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Catching the Invisible Thief

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Eph. 6:12

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

[Jesus speaking] “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

You know, the one thing I, Rebecca, really cannot stand is a thief! Someone who is willing to steal what someone else has worked so hard to get is absolutely despicable in my eyes. Thieves always sneak around and steal under the cover of darkness, or in such a way that no one else can see them stealing. It is very difficult to catch a thief. All of the large stores throughout America have full staffs of people hired to continually walk around in their stores in everyday clothes for one purpose — to catch the thieves. Theft is a problem everywhere throughout the whole world. *However, we as Christians have an even more difficult problem. The big thief operating in our lives is invisible! It's hard enough to catch a regular thief, but to catch an invisible one is almost impossible!*

Jesus told us that there is a thief who is looking to steal from us, and to even destroy and kill us if he can. Who is this thief? SATAN. The scriptures quoted above make it plain that the thief in our lives is invisible. Our war is not against anything that we can see, because Satan and his demons do not dwell in the physical realm, they are spirits, and as such are invisible to us. They can see us, but we cannot see them. Doesn't sound like a very fair battle does it? However, Jesus Christ made a way for us so that we can



effectively deal with this invisible thief if we will simply obey His word. I know this may sound like old material to some of you, but the Lord has sharply reminded me that there is a need to go back and review the basics regularly. We human beings forget so quickly, especially when we cannot see something! A good soldier continually goes back and practices with his gun and other weapons. He constantly hones his skill to remain in top condition. He doesn't just learn how to shoot his gun and then never uses it again until he is up against an enemy. If that were the case, he would quickly be killed in combat. Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happening to Christians. They're being defeated, stolen from, and killed or terribly wounded in combat because they do not continually train with their weapons.

Because our thief is invisible, we may think about him and be alert to his workings for a few weeks or months, but quickly we forget. Oh how forgetful we are! We are so busy with everything here in this physical realm; we don't take the time and energy to keep sharp in the spiritual realm. *As soon as we have forgotten to be alert to the working of the thief, he jumps right in there and steals from us. So many times we don't even recognize that he is stealing from us, therefore, we don't*

catch him or deal with him.

“Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

[Jesus speaking] **“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19**

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:16-17

Jesus has given us authority over the spiritual realm! We have authority over the thief in His name. We Christians are joint heirs with Christ, but so much of the time we go around acting like whipped puppies as the thief tramples all over us! It is time for us to stand up and take authority over the thief. God has given us authority over Satan and his kingdom through the name of Jesus Christ. *The trouble is, so many Christians live their lives completely unaware of the workings of the spiritual realm in their lives. They are ignorant as to how their enemy works, or even that he can do anything in their lives at all!*

O.K., so Jesus told us that there is a thief

who steals from us, and that that thief is Satan. What can we do with this thief?

“People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.” Proverbs 6:30

Once again, who is the thief? SATAN. Does Satan need to eat? Certainly not! He is not physical; so he is never hungry in the physical sense.

“Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; he may have to give up all the substance of his house.” Proverbs 6:31

When Satan’s kingdom steals from us, we have the legal right to take authority over the demons in the name of Jesus, and command them to return what they have stolen from us, even sevenfold! The problem comes in the recognizing exactly when the thief is stealing from us. Most of the time God’s people do not recognize

when the thief is at work in their lives. Something is stolen from them, and they go crying to the Lord, asking Him to return it to them. However, with authority comes responsibility. We have the authority in Jesus’ name, so it is OUR responsibility to deal with the thief. This is our job, not the Lord’s! God never steals from anybody, but He often gets the blame.

Our time here on earth is to be used by us not only to spread the Gospel, but it is also a time for us to learn how to reign with Christ as His joint heirs. It is our responsibility to rule over Satan’s kingdom in our lives here on earth! It is our responsibility to command the thief to return to us what he has stolen from us. The Lord did not steal from us: Satan did. God’s people

spend their time crying to God, asking Him to return to them what has been stolen, when it is their own responsibility to take authority over the thief in the name of Jesus and force him to return what he stole — in some cases, even sevenfold! How do we do this? We must speak out loud, because that’s how we interact with the spirit realm — through the spoken word.

Let’s look at this principle in more depth. To do so, we need to start at the beginning, back in Genesis at the time of Creation.

- 26 **“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**
- 27 **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**
- 28 **Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” Genesis 1:26-28**

As we know, Adam and Eve sinned and thus gave dominion over them to Satan. But God did not give up on mankind. Instead, even as He spoke judgment on Adam and Eve, He also gave the promise of a Messiah who would one day come and reestablish the dominion of men over Satan. (Genesis 3:14-16) God later raised up a chosen people through whom He sent

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the Messiah, Jesus Christ. These people, the descendants of Abraham, were given promises; by God that if they obeyed Him, they would be given dominion over Satan and the land. Ultimately, God led them into the promised land of Canaan and gave them possession of it.

David summed up man's God-given authority as follows:

- 4 **“What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?**
- 5 **For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.**
- 6 **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.” Psalms 8:4-6)**

Satan and all the demons were created by God. They are part of the “works of His hands.” Therefore we are to have dominion over them.

In the fullness of time, Jesus Christ came to earth. Jesus is referred to as the second or last Adam in 1 Corinthians 15:45-49. This is because He came as the second sinless man to walk the earth. Remember, Adam was without sin prior to the fall. He walked the earth for a period of time without sin, and then he fell. Jesus never fell! He was completely sinless. He went to the cross to pay the price for our sin and to win the final victory over Satan for us. After His death and resurrection, Jesus told His disciples:

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” Matthew 28:18

Hallelujah! What man could never do, God did for us. Jesus Christ regained what was lost in the Garden of Eden. In turn, He then gave us the authority in His name. Look at what Jesus said in the following verses:

- 19 **Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**
- 20 **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” Luke 10:19-20**

“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons . . .” Mark 16:17

Clearly, Satan and the demons are subject to us through the name of Jesus Christ. However, this is not all. God has given us so much more. Literally, we are joint-heirs with Jesus! We are to be rulers.

- 7 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**
- 8 **And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:16-1**

How are we glorified together with Christ? This is a wonder and a mystery, the plan God has had from the beginning. Paul explains it to us further:

- 8 **“To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,**
- 9 **And to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;**

10 **to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 3:8-10**

Please note that the wisdom of God and His eternal plan is to be made known to Satan's kingdom through us, the church. What is this plan exactly? It is that we, the servants of Jesus Christ, should become not only servants, but also joint-heirs with Christ. We are royalty!

- 9 **But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9**

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11 **This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.**

12 **If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. 2 Timothy 2:11-12**

5 “ . . . To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 **And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 1:5-6**

“And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19:16

Who are the kings and lords? WE ARE! In Christ Jesus, we have been made kings in God’s kingdom. God has chosen to impart to us the victory Jesus won on the cross.

What does a king do? He reigns. Scripture is clear that the purpose of God-ordained government is to control evil. That is the purpose of a king. Look at the following scripture:

“For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.” Romans 13:1-3

A king is a very poor king who cannot control the thief in his land! This is why Jesus told his disciples and us that He was giving us all power over the enemy through His name. We are part of Christ, His body. Jesus Christ is the head, and we make up the rest of His body. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) As the head, Jesus gives His body the authority in His name to rule over Satan and his kingdom. Thus, it is our responsibility to take up that authority and deal with the thief. We are in training here on earth to be kings and rulers. If we don’t rule over the thief, then we are not kings.

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An Example of Dealing With The Thief

The biggest problem with this invisible thief is recognizing exactly when he is stealing from us. That’s why in that scripture in proverbs it says, “when the thief is found out . . .” It is our job to be in tune with the Lord

by praying daily, asking the Holy Spirit to alert us to any activity of the thief in our life. Only the Holy Spirit can show us when the thief is stealing from us. Many times, if we are walking closely with the Lord, we will be shown that he is stealing during the very act. Sometimes we will find it out afterwards. Let me give you a simple example from our own lives.

Those of you who have read our books know that my husband, Daniel, came to the Lord through the martyrdom of his first wife, Kai. To this day, he only has two things in his possession that belonged to Kai. One is her Bible, and the other is a watch she gave to him for his birthday. Needless to say, both things are very precious to him.

One day, we had some company visiting us, and we dressed up and went out for dinner. Daniel wore his good watch which was the one Kai had given to him. When we returned home, as we turned into our driveway, to our distress, we saw that some local youth had cut open our barbed wire fence to ride their four-wheelers through our pasture. All of our cattle had escaped through the large hole in the fence. Unfortunately we had a number of newborn calves, and we knew we had to quickly reunite them with their mothers or they

would die. They were scattered all over the surrounding mountains in the thick forests. Darkness fell as we spread out to look for our cattle and round them up and bring them back into the pasture. It took us all night to accomplish this task. We were totally exhausted by the time they were all back in the pasture and we had fixed the fence. The dawn was just breaking as we walked back to our home.

When we reached home, to his horror, Daniel discovered that somewhere on the side of the mountains, in the thick undergrowth of the forest, his watch had come unfastened and had fallen off his wrist. No doubt it

had caught on one of the countless black berry vines. He was so deeply grieved by the loss of that watch! But I got mad! Instantly the Lord showed me that Satan had stolen his watch. It was the demons of Satan's kingdom who had influenced those boys to cut our fence. They had been causing all sorts of trouble on the ranches around us in the weeks before they decided to give us trouble. The loss of Daniel's watch wasn't just an accident! The thief had stolen it! Immediately, I went outside so that I could be alone, and started shouting at the thief.

"Satan, in the name of Jesus I take authority over you and all your nasty demons!!! In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to send your demons into that forest and find Daniel's watch. You are the one who has been motivating those boys to all sorts of vandalism! YOU WILL RETURN DANIEL'S WATCH TODAY!!! In the name of Jesus I am commanding you to do this!"

During the next three days, every spare moment I had, I yelled at Satan and his demons, commanding them to return Daniel's watch. I remember, on the second day Daniel came outside and asked me what in the world I was doing. When I told him, he said, "Oh Rebecca, that's impossible, the watch is gone and there is nothing we can do about it." But I wouldn't give up. I was determined that the thief would bow to the authority I had in the name of Jesus!

Now when we returned to the house that first day, Daniel took off his boots and left them sitting in the living room beside his chair. Later in the day I picked them up and put them away in his closet. I KNOW there wasn't anything on those boots. In fact, our visitor moved them out of the way once herself before I moved them and she knows without a doubt that there was nothing on those boots.

At the end of the third day, Daniel went to put on those boots, and there, sitting on the toe of one of the boots was his watch! Praise God!!! The thief had to obey the authority I had in the name of Jesus. I don't know where those demons finally found the watch, but find it they did, and returned it into our home!

Obviously, in this case I had no need to command them to return the watch sevenfold, we only needed the one

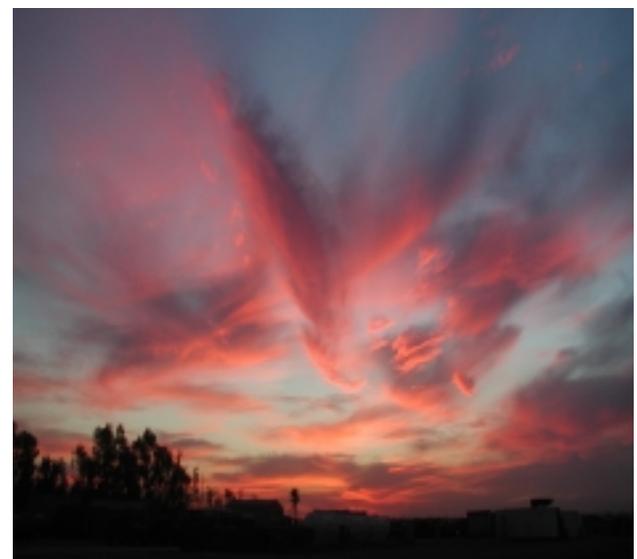
watch returned. But when Satan steals from you, you can, at times, as the Lord gives you guidance, command him to return to you sevenfold what he has stolen from you.

How do you know it is Satan stealing from you? Only when the Lord shows you that he has. Remember, this thief is invisible so that we cannot see him, only the Lord can see him. We are completely dependant on the Holy Spirit to tell us. But if we are not alert to the possibility of the thief working in our lives, we will miss the Lord's guidance when he is stealing from us. This is why it is so very important that we develop and maintain a relationship with the Lord so that He can speak to us when necessary.

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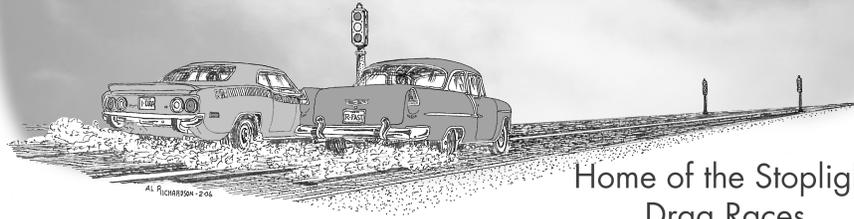
BUT, there are times when we do wrong. *When we do wrong, then we give the thief the legal right to steal from us. We can command him all day long to stop stealing and return to us and he won't have to obey us.* For a much more in depth study on this, please look at our book *Unbroken Curses*, Chapter 8.

I urge you; brothers and sisters, always remind yourself that our battle is not against flesh and blood. It is against an invisible realm which is very real, and which is able to reach into our lives and affect everything we do and everything we have. We are completely dependant on our Lord to reveal to us the workings of the enemy in our lives. Let us be alert and continually in communion with the Lord so that our Captain can lead us to successfully deal with the thief in our lives.



Our New Project

TWO-LANE BLACKTOP[®] DRAGSTRIP



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I want to update you on our new project. For those of you who are joining us for the first time and did not receive last month's newsletter, let me tell you what it is. For a number of years Daniel and I have been deeply concerned for the youth in our area. In this rural area made up of very small towns there is absolutely nothing for the youth to do, and NO effective evangelistic outreach to them. Therefore most of them simply get into drugs, alcohol, get pregnant and destroy their lives. Many of the youth are killed on our roads as they drag race their cars illegally on the highways around our area.

For the last two years, Daniel has had a growing desire to build a drag strip where the youth can come and race their cars legally instead of on the roads, and as an evangelistic outreach to them. As they come and spend time at the track, Daniel and I and four other Christian brothers helping us will be able to talk with them about the Lord. Last month, the Lord supernaturally opened the door for us to do this project. We bought the land and started construction on the drag strip. We have been advertising throughout our community, and the response has been overwhelming. People everywhere are so excited about the drag strip, both older and young people. But, I know that Satan will not just let this project go through without doing everything he can to hinder it. I have been in God's courtroom about this and much in prayer about it.

Two weeks ago, the people who live in the surrounding area, some of them five and six miles away, have joined together to try to stop us from opening the drag strip because they don't want the increased traffic in

the area. Without notifying us, they took the case into our county court this past week. Thirty people showed up with a petition and to argue their case before the county judge and county prosecutor, asking for a ruling to stop us from continuing construction on the drag strip. We knew nothing about it, so were unable to be present to defend us. *BUT, God was our defender!* We have since heard the tape of the session in court. These people spent an hour and a half arguing their case, but still the judge decided against them and in our favor. Praise the Lord! Since then, Daniel has been able to talk to one of the men who lead the opposition. They talked for over two hours and ended up deciding that they were Christian brothers and would be friends. The man is withdrawing his opposition to the track! Praise God! There are still several people who are leading the effort to shut us down. Please pray mightily that our Lord will defend us and give us great wisdom as we deal with these people. We know that Satan is going to fight us in every possible way to try to keep this project from opening up. But we will stand fast against the thief in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Also, one last prayer request. We need to hire people to work at the track who are honest and willing to work. We especially need someone to do the announcing. I, Rebecca, am going to have to start out in this position. That means that I am going to have to take a crash course in car lingo. I am not traveling during the month of July as we open on July 4th. But before the end of August we have to find someone to announce the races. Please pray with us that the Lord will bring the right person to work in this important position.

New Books

I have not done so in awhile, but I want to draw to your attention a few new books that I have recently read and added to our bookstore. The first ones are by A.W. Tozer.

The Radical Cross
God Tells the Man Who Cares
How To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit

Frankly, I have been in the Bible for so many years, and have read so many books, that it is rare that I read anything that gives me something new to think about concerning God and His kingdom. These books did! I highly recommend that you read them and add them to your library. They will greatly enrich your spiritual life.



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