

Have You Seen the Parade?

Overview: Colossians 2:15 paints the picture of the Roman Triumphal procession whereby Jesus has obtained for us a total defeat over satan. Our part is to, by faith, understand that we can utterly defeat satan and speak and walk in triumph in Christ in our lives and our ministries.

A. The Triumphal Parade Over satan.

1. See the Parade.
 - a. Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
 - b. 2Co 2:14-16 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. 15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?
 - c. A triumphal procession of victorious Roman generals.
2. Jesus' defeat over satan is total – Spoiled, stripped, disabled.
 - a. Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
 - b. Spoiled (G554) *apokdumai* middle voice from (G575) *apo* and (G1562) *ekduo*; to divest wholly oneself, or (for oneself) despoil: - put off, spoil. Both *apoduo* and *ekduo* occur in ancient writers. Paul simply combines the two for expression of complete removal.
 - c. Through Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection He stripped satan of his power and authority on the earth.
3. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
 - a. 1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
 - b. Heb 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
4. We need to see how utterly small satan really is.
 - a. Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

B. Spiritual Warfare in the Heavens

1. Since satan has been so thoroughly defeated, why do we have to engage in spiritual warfare?
 - a. satan's only way of attacking man is through deception so he can use our power against us. So we have to wage war over deception, in our personal lives and the lives of others, through our prayers and through the ministry of truth (the Word of God), love and power. See 2 Cor 4:4ff.
2. Our authority over a defeated foe.
 - a. Far, far, far above all principalities, powers, might, dominion.
Eph 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

- b. Living on the high ground, in the Kingdom of God.
Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- c. Use the name of Jesus – Power of Attorney.
Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- 3. Purpose of engagement
 - a. To make His enemies His footstool.
1Co 15:24-26 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
 - b. To enforce the peace by destroying the works of the enemy.
1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- 4. Conditions of engagement
 - a. If you know yourself and you know your enemy you are assured victory.
 - b. As a good soldier – not entangled. 2 Tim 2:3-4
2Ti 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
- 5. Know who you are in Christ and who Christ is in you.
 - a. Christ in you is the hope (confident expectation) of glory. Col 1:27
 - b. You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor 5:17
 - c. You are seated with Christ in Heavenly Places. Eph 2:6
 - d. You are complete in Christ. Col 2:10
 - e. You are a super-conqueror. Rom 8:37
 - f. You are a manifested Son of God. Rom 8:19
 - g. You are filled with all the fullness of God. Eph 3:19

C. Recognizing satan's Deceitful Wiles.

- 1. Know your enemy – wiles, deception, devises, etc. Eph 6:11; 2 Cor 2:11; 2 Cor 4:4; 2 Cor 11:3; 2 Cor 11:13-15; 2 Thes 2:9-11; 1Pet 5:8; 2 Pet 2:1-3; Rev 12:9
 - a. Wiles (G3180) *methodia* - From a compound of G3326 and G3593 [compare “method”]; *traveling over*, that is, *travesty*, (*trickery*): - wile, lie in wait.
Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
 - b. Beguile (G1818) *exapatao* – From G1537 and G538; to seduce wholly: - beguile, deceive.
2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
 - c. Subtly (G3834) *panourgia* - From G3835; adroitness, that is, (in a bad sense) trickery or sophistry: - (cunning) craftiness, subtilty.
2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
 - d. Devices (G3540) *noema* - From G3539; a perception, that is, purpose, or (by implication) the intellect, disposition, itself: - device, mind, thought.
2Co 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

- e. Deceitful (G1386) *dolios* - From G1388; guileful: - deceitful. (G1388) *dolos* - From *dello* (an obsolete primary probably meaning to decoy; a trick (bait), that is, (figuratively) wile: - craft, deceit, guile, subtility. (2 Cor 11:13-15)
2Co 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
- f. Steal, Kill and Destroy – satan’s job description.
Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
2. Primary battlefield is the mind.
 - a. Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
 - b. 2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
 - c. 2Co 4:4 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.
 - d. Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
3. satan tries to twist our minds through various tactics in order to take us captive.
 - a. Stealing, distracting and choking the Word. Mark 4:14-20
 - b. Lies – challenging the Word of God. Gen 3:1-5
 - c. Temptation. 1Thess 3:5; Jam 1:12-15
 - d. Fear, worry, anxiety. 2 Tim 2:7; Phil 4:6-7
 - e. Accusation, guilt and condemnation. Rev 12:9-10; Rom 8:1
 - f. False teaching. 2 Cor 11:13-15; 2 Tim 2:15
 - g. Distractions – good things that are not God things for you. 1 Cor 7:35; luke 10:40
 - h. Offense, hurt, unforgiveness, bitterness. Eph 4:31-32; Heb 12:15
 - i. Anger. Eph 4:26-27; Jam 1:19-20
4. satan tries to bring sickness to our bodies.
 - a. Sickness as an oppression of the evil one. Acts 10:38

D. Enforcing his Defeat.

1. Know the Word of God. Read, Study, Speak and Do.
2Ti 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
2. Believe God and walk by faith in satan’s defeat and your authority.
3. Be strong in the Lord, and in the armor of God.
Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

4. Consecrate everything (No open doors).
Luk 14:26-27,33 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.
5. Cast down imaginations and bring every thought captive.
2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
6. Be vigilant and resist the devil steadfastly with faith.
1Pe 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
7. Submit yourself to God resist the devil and he will flee.
Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8. Flee youthful lust and pursue righteousness. 2 Tim 2:22
2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
9. Be set free from diabolical intoxication by acknowledging the truth. 2 Tim 2:24-26
2Ti 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Recommendation: Know who you are in Christ and who Christ is in you so you can walk in Truth, Love and Power.