

**XXXIX. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON THIRTY-NINE**

**... ABOUT THE WEAPONS OF WARFARE, OURS AND SATAN'S
(CONTINUED)**

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson we want to look at the weapons which satan uses against us, that we be not ignorant of his devices or schemes and thereby have an advantage over us. As we study these weapons of our enemy let us keep in mind what the Word says in Isaiah 54:17.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD. Isaiah 54:17

satan's arsenal of weapons

According to the following Scriptures, What does satan's arsenal of weapons include?

Ephesians 6:16

2 Corinthians 12:7

Matthew 12:43-45

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the devil's arsenal of weapons includes

- darts or arrows with which he continually bombards all mankind, and especially believers;
- messengers (fallen angels) to devil believers; and
- there are demons (unclean spirits) which can and do inhabit even believers.

fiery darts/arrows

The following sets of Scriptures identifies some of the fiery darts the devil/satan fires at God's children.

Romans 16:17; 1 Timothy 6:4,5; 2 Timothy 2:23; Titus 3:9;

I Corinthians 3:3

1 Timothy 1:4; James 1:5-9; Genesis 3:4,5; Romans 14:23.

2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:8; Genesis 3:10; 1 Samuel 17:11,24.

2 Corinthians 11:14; Revelation 12:9;20:8,10, Joshua 9:3-15.

Matthew 4:1-11;1 Corinthians 7:5; James 1:13-14;1 Tim.3:7;

Luke 13:12-16; Acts 10:38

Ephesians 4:26-27

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the darts/arrows which satan fires at the children of God have names such as:

- strife/division,
- doubt/worry,
- fear,
- deception,
- all manner of temptations of the flesh,
- sickness/disease,
- emotions such as anger and etc.

messengers of satan/fallen angels/oppressing spirits

Whereas demons/unclean spirits inhabit an open vessel (person/persons), the messengers of satan do their devilry, evil, diabolical deeds as thorns in the flesh, that is to say, from without

2 Corinthians 12:7, And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

This devilry from without and the believers counter-attack is seen in the Book of Nehemiah, chapters 2-6.

1. Nehemiah 2:19. attack

1 Samuel 15:24

1 Samuel 17:11,24

Nehemiah 2:20, counter-attack

1 Samuel 17:36,37

Romans 8:31

Mark 11:22,23

This devilry can be summed up as a panic-attack/fear attack. The counter-attack on the part of the believer is to express his faith/trust/confidence in God.

2. Nehemiah 4:1-3, attack

I Samuel 17:42,43

Acts 2:13

Acts 17:32

Nehemiah 4:4-6, counter-attack

Psalm 123:3,4

Proverbs 3:34

1 Samuel 17:48,49

This attack can be summarized as an attack of mocking, scoffing, ridicule which if received will cause one to be self-conscious and to become self-conscious is to be defeated. The counter-attack is to pray for God to deal with these mockers and go forward into battle.

3. Nehemiah 4:8, attack

Nehemiah 4:9.17.20.23, counter-attack

This devilry/attack has the goal of causing physical hurt and problems for the believer. The counter-attack is to pray, be on guard/watchful/alert, be prepared day and night, call for help.

4. Nehemiah 5:1-5, attack

Nehemiah 5:7-13, counter-attack,

The devilry here is to stir up discontent and strife with- in the family/Church; internal problems designed to cause division. The counter-attack is to identify the problem, admonish those causing the problem, correct the wrong.

5. Nehemiah 6:1-2, attack

Nehemiah 6:3-4, counter-attack

The devilry here is to side-track the believer; tricking/ deceiving him into doing something else, instead of what he should be doing. The counter-attack is to reiterate, that is to say, restate the importance of your work/vision and not leave it to do something else.

6. Nehemiah 6:6-1, attack

Nehemiah 6:8, counter-attack

The devilry here is to bring lying accusations against the believer or church. The counter-attack is to confront the lie with the truth and continue the work.

7. Nehemiah 6:10, attack

Nehemiah 6:12-13, counter-attack

1 John 4:1

Here the devilry is to have false prophecies/prophets speak against you to create confusion. The counter-attack is to discern the spirit/spirits behind the prophecy.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Knowing the devices/schemes of the devil we can be on guard when these attacks come and immediately respond with the correct counter-attack.