

Setting Your Heart

on the

Kingdom



ROMANS

If Satan Is Defeated, Why am I Still Attacked?

(The Principle of Overcoming a Defeated Enemy)

Romans 16:19-20

They stood before the Lord...guilty, disgraced and broken beyond human remedy. With his wife at his side, Adam hung his head in shame waiting for judgment to fall. But to their amazement, God looked to the serpent first and then passed an eternal sentence on the devil. *“Cursed are you! I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He shall crush your head, and you will strike His heel” (Gen. 3:15).* Oh, the wondrous grace of God! Though Adam’s race would bear the consequences of their sin, God gave humankind a glorious hope. *One day Messiah would be born from a woman. One day He would utterly crush the head of the wicked one!*

Over a hundred generations had come and gone by the time Paul wrote his epistle, and Satan was still on the loose! He appeared to be alive and well, seducing Christians away from the faith (*Rom. 16:17-19*). But what happened to Christ’s victory over the devil? Why was he still tormenting the saints? Listen to Paul’s new revelation of an old promise, *“And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”* Most assuredly, Jesus triumphed over the devil’s kingdom (*Col. 2:15*). *But He destroyed his works...not him (1 John 3:8)! He rendered the devil powerless...but not for everyone! Only those who stand against evil in the might of the Lord will overcome his attacks (Eph. 6:10-17).*

Christian friend, Christ’s death did more than redeem your soul. He restored your destiny in His Kingdom (*Eph. 1:13-14*). You were created as a “warrior race” to represent God’s rule on a hostile planet (*Gen. 1:26-28*). Yes, the promise of old still stands. *The devil is spiritually crushed so that God’s Church can demonstrate it! God threw him out of heaven so that you can overcome him on earth (Rev. 12:11)! Christ restored your authority over evil so that you can use it (Luke 9:1-2)!* Are evil thoughts tormenting you? Put them under the feet of a sanctified mind. Has the devil ensnared a family member? Put your foot of authority on Satan’s neck. Do you see injustice reigning in your city? Crush it under the feet of changed legislation. *Yes, Satan is defeated. But his head is not yet crushed in your life...not until his work is under your feet!*

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