

11. God's Word Helps Us Overcome Satan

We want to consider an important weapon that God has given us, by which we can overcome our spiritual enemy - Satan, and that weapon is His 'Word'.

God's Word is like a seed that brings us to being born again (1 Pet. 1:23). From 1 Peter 2:2 we learn that God's word is like milk that helps us to grow. We also see in Ephesians 6 that God's Word is like a sword - the sword of the spirit with which we can fight against Satan; " ... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God " (Eph. 6:17). It is a wonderful weapon that God has given us to resist the attacks of Satan.

Many believers are discouraged - do you know why? Because they don't know how to use this sword when Satan comes attacking them with discouragement. Many believers live under condemnation and feelings of guilt. Who gives it to them? Not God! Are you living with feelings of guilt and condemnation? Are you feeling uncertain whether God has accepted you - whether God loves you, whether God has forgiven your sins, whether God still remembers your past against you? These are some of the ways in which Satan harasses the believers. And believers are weighed down, around the world, with guilt which they should not be bearing.

How can they overcome Satan? How can you overcome Satan? Whatever feelings that come to draw you away from God - discouragement, condemnation, guilt feelings - every one of these can be overcome if you can take the Word of God

11. 神的話語說明我們勝過撒但

我們下面要來思考一下,神給我們重要的武器,使我們可以勝過屬靈的敵人——撒但,這個武器,就是祂的「道」(話語)。

神的話語如同一粒種子,使我們重生(彼得前書 1 章 23 節)。我們在彼得前書 2 章 2 節看到,神的話語像奶水一樣使我們成長。而在以弗所書第 6 章,我們又看到,神的話語如同利劍——使我們可以勝過撒但的利劍。“..... 拿著聖靈的寶劍,就是神的道/話語。 ”(以弗所書 6 章 17 節)這是神給我們的對付撒但攻擊的絕妙的武器。

有很多基督徒經常有挫敗感,你知道這是為什麼嗎?因為他們不知道當撒但用挫敗感攻擊他們的時候,該如何利用這把利劍。很多基督徒生活在自我譴責和負罪感之中。這些感覺是誰給他們的?絕不是神給的!你是否活在負罪感和自我譴責之中?你是否感覺不確定神是否接受了你?神是否愛你,是否寬恕了你的罪,祂是否還用你以往的過犯來打擊你?這些都是撒但用來騷擾基督徒的方法。爾後很多基督徒變得沮喪,承受著他們根本不需要承受的。

他們該如何勝過撒但?你該如何勝過撒但?無論是哪種情緒,只要它在試圖使你遠離神——洩氣、譴責、負疚感——任何一樣,你都可以用神的話語來戰勝。比如說,你不確定耶穌基督是否接受了你,或者假如魔鬼對你說「就憑你?耶穌會接受你?耶穌那麼聖潔,怎麼可

as a weapon. For example, supposing you are not sure that Jesus Christ has accepted you; supposing the devil comes to you and says, 'Oh yes, you think Jesus has accepted you? Jesus is far too holy to accept a sinner like you'. What are you going to do when he tells you that? Are you going to argue with him? Let me tell you, you will be defeated.

You can never argue with Satan. He is far too clever for you. You know when Satan tempted Jesus Christ, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God turn these stones into bread" (Mt. 4:3). He questioned Jesus - are you really the son of God? If he could put such a question to Jesus Christ Himself, do you think Satan will not try those questions with you? Of course he will. He will make you doubt whether you are a child of God. How can we overcome it? We need the Word of God. Here is a Word which you could use - Jesus said, "The one who comes to me, I will certainly not cast out" (Jn. 6:37).

When I was a young boy I had asked Jesus to come into my life for many years - not days, not months, but years. I lived in doubt, whether Christ had really accepted me. For all of those years in which I lived in doubt I did not make any spiritual progress in my life, and it is probably like that with you as well. But a day came in my life, over 38 years ago, when I believed this Word and I could say to Satan, 'Jesus has accepted me just as I am, because He has said, "The one who comes to Me I will never cast out."' And I said to the Lord, 'Lord Jesus, I have come to you. From today onwards I believe that you have not cast me out.' It was like dropping an anchor. I have never drifted from that position for 38 years.

I want you take that Word and believe from today, if you have come to Jesus. It doesn't matter if you are the greatest sinner in the world. If you have come to

能接受像你這麼樣一個罪人？」這時候你怎麼辦？你打算和魔鬼爭辯嗎？那樣的話，你可就輸定了。

你永遠也沒法和撒但爭辯。他比你聰明太多了。你知道，當撒但誘惑耶穌基督的時候說：「如果你是神的兒子，吩咐這些石頭變成食物」（馬太福音 4 章 3 節）。他在試圖質疑耶穌——你真的是神的兒子？如果他都曾試圖把這個疑問放進耶穌的頭腦裡，那你覺得他會不會試圖讓你產生這個疑問？他一定會的。他會讓你懷疑自己到底是不是神的孩子。那我們該如何戰勝這個懷疑？我們需要神的話語。下面這一句經文就是你可以用的：耶穌說過「到我這裡來的人，我總不丟棄他。」（約翰福音 6 章 37 節）

當我還是個小夥子的時候，曾經很多年在求告耶穌來到我的生命裡——不是幾天、幾個月，而是好幾年。我一直活在疑問裡，基督是否真的接受了我。在我困惑的那些年，我屬靈的生命沒有任何長進，我猜你們其中的很多人可能也是如此。然而 38 年前，有一天我相信了這句話，並且可以對撒但說：「耶穌接受了這樣的我，因為祂說『到我這裡來的人，我一定不會丟棄他』」。爾後我對主說，「主耶穌，我已經來到了你這裡，從今天起，我相信，你一定不會丟棄我。」這就如同拋下了錨一樣穩住了。我此後這 38 年再也沒有漂走。

如果你也已經來到了耶穌面前，我希望今天起，你也能緊握著並相信這句話。即使你是世上的頭號罪人，如果你來到祂面前，對祂說：「我確定你一定不會丟棄

Him, He says, "I will certainly not cast you out." There is a certainty about it. You don't have to believe the devil's lies anymore. Tell the devil, 'Jesus says He has certainly accepted me.'

Now who are you going to believe from today onwards - Jesus or the devil? That's your choice. If you want to continue to believe the devil, then nobody can help you. But if you will believe the Word of God - take up that sword and the devil will flee from you. And you will never have a doubt again for the rest of your life that Christ has accepted you.

Now some of you may have another problem. You may feel that there are certain sins that you have committed in your past life which were very, very bad - even serious. May be some of you have committed adultery or murder, or it could be any horrible thing. You may feel, well some of the less serious sins God has forgiven you, but some of those horrible, wicked things, which nobody knows but you, does God always remember them when He thinks of you? Is it like that?

You know how it is. Supposing somebody has killed your son, and you are gracious enough to forgive him. Yet every time you see him you will remember that this is the man who killed my son, even if you have forgiven him. Does God look at us like that? That every time He sees us He thinks of us as the one who did all those wicked things twenty years ago, or ten years ago, or last week. What does the Bible say? The answer again is to know the Word of God. Satan will come to you with all these torturing thoughts. **His aim is to keep you far away from God.** You cannot overcome him with arguments or psychology, or any such thing. You have got to quote the Word of God.

我。」這是確定的。你不需要再去相信魔鬼的謊言了。去告訴魔鬼：「耶穌說祂一定接受我。」

從今天起,你會選擇相信誰?耶穌還是魔鬼?這是你擁有的選擇權。如果你願意繼續去相信魔鬼,那沒人能幫你。但如果你去相信神的話語——拿起那把利劍讓魔鬼從你身邊落荒而逃吧。你的餘生再也不用懷疑基督是否接受了你。

你們有些人可能還有另外一個問題。可能你以往的有些罪,非常、非常惡劣,甚至是異常嚴重的。可能是姦淫,甚至謀殺,或別的可怕的罪行。你可能覺得,神會寬恕你一些比較輕的罪,但這些非常可怕,邪惡的事情,除你之外沒人知道,神會不會在每次想到你的時候,總是記起這些呢?你會這麼想吧?

你知道那是什麼感覺。假設有人殺了你的兒子,你寬大地饒恕了他。然而每次在你記起他的時候,總是想著是這個人殺死了自己的兒子,即便你已經原諒了他。神看我們的時候是這樣的嗎?每次祂看我們都是想,這個人上星期,十年、二十年前,做了那些邪惡事情。《聖經》是怎麼說的?答案仍然是「看神是怎麼說的」。撒但來到你面前,給你這些非常惱人的想法。**他的目的就是要你遠離神。** 爭論和心理學這類的,是沒法勝過撒但的。你必須要用神的話語。

You know when Jesus was tempted by Satan, what did He say? He only said, 'It is written, God's Word says this.' The second time Satan came to Him with another temptation and Jesus said, 'God's Word says this.' Satan then came to Him quoting a Word of God, but Jesus' answer was, 'But it also says in God's Word, this.' Every single time, in those three temptations in the wilderness, Jesus overcame Satan only by quoting Scripture - no discussion, no argument, nothing. Eve was the one who discussed and argued with Satan and you know what happened to her - she fell.

Jesus never did that. He just quoted the Word of God, and that is what you need to do too. Here is a promise - God says, "I will be merciful to their iniquities and I will remember their sins no more" (Heb. 8:12). Not only 'I will forgive your sins' - that in itself is wonderful - 'but I will not remember your sins anymore against you.' That means, when God looks at me, He does not hold against me any of the sins I have committed in the past; not the ones I committed 40 years ago and not the ones I committed yesterday. If I have confessed my sins, the Bible says that "God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins; the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins."

These are powerful weapons. These Words of God are like swords. We can say the Bible is like an armoury with many swords and you need to take out the appropriate one when the devil comes to you with one or other type of attack. When he reminds you that you have sinned so much in the past, you can say, 'well the blood of Jesus has cleansed me from all sins'. Satan is a great accuser. He seeks to accuse, torment, and harass believers, preventing them from being happy. So many believers go around with long faces. That is not God's will for

你知道當撒但誘惑耶穌的時候,耶穌怎麼回答的嗎?祂就只是說:「經上記著說/神是這麼說的.....」第二次撒但又來到耶穌身邊試探祂說:「經上記著說/神說.....」撒但開始引用神的話。而耶穌的回答是:「然而,神還說了.....」在曠野裡的這三次試探,每一次耶穌勝過撒但都是通過引用經文——沒有討論,沒有爭辯,都沒有。夏娃曾是那個和撒但又討論又爭辯的,你們都知道發生了什麼,就是夏娃被擊垮墮落了。

耶穌從來都不那樣做。祂就只是引用神的話,這也是你所唯一需要做的。對於這,有一個許諾——神說:「我要寬恕他們的不義,不再紀念他們的罪愆。」(希伯來書 8 章 12 節)不止是「我要寬恕你們的罪」——這本身已經非常好了——「我還不再紀念你們的罪愆」。這也就是說,當神看我們的時候,祂不再由於我們以往的過犯而責怪我們,不為 40 年前的,也不為昨天的。如果我懺悔了我的罪,《聖經》說「神是信實的,是公義的,必要赦免我們的罪,耶穌的寶血洗淨了我們一切的不義。」

這些都是強有力的武器。神的這些話就如同寶劍。可以說《聖經》如同一個兵器庫,在魔鬼用不同方式來攻擊你的時候,你需要用適當的武器。當他提醒你以往犯過了多少罪的時候,你可以告訴他:「耶穌的血已經洗淨了我所有一切的罪。」撒但是個厲害的控告者。他尋找各種機會來指責,折磨和騷擾信徒,防止他們得到喜悅。有好多好多的信徒,走到哪都拉長著一張臉。那不是神對你的願望,我的朋友。你覺得神會願意你走哪都拉長著一張臉嗎?這樣的你怎麼可能把任何人引向基督?那麼你該如何得到喜悅呢?不要指望你能通過心理學去努力建立喜悅。你必須知道你的罪

you, my friend. Do you think God wants you to go around in this world with a long face? How can you ever draw anyone to Christ if you go around with a long face? How can you be happy? You can't psychologically work up happiness, can you? You must know that your sins are forgiven; you have been accepted by Christ. Not only that, but God will not remember your sins anymore.

Now I want to lead you one step further. It is not only that God forgives our sin; it is not only that He doesn't remember our sins anymore, but He does something more. There is a word called 'justified' used in Romans - that God has justified us. It says, "Having been justified by faith" (Rom. 5:1). Do you know what justified means? It means 'declared righteous'. That means God has declared you to be a righteous person. Now let's use an illustration: supposing I have been accused of a crime, and I have been taken to court. The judge says, 'okay, you are forgiven.' I am happy, because I come out of the court forgiven, but I still hang my head in shame, because I am accused of a terrible crime. But on the other hand, if the judge says, 'Well, after considering all the evidence I don't believe you are guilty at all. There is no need to be forgiven, you are righteous. You can go home.' Righteous! Then I come out of the court, not just as a forgiven criminal, but as one with my head lifted up. This is the meaning of justification. It is more than forgiveness and many Christians haven't understood it.

God not only forgives, He justifies. He declares me righteous. In other words, He clothes me with the righteousness of Christ. He puts the goodness of Christ over me as my dress. Can you think of it - the goodness of Christ clothing you? How do you look when you are clothed with the goodness of Christ? I will tell you: Perfect. Do you believe it? Oh that is

已經被寬恕了。 基督已經接納了你。 不止是這樣,神根本不去記你以往的過犯。

現在我想要帶你更進一步。 神不止寬恕了我們的罪;不止是祂不再記著我們的罪,祂還另外做了一些事。 在羅馬書裡有一個詞叫做「稱義」——神稱我們為義。 上面說我們「因信稱義」(羅馬書 5 章 1 節)。 你明白「稱義」是什麼意思嗎?那意思是「被宣佈是公義的」。 是說神宣佈你是一個義人了。 下面讓我們來打個比方:假設我曾在法庭上被宣佈有罪。 法官說:「好了,你被原諒了。」我會很高興,因為我獲得了寬恕離開了法庭,但是我仍然會因為羞恥感耷拉著腦袋,因為我曾經犯了非常可怕的罪行。 可是如果法官說:「好了,在看過一切證據之後,我相信你是完全無罪的。 不需要寬恕,因為你的正直公義的。 你可以回家了。」正直公義!那時我離開法庭,不是一個被饒恕的犯人,而是可以抬頭挺胸了。 這就是「稱義」的意思。 是超過寬恕的,只是很多基督徒還不明白。

然而,神不止寬恕了我們,還稱我們為義。 祂稱我為義。 換句話說,祂用基督的義來包裹了我。 祂把基督的良善給我做外衣。 你能想像嗎?基督的良善穿戴給你。 當你穿著基督的極善,你看起來是什麼樣子的?我可以告訴你:你看起來是完美的。 你相信嗎?對了,問題就出在這,你不相信!那樣就永遠沒法為你實現。 經上說的是,因信稱義。 你相信神用基督的良善把你完

where the problem lies, you don't believe it! Then it will never be true for you. It says justified by faith. Do you believe God puts the goodness of Christ over you? Thank Him for it and resist Satan with this weapon of the Word of God. Say, 'I have been accepted by Christ.' Say it right now, 'I have been accepted, I have been forgiven. God does not remember my past against me anymore. I have been justified. I am a righteous person clothed with the goodness of Christ over my life. I am just as precious to God as Jesus Himself is.

These are the weapons by which Satan will flee from us.

全的覆蓋了嗎?感謝祂為我們做的這一切,並讓我們可以用祂的話語做武器來對抗撒但。請說:「我接受了基督。」現在就來說:「我已經接受了基督,我已經被寬恕。神不再記著我以往的過犯。我已經被稱為義了。我的生命披戴著基督的良善。對神而言,我和耶穌一樣珍貴。」

這,就是可以讓撒但落荒而逃的武器。