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Topical Series on Revival – Part XII

‘Paul enjoyed a revival when the power of God was demonstrated.’

“Acts 19:11 - 20.”

Intro: I suppose we could subtitle this lesson, ‘Does Satan know who you are?’ Not that I nor you, I am sure, would be excited necessarily as to whether or not we are on a first name basis with the devil! The question is a deeper question than the simplicity it suggests. The point being, that if we aren’t causing any _____ for Satan by living a life all out for the Lord, then we pose no _____ to his agenda, and he therefore dismisses us as being _____. So, in his mind he thinks, “Why poke the sleeping bear?” The Apostle Paul puts it this way in - **II Corinthians 4:1 – 5.** When the Redeemed of the Lord choose to live like the world, why bother with us? Even someone who chooses to live as a _____ Christian, we pose a very limited threat to any agenda or lie Satan is pushing at any given time. We notice that the devil had no real interest in the Apostle Paul’s life _____ to his salvation experience on the Damascus Road. Once saved the devil set his sights on destroying the apostle, and for that matter, any and all who will live their lives all out for the Lord. As the Redeemed of the Lord there is a _____ of protection round about us that Satan recognizes he can’t cross without God’s permission or a willingness on our part to reject God’s principle and precepts – example – **Job 1:10** – “Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.” **NOTICE -**

1. The protection was Job’s faithfulness in _____ in God that manifested itself in walking in obedience and trust in God.
2. But it wasn’t only to him, but to all that Job had, his work, his house, his possessions.
3. Why does Satan bring this up? Because he had tried many times to ruin Job’s Testimony and he failed.

Satan will _____ our faith in the Lord our God, but he is limited in his extent so long as we are being faithful in every manner of the word ‘faithful’. We need to make sure we are read up, prayed up, and fessed up! **James 4:7** puts it this way – ‘submit, and ‘resist’ – **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”** The verb submit is in the passive voice meaning we receive from God the ability to do so, and the word resist is in the active voice meaning we are to make the decision to stand with God against Satan, and both are in the imperative mood meaning it is of vital importance, a command if you will. And so, to the point of the long intro, our greatest protection and safety is being obedient and faithful.

I. Paul enjoyed a revival when the power of God was demonstrated – Acts 19:11 – 20.

- A. The point of the long introduction is to address _____ versus _____, fear holds us back, faith moves us forward.
1. Fear of the unknown keeps us from stepping out in faith, while faith realizes that God is in control and with Him there is no unknown, and so we learn to put our faith in God and His leadership.
 2. God wants to do _____ things through men and women of faith, and we can rest assured that that what God has planned is not going to be by our might or power, but by His Spirit.
 - a. **Zechariah 4:6** - "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."
 - b. **Isaiah 40:29** - "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength."
 - c. **2 Corinthians 12:9** - "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
 - d. **Philippians 4:13** - "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
 - e. **Ephesians 6:10** - "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."
 - f. **Romans 8:26** - "The Spirit helps us in our weakness."
- B. The Apostle Paul's strength didn't come from who he was, but from his _____ in the presence and power of the Lord. (**Acts 19:11**)
1. The event recorded here in Acts took place in Ephesus, and **verses 13 – 14** was in response to what they had seen as recorded in **verse 12**.
 2. What three important things can we take away from **verse 13**?
 - a. **"took upon them"** – this was an act of self-will and the flesh.
 - b. They did not have a personal relationship with Jesus – **"Jesus whom Paul preacheth"**.
 - c. The Christian life will never be _____ when we live in and by the flesh.
 3. Satan and his demons _____ those who truly belong to God, and I believe it is more obvious than we think - **Matthew 7:16 & 20**.
 4. Not that we are to sit in _____, but as fruit inspectors we can sense who we should follow, who it is that we should and should not fellowship with. (**II Corin. 6:14 – 18**)
- C. But, Paul on the other hand had the relationship with Christ, the power of the Gospel message allowing God to work through him and the difference between Paul's relationship with Christ juxtaposed to the vagabond Jews, caused the name of Jesus to be magnified – **Acts 19:16 – 20**.
1. Revival broke out in Ephesus – **Acts 19:17 – 20**.
 2. It's amazing what one person can do when they live by faith & walk in truth – Revival!