

CAUSE OF ALL TROUBLE

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The cause of all our troubles, burdens, and oppressions, is listening to the lies, suggestions, and plans of Satan. He will come as an angel of light and fill people's minds to heed his suggestions; then at once, we are in trouble, difficulty, and darkness. He is always picturing discouraging and trying things; telling us something dreadful is going to happen; he oppresses us in the present and disturbs and annoys us concerning what we may have done in the past.

Satan will bring his suggestions and paint his pictures in a way to cause fear; afraid to place our total trust in God. That is the cause of all our difficulties in trusting God, giving heed to Satan's suggestions and accepting his dark pictures, which robs us of all faith in God.

That is the cause of all trouble – listening to Satan and paying attention to what he says, losing sight of what God is, what God has provided and what God says in His Word. If Satan can get our eyes turned his way and our attention drawn to him and his plans and ways, he has succeeded in his subtlety.

There are just three things we need to consider---what the Blood has done---what God is able and willing to do and---what the Word says is done. That is all we are to consider. Satan is always going around trying to get our attention; always picturing dark and discouraging things; always trying to tell us that the Word does not mean what it says; that we cannot be sure about its meaning.

Satan comes at first to the outside door, but before we are aware of him, he is working on the inside door; because he has our attention, we start to listen to what he has to say and his purpose is accomplished at once. It is impossible to listen to him and not lose sight of the Gospel.

2 Corinthians 4:3,4, *“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”* The god of this world, Satan, will blind us temporarily, we will not see the Blood; we do not see what God is able and willing to do. We lose sight of the Word even for the time being, and we find that we cannot listen to Satan's evil suggestions without being affected by it spiritually, without losing ground; and eventually being lost entirely.

The moment the devil is located, he will disappear. Satan must work under cover; that is why he comes as an angel of light to deceive and fool us. The Word plainly tells us that Jesus Christ died and has set us free from all sin, sorrow, and disease; that He really did bear all those things for us on the Cross. That fact is the greatest weapon against the Devil which could ever be given.

Isaiah 53:4-6, *“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

Satan's great object is to get us away from these three verses and if he succeeds, he can oppress us. The Scriptures state that Jesus bore all our sins, sorrows, and diseases; all our troubles. When we keep our eyes on that Cross, we will plainly see that we do not need to bear – for one moment – any pain, ache, distress, oppression, or burden, not one heartache. No one can afford to get away from it. Satan cannot oppress us unless we get our eyes away from the work accomplished on the Cross for us.

Consider Job's case; his whole trouble was the result of listening to Satan. Job 3:25,26, *“For the thing which I greatly feared came upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.”* In other words, Satan came and said,

“Job, you are going to have trouble; there is going to be an end to your prosperity; your family is going to be destroyed; your property is going to be taken from you and your health is going to fail.” He scared Job so badly that he was an easy victim. He had neither common, nor divine sense, to combat him, and we must remember that Job had no Bible, no full Gospel truth, as we have it today. He was alone in the country with no one to encourage him.

Job just listened to Satan, until his calamities came, the more he looked the more aggravated his condition and troubles became, the more distressed he became in mind, body, and spirit. He went down, down, down, until he reached the ash heap, full of sores. What a picture Satan held before him, and he accepted that picture and laid aside the Word of God and paid attention to all Satan was telling him; which was the cause of the terrible predicament he was in at this time. He never received one particle of deliverance, until he began to deal with God directly.

After Job got his eyes on God, and what He was and what He was able to do, it was not long before his was delivered. As soon as he got his eyes off the lying suggestions and works of Satan, then God delivered him out of all his troubles. His whole captivity was turned, and he was given twice as much as he had previously. He was twice as prosperous as he had been. We cannot afford to listen to any suggestions of Satan, as they are discouraging, doubtful and unbelieving; neither can we afford to listen to anything concerning our past.

What we have done in the past, we cannot help now. What we are doing in the present is what really counts. We are to take God at His Word and accept the great Gospel of God for our present needs and deliverances, asking God for our deliverances in the present moment; and leaving the past under the Blood; as God has promised to bury our sins in the sea of His forgetfulness. Many times, Satan makes the winds and waves boisterous for us, as he did for Peter, in order to get our eyes off God and on our difficulties, troubles and oppressions, to have our minds engaged with natural conditions. This is the cause of all our trouble and our only hope is to place our eyes on the Word. It is written that Abraham was not weak in faith.

Romans 4:19-21, *“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, *** He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”*

This means that he really kept his eyes fixed on the promises of God; that he held on to the promise given him without wavering; he firmly believed that what God had promised he was able to perform.

God – through His Son – has borne every infirmity, every ache and pain. God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and gave Him all power and authority in Heaven and earth to deliver us from these things. Jesus Christ, with all that power and authority is at our side, with the utmost longing to help us and His Word tells us how to receive that help. Any of Satan’s devices to oppress us and all our difficulties are the direct result of listening to Satan’s lies and giving attention to his suggestions and thoughts to our mind instead of to the Word of God.

The nobleman told Jesus that he had a dying boy at home. He was in a position to believe the lying reports of Satan and Jesus exposed to him his heart’s condition, as He always does. That is the first step toward victory. John 4:48, *“Jesus said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.”* In other words, He said, “You are more interested in what Satan says than in what God’s Word says.” He really meant to say that he was desirous of seeing that boy well before he believed it. He did not consider the Word of God as sufficient evidence that the work was done. Jesus brings out the fact here that such people are in a serious condition spiritually. *“The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.”* Jesus gave him the Word because all healing comes through believing the bare Word of God.

When we come to the place that we will accept God’s Word in preference to the lies of the adversary, there is no healing that we cannot receive. As an illustration: the nobleman asked Jesus to come quickly ere his son would die. Jesus did not make one step toward his home; but He gave him the

Word: “Go thy way; thy son liveth.” He did not receive one thing apart from the Word of Jesus Christ. The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.”

It was the same then as it is now; there were just as many difficulties in the way as there are today. Satan, who was in the Garden of Eden and tempted Adam and Eve, has never gone out of business. He pictured to that nobleman, just as he pictures to us today, “That word is not true, that man is not divine, he is the son of Joseph, the carpenter, he is not the Son of God. Just think of the condition of your boy when you left him. He had just the same temptations that we have today. The only difference is that we fall for them too many times, while this man believed the Word and accepted that Word against all arguments and lies of Satan.

1st John 5:14,15, “*And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*”

We are not taught to pray and pray until we “feel” that our prayer is answered. Real faith is based on what God’s Word says; not on what we “feel”. We can receive our deliverance any hour of the day, or at any place, or any time we are willing to BELIEVE and ACT on the written Word of God and reject the lies of the Devil. We must listen to Satan and give credence to his lying reports before he can attack us. He comes and knocks at the door, but we do not have to give him admittance. We do not have to talk, or argue with him, because as we do, he can make us think we want what he has to offer and we lose sight of God’s Word.

Satan is knocking at your door by giving you a tickling sensation in your nose, or making you feel chilly. They are his “knocks” for admittance to get in with something. You begin to say, “I wonder if I am getting something; it is going around. I wonder how long it will last?” Then Satan answers your question by suggesting, “It lasted so many days last time.”

Little do you know that Satan is within forty miles of us; but he has planned and accomplished the whole thing. Instead of listening to him, we should say, “The Blood of Jesus Christ has exempted me and is on my door; I am under the Blood; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, I refuse to be oppressed.” As that refusal is taken, Satan will flee. It is in our hands to say whether we will accept the oppression or not; we have the power of choice. If we allow him to rob us, he will come in and wreck our home-life. If we see that God is so much stronger than Satan, that He is for us, and if He be for us, who can be against us; the Blood has placed God at our side and will work at once for us.

John 16:23,24, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*” God’s Word says that if we watch and pray, we shall not enter into temptation. He has confirmed this statement in the passage of Scripture in Luke 11:2-13.

“*And lead us not into temptation.*” Do not permit the Devil to attack us today but grant us perfect protection for this day. “*But deliver us from evil.*” The original thought is to deliver us from the evil one. We do not have to wait until Satan knocks in order to receive our protection. We can get it right on our knees every morning and it will be good for that day only; for that length of time we will receive the benefits of the Blood. So, all our troubles are the result of listening to Satan.

It is the Word which delivers us the moment we pray, because Jesus Christ has wrought a one hundred percent deliverance on the Cross; let us claim our deliverance, in Jesus’ name. If we have a burden, a heartache, if we have unsaved loved ones, let us place it into God’s hands and make a deliberate choice to BELIEVE the Word. We can be delivered immediately from every oppression, as Satan has no right to touch us, or our families, spiritually, physically, financially or in any other way.



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