

# Living FROM THE CROSS

## LESSON NOTES

Text: Col 2:9-15 (note the terms and tenses)

- Terms are military—disarmed ; powers & authorities ; triumph—"a victory or conquest by military force."
- **Tenses are past**—a place & time in history when this was "finished".
- Implies there was a past point of confrontation between Christ and the powers and authorities of darkness that resulted in the victory of Christ and the defeat of Satan & all the authorities of his kingdom.

**NLT**—"In this way, he stripped off the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross."

**AMP**—"[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that **were ranged against us** and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in the Cross."

**The Message**—"Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve. It's not a matter of being circumcised or keeping a long list of laws. No, you're already in—insiders—not through some secretive initiation rite but rather through what Christ has already gone through for you, destroying the power of sin. If it's an initiation ritual you're after, you've already been through it by submitting to baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive— right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets."

**Key Vs. 15**—"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross".

Q: What is the immediate effect of His victory for us? What does that mean in terms of how we live each day?

## The Battle of Calvary

- The 15 Decisive Battles of the World—the battle of Waterloo—Bunker Hill—Rimy Ridge— Bulge, etc. These battles were significant “turning” points in the history of nations. But no mention is made of the Battle of Calvary.
- Christ’s crucifixion doesn’t read like a battle, but what we don’t see in the N.T. however, were the events going on in the heavenlies.
- In the spiritual realm **the greatest battle in the history of the world** was taking place and **the hill** it was fought on was called **Calvary**.
- Every NT fulfillment was first revealed in prophetic words, types and symbols. Details of this battle are revealed, not in the N.T. but in the Old.
- **Augustine**—“The New is in the Old concealed: the Old is in the New revealed.”

### 1. The Prophetic Word: Gn 3:15

- “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Q. What is IT?

- “It” is the battle to regain authority over the world and restore a “man” as the federal Head of the Kingdom. Gen 3:15

### 2. The Prophetic Type: 1 Sam.17—The story of David & Goliath

- This event is significant for its prophetic revelation of what was to happen on Calvary, and it came to pass.

Q. Where are the prophetic parallels?

- a. **Two opposing kingdoms**—kingdom of darkness & kingdom of light.
- b. **The armies of Israel**—type of the church/people of God/the redeemed.
- c. **The Philistine army**—vss.1-3—type of the Kingdom of Darkness/enemies of God.
- d. **The will of the Philistine army**—defeat, oppression, and slavery. Jn 10:10 Goliath—vs 47 —the Philistine champion/most powerful/type of Satan
- e. **Goliath**—vss.4-7—the Philistine **champion**/most powerful/type of Satan
  - Cf Lucifer—defiant, confident, arrogant—Isa 14:13

f. **The challenge**—vss.8,10—"Choose a **man** and have him **come down to me**...Give me a man and **let us fight each other**."

- God had promised "a man" to fight the serpent himself. "Send me that man?"

g. **A Father sends his son—David**—vss.12ff—the champion of Israel/representative—David is a type of Jesus

- **Similarities:** He's the least among his brothers. He's a shepherd of sheep. He's from Bethlehem. He's sent to his brothers who rejected him.

h. **\*Terms of battle!** —All or nothing! vs.9—winner takes all—loser loses all. The war between these two kingdoms would be decided by the outcome of the fight between the two federal heads. If Goliath wins then all the Philistines would share in his victory, but if David wins then all the Israelites would share in his victory.

i. **David defeated Goliath** and "**cut off Goliath's head**"—symbolizing removal of all authority. Gn.3:15

j. **KEY VS—50**—"David triumphed over the Philistines...without a sword..."

- **Jesus triumphed over Satan & the kingdom of darkness with a cross.** Col 2:15--—"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross".

k. **The "prize" for victory was a bride**—Rev.19:7—"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and **his bride** has made herself ready...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

### 3. The Effect of the Cross is Victory

Q. How do you see it then, are we fighting FOR victory, or FROM it?

Story: Pastor - "Satan had him killed." T or F?

a. **What do the Scriptures say?**

- **Matt 12:29** - "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.
- **Luke 10:18**—"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven...I have given you authority..."

## CONCLUSIONS:

### a. Jesus is Lord!

- **Matt 28:18**—"All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me"
- Eph.1:19-23
- Phil.2:9-11

### b. We have Victory in Jesus!

- **Rom.8:37**—"...we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."
- Eph 6:10-18
- Fight FROM victory, not FOR it.

Therefore, STAND in the faith. The only power the enemy has now is the power of the lie—i.e. deception. The power he has is the power you give him. If he can rob you of the truth and convince you to believe he still has authority and that you still need to defeat him, then he can take you captive with his lies. (E.g., of a robber with a banana.)

**"...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ 1 Cor 15:57**

## Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me into victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

## Chorus

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

## Chorus