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SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Luke 4:31-44

Introduction: Luke uses this fourth chapter to put the focus on the ***spiritual battle***. (Paul references this spiritual battle in Ephesians 6)

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- I. Notice the flow of conflict through Luke 4.
 - A. Conflict with Satan in the desert. (1-13)
 - B. Conflict with people in the Nazareth synagogue. (14-30)
 - C. Conflict with the 'powers of this dark world ... the spiritual forces of evil.' (31-37)
 - D. Conflict with the day-to-day oppressions of life. (38-41)
- II. The result: People wanted Christ to remain in Capernaum, in Galilee. (42-44)
 - A. The people tried to keep him from leaving.
– *self-centered attraction to Christ*
 - B. Jesus left to preach the Kingdom of God to other towns.
– *God-centered ministry of Christ*
- III. Application: – *Five important lessons we can learn once the dust settles from this chapter:*
 - A. Jesus Christ is all-powerful.
 - B. Jesus Christ is Gospel focused ... 'proclaiming God's favor.'
 - C. Jesus Christ does not conform to the world.
 - D. Jesus Christ is powerful over the powers and spiritual forces of the hidden world.
 - E. Jesus Christ is powerful over the day to day struggles of life.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.

The prince of darkness grim—we tremble not for Him;

His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure—

One little word shall fell him.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship Selected verses from Psalm 118

P: ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

P: ⁵In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free. ⁶The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? ⁷The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

C: ⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. ⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

P: ¹³I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: ¹⁷I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. ¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

P: ²⁴This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: ²⁸You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

*Hymn No. 26 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own

choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same—
and He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim—we tremble not for Him;
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure—
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs—no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still—
His kingdom is forever.

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 4:31-37

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴“Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

³⁵“Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

The Anthem

*Doxology

Scripture Luke 4:38-44

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now

Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

⁴² At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Sermon

Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Luke 4:31-44

Conflict with the 'unseen'

*Hymn No. 50 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Verse 1

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want, He makes me down to lie –
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

Verse 2

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make;
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Verse 3

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill
for Thou art with me – And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Verse 4

My table Thou hast furnished – In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Verse 5

Goodness and mercy all my life – Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore – My dwelling place shall be.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon Continued

Conflict with the 'seen'

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 43

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Sermon Concluded

Application

Song of Response

Mr. Devon Hamilton

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 335

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

*Postlude