.

As I have come to understand things, every denomination has come about because someone, somewhere, at some time, mistrusted the Word of Yahweh. Yes, it is possible to have valid disagreements over the particular application of principles at times – but this only leads to the breaking of fellowship if Yah's power to give us new light, and to clarify old, is disbelieved.

For example... The Bible teaches us, in both the Old and New Testaments, that the Sabbath day is holy unto Yahweh. It is not a day for us to choose, or to ignore, or to redefine – we are invited to participate in this divine ordinance, not to have power over it. Mankind was given dominion over the earth, but the Ten Commandments, including the Fourth, originated at the Throne of Heaven, and it was never placed under our control. It was, however, shared with us for our blessing. The Sabbath, Yahshua tells us, was made for man. (Mark 2:27)

The Bible teaches us, in both Old and New Testaments, that by faith in Yahweh's sacrifice on our behalf, we overcome all sin. Most of our quotes "proving" this do come from the New Testament, after Christ's perfect example was set before us, but the Old Testament speaks of overcoming sin just as clearly. We read, for example: And Moses said unto the people, 'Fear not; for Elohim is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.'" (Exo 20:20)

"Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still." (Psalm 4:4)

"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, 'If a soul shall sin through ignorance... he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before Yahweh..." (Lev 4:2, 4)

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil." (Isa 1:16)

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." (Psa. 51:7)

This idea, which began with the Roman Catholic Church, that the fate of humanity is to be stuck in a cycle of sinning and repenting, to always be guilty before the Judgment seat of moral weakness, to always be the victims of the mind set on the flesh, to always feel the burden of coming short of our Father's expectations...what a miserable, wicked lie. That is the mythology of the Bible, that thing that does not exist... that we have a God who is not capable of raising up a people who can, like His Son, overcome the world.

But the God whom we worship, the God of the Creation Seventh Day Adventist, this is the God of the Bible, who is not always propping us up only to have us fall again. But when the Son of Man, in the power of His Father, raises a soul back to life, that soul is alive indeed... never more to die.

This is true in the physical world, and how much more is it not true in the spiritual one? Whosoever is born of Yahweh does not commit sin.

But Satan's greatest victory is to have mankind doubt the Word of Yahweh. We have seen it with the Sabbath, we have seen it with this Gospel of Victory over Sin. We see it among modern Adventists with regard to both the Scriptures and their own, early writings that the Father inspired.

The Bible, Old and New Testament, tell us not to rely on the world and its power to support or establish Yahweh's Kingdom. We read:

"But [the King of Israel] shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses; forasmuch as Yahweh hath said unto you, 'Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.'" (Deu 17:16)

"With [the King of Assyria] is an arm of flesh; but with us is Yahweh our Almighty One to help us, and to fight our battles..." (2Chron 32:8)

"...Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Yahweh of Hosts." (Zech. 4:6)

Peter: Amen.

Zahakiel: "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?" (1 Cor. 6:1)

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity. He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." (Rev 13:10)

I could give example after example of this... the Word of Yahweh, beyond controversy, beyond any legitimate misunderstanding, teaches us a doctrine. Those who disbelieve it because their desires are evil disregard and minimize these doctrines. Because of this, we have many false "brides" of Christ.

What should have happened, is that the teachings of the Apostles should have been held as sacred, and where misunderstandings arose, there should have been discussions and counsels – just as there were in Acts Chapter 15 to deal with the issue of circumcision. Had this taken place, then every person converted to Christianity would have heard the Gospel, undiluted, powerful, mighty to save. Everyone would have learned of the New Birth by which we are made new Creations. Everyone would have learned of the validity of the Ten Commandments, including the blessing of the Seventh Day. Everyone would have learned of the coming judgment, and would be preparing diligently for the Advent of the Son of Man. Everyone, therefore, that purposed to follow the Way of the Savior would have been led to the faith of the Three Angels, that today is called the Creation Seventh Day Adventist religion.

As I began by saying, we are the Beloved Ones; and this is an effect for which there is a clear cause. We are the preservers of the Word of God. We are those who believe, completely and

entirely, in the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. We stake our lives, our freedom, and our eternal destiny, on the trustworthiness of the promises we find in the Bible, and for this we have no regrets. We know Him in whom we have believed, (2Tim 1:12) and not only does this guide our testimonies and our actions, it ought, my brethren, to guide our prayers as well. As I alluded to earlier, "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Let us plan, yes, for evangelical activities. Let us pray, yes, that our enemies will be confounded, those who wish to silence the voice crying in the wilderness of this modern age. These are good and necessary prayers. But if we wish to see the success that has been prophesied of us, that the work we now do should close with no less glory than that with which it began in the days of the Apostles... we ought to pray for two specific things.

First, we must pray that the Enemy's plans for those in Yah's covenant should come to nothing. Let us pray that our eyes will be open to specific ways in which our actions and prayers may disarm Satan's agencies from slowing the Gospel work.

Peter: Amen.

Zahakiel: This may reveal things in us that need to be put away, and indeed our last two studies addresses one potential area that needs to be cleansed: the idea that we must be "taught" to be evangelists, and must wait to be instructed in how to share the Gospel with others. Nothing should delay the work that we may do in the lives of others, and our prayers must facilitate this individual ministry among the people of Yahweh.

Second, we must pray for those who are outside the Covenant of Yahweh. Now, we need to make sure our prayers in this area are "effectual," because we have seen before that praying for short-term blessings for those who are not born again are – at best – ineffectual. We would not necessarily pray for someone to recover from an illness if the cause of that illness is being willfully indulged, for example. And yet, we should certainly pray that Satan's influence over that person be broken. If that "greatest victory," of mistrust for Yah's promises, can be exposed, then the individual has a chance to trust Yah indeed, and perhaps to hear the words of life brought by His messengers.

If we pray these things, diligently, without wavering in faith, and thanking our Father that He has heard us and will do them, and declaring, with our testimonies and actions that they are done, that "It is finished," what wonders we shall see. Opportunities will appear before us to speak to a people who are willing to extend trust to the Word of Yahweh. Distractions and obstacles will fall away before the demand of faith. Discouragement and weariness will be banished as into the depths of the sea, and the Kingdom of Yahweh will grow.

To conclude, I will say this: Satan's greatest victory was to inspire in mankind, from the very beginning, a lack of trust in the most Trustworthy One who can neither lie nor fail. Our faith is an exception to the rule of his earthly kingdom. Our belief that our Father is exactly who He says He is, and that His testimony – by His Spirit, by His Son, by His written Word – is worth our unflinching dedication, is a light in the darkness of this age.

We are told that Satan's victories will be taken away from him, and he will be cast into everlasting destruction. But, just as with our last two studies, let us learn that we are not to "wait" for these things to take place. We are to go out and accomplish them. By our prayers, specific and effectual,

Peter: Amen.

Zahakiel: we begin to strip away the power of the fallen angel; we begin to deprive him of this victory.

First, we overcome his power entirely in our lives, being more than conquerors over sin and self. And then, having done this, we overcome his power in the lives of others by our example, our testimony, and our love for all mankind. This is the victory that overcomes the world, the victory that overcomes Satan's greatest triumph by which he stole that world from Adam...

Adriel: Amen

Zahakiel: even our faith.

Peter: Amen.

Zahakiel: Are there any questions or comments about tonight's study?

Peter: C.

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Peter: I must say thank you Yahshua for being alive to hear this message this evening. I have experienced messages that you have shared with us before but this one in particular has a very special punch that I have not felt before. You see Yah works in ways that is beyond our comprehension. It was just yesterday I met a lady in the store that is a former member of the SDA church and I was sharing with her about the trade mark and she was surprised at how far they have gone in placing individuals in prison. We both came to the conclusion if they were willing to dialogue with their former members and place the word of Yah in the light that it ought to be then we would not have this problem today in that they (The GC) have turned to the arms of flesh for their protection. And you also point out that in your statementthat had there being open communication things would be different. I have seen over that past weeks where Yah is placing people on our path was to share the message with as a family. I am asking for prayer or the family that Yah will put a bulwark around as well as the reset of the church family that we will stand our ground by the power and might of Yah in the finishing of his work. End.

Zahakiel: You certainly seem to have a gift for starting up conversations with ex SDAs, Peter 😊 I pray that you certainly have success in those, and in all else related to the work of the Gospel. Any others with thoughts to share? All right, if not then I'll ask Bro. Luke to close the study with a prayer.

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Lucan: Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the reliability and power of your Word. We know that the world and those in it were created by you, and are maintained by you, but that your Words are eternal. We trust you implicitly, as we see your perfect power and love demonstrated in our lives. We ask that your Spirit be with us and guide our prayers, meditations, and ministries for those still standing outside in the cold. That they might accept the invitation to enter your Church, and be warmed. In Yahshua's name we pray, amen.

Elyna: Amen.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Ruthline: Amen.

Barb: Amen D: Amen

Peter: Amen.

Adriel: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Peter_JR_1718: Amen.

PastorChick: Amen.

victoria: Amen

gadriel: Amen, Amen