

# **THOUGH AN HOST SHOULD ENCAMP**

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“Though an host should encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war should rise against me,  
in this will I be confident”.  
(Psalm 27:3)

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All hail the power of Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye saints redeemed of Adam's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall,  
Join in the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

## Chapter 1

### IS THE CHURCH READY?

This book goes forth with my deep desire that the Spirit of God shall in it exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and use it mightily in a ministry of liberation. A number of Christian workers and missionaries who know something of my experience with Beverly urged me to write her story, and while I have known for several years that the Lord intended me to write it, never until very recently did I feel a great sense of urgency to do so.

If this book has come into the hands of one who is fearful of the topic “Demon Possession,” let me remind you that our blessed Lord could not avoid encounters with Satan. Paul, Philip, Peter, and John met the devil. Nor can Christians today avoid meeting him, for the Christian life is one of warfare.

We are concerned here with the age-long conflict between the hosts of God and the hosts of Satan. My aim in these opening chapters is to present a scriptural background for an understanding of demon possession today and to show what the Bible teaches us about the means of deliverance from satanic power.

One of the wiles of Satan is his attempt to conceal himself and his strategy. He is pleased when people do not believe in him. He is delighted when they do not take into account the possibility of his existence. He loves to ensnare his victims. His chief aim is to delude people completely. Such characteristics of Satan were vividly foretold our Lord. He spoke of deceptions, false christs, false prophets, wars and rumors of wars. Such, He said, would be prevalent occurrences in the days before His appearing.

Satan never had had a better opportunity than in this present generation to delude people. They are blind to him. They approach the Bible with disbelief and skepticism. Steeped in doubt, they openly scoff at God’s Word. This attitude today, in every age group, has brought about a restless search for satisfaction apart from God. Some turn to atheism, the cults, spiritism and other doctrines of demons.

Modern behavior standards are markedly lower than those God demands of His people. The “new morality” teaches no absolutes of right or wrong. All these clearly indicate man’s bold declaration of independence of God. In man’s

aloneness, apart from God, he sees his world beset by wars, confusion, fear, lawlessness and violence. Where can man turn to escape the reality of his world? For many, the alternative is drink, narcotics, sex indulgence.

What has the church to offer these people? Is the church ready to meet the pressures of the day?

Many preachers have abandoned the Bible as the Source of Truth. The deity of Jesus Christ is denied. Belief in the supernatural has been virtually discarded. The blood atonement, need for regeneration – many cardinal doctrines of Christianity upon which the church was established by God Himself – no longer are being taught in many popular places of worship. People by regularly attending such churches never receive instruction in the truth, so how can they know their need for God? How can they be aware of the need for deliverance from the power of that evil personality – the devil himself – who, with his hosts of demons, has taken control of their lives? With these people, it is more “sinned against than sinning”. Satan takes advantage of great opportunities like these to usurp control over the hearts and minds of people who have not yielded their allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Demon possession long has been known in heathen lands, but we must not be smug in our assumption that it won't happen here in America. Indeed, it is happening here... and NOW! The true Christian needs ever to be alert, for “the whole world lieth in wickedness”.

Demons are real personalities. My endeavor in this book, however, is not to overstress the power of satanic forces. Quite the contrary, my reason for writing these things is to reveal the fact that God's Word offers the *only* weapon against demons, and the only possible victory.

## Chapter 2

### BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Let us investigate how the Lord Jesus regarded demons. Did He treat them as nonexistent? Were they harmless illusions? Were they mere superstitions? All the Gospel records say NO! They make numerous references to evil spirits. These members of the satanic forces of evil are called “demons”.\* In the encounters Christ had with these forces, He manifested absolute authority and power to defeat them. It was He alone who rescued victims of demons from their domination.

After only eleven verses of the first chapter of the Book of Mark, we find Jesus being driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Victorious in this conflict, He began His public ministry. Scarcely had He called His first disciples when He took them with Him into the Capernaum synagogue and taught there with such authority that a man in the audience cried out: “Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee whou Thou art, the Holy One of God”.

Someone other than Jesus might have said: “What a disturbing incident. The poor fellow is deranged. Take him out”. Jesus recognized immediately an evil spirit in the man. Moreover, the demon recognized Jesus to be the Son of God, who had power to destroy him. Then Christ rebuked the demon, silenced him, and commanded him to come out of the man.

While human witnesses quibbled about Jesus’ doctrine and authoritative manner, the demon made certain definite responses.

Though identifying himself as “I,” yet he also referred to “us” and “we” – seemingly reacting as spokesman for all demons.

He recognized Jesus’ manner of authority as He taught.

He cried out, using the vocal chords of the demonized man.

He cried to Jesus in abject fear.

He not only recognized Him as the human Jesus, but as their coming Judge.



He evidenced a knowledge of future doom: “Art Thou come to destroy us?”

He acknowledged Jesus’ deity and His holy character: “I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God”.

He knew Jesus’ authority and that he had to obey His words of command.

He actually had taken up residence in the man’s physical body.

The casting out involved great suffering on the part of the man being released: “And when the unclean spirit had torn him... he came out of him”. He came out crying “with a loud voice”.

What a picture this is! What a picture of our victorious Jesus Christ manifesting His authority over the powers of darkness that trembled at His word! Demons are terrified at His word! They persuade others to disbelieve and reject it. They do not reject it themselves, please note. Demons believe and tremble!

Reader, have you ever trembled at the Word of God? Do you believe it?

There never has been any salvation offered to demons. None in all the satanic hierarchy ever has been granted repentance or salvation. Only to human beings – those who are humble enough to lament their lost condition, turn from their sins, and in confession and faith accept the Saviour – is there granted, by God’s grace, salvation and deliverance through Jesus Christ and His atoning blood. God’s Word has the power of deliverance. For this reason, demons try to involve men in unbelief, so that they may never learn of this deliverance.

Christ came into the world, partook of flesh and blood, “that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb. 2:14), and was “manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). His very coming enraged the hosts of darkness, for He was the prophesied Seed of the woman who came to bruise the serpent’s head. Consequently, during His earthly life, there was great demonic activity.

It is well to note that instances of demon possession were not equated with sickness, mental illness or insanity. We read, for instance: “And they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with demons, and those which were lunatic, and those which had the palsy, and He healed them” (Matt. 4:24). There is a very definite distinction, then, between demon possession and mental illness.

The Lord of Glory knew whereof He spoke, and to those who believe His claim to deity, there remains no room for argument. Nor would He have stooped – as some have accused Him – merely to use the vernacular of His day or to subscribe to the superstitions of that time. He clearly believed in demon possession and delivered many souls from Satan’s bounds. The prophet Isaiah foretold long before His advent that He would be anointed by the Spirit of the Lord God, not only to preach good tidings or to bind up the broken-hearted, but also “to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound” (Is. 61:1).

In the incident referred to in Mark 1, we have seen an example of Christ’s own authority during His ministry. He made many claims to divine authority. In Luke 10:22, before His death and resurrection, He said: “All things are delivered to Me of My Father”. He states in John 3:34-35, “For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God... The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hand”. After His triumphant death (for by that means did He bruise the head of the serpent) and after His glorious resurrection, He exclaimed: “All power (authority) is given unto Me in heaven and in earth” (Matt. 28:28). Paul states in Ephesians 1:22 that “(God the Father) hath put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church”. “He cast out spirits with His word” (Matt. 8:16). He did it with the “finger of God” (Luke 11:20). Christ had and HAS absolute authority.

Christ handed this authority to certain chosen men, the Gospels tell us. “Taken He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases” (Luke 9:1). Later, in Luke 10:1 he appointed “other seventy also” and sent them out two and two. In verse 16 of that chapter, He gives authority to the Seventy: “He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me”. And in the next verse (17) we learn that the Seventy report the demons and to cure disease” (Luke 9:1). Later, in Luke 10:1 he appointed “other seventy also” and sent them out two and two. In verse 16 of that chapter, He gives authority to the Seventy: “He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me”. And in the next verse (17) we learn unto them through His name”. Jesus confirmed the authority that He had delegated to them in verse 19 in most remarkable words: “Behold I give you power [authority] to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you”.

But, you ask, has that any bearing on us today? Does anyone in our time have such power delegated to him? There is an implied delegation of power to all

believers in Matthew 28:19, for Christ's "Go ye therefore" is quite plainly related to His assertion of His own authority in verse 18. In Mark 16:17 He said plainly: "These signs shall follow them that believe: in My name shall they cast out demons..." In John 14:12 He says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father'". He then explains this promise by telling them of the coming of the Holy Spirit to be within them, to abide within, and to be the source of their enabling, both for witnessing and for doing the very works that He Himself had done. The apostles acted upon this promise and this enabling, as the Book of Acts records.

O fellow believers, what have we done? Why have we so neglect this program of God for our lives? How little of this delegated power is seen today!

Heathendom has been bound by satanic powers for centuries. Cases of demon possession are not uncommon to missionaries. Do such conditions exist in America? The story I relate here took place in the United States within a few blocks of several churches. Is unbelief growing in America? Is Christian restraint lessened? Then we can expect cases of demon possession to occur with greater frequency. The Bible tells us so. As we draw closer to the Lord's return, demonic activity will increase. For demons, like their leader, know their time is short.

Is the church ready for this emergency? I believe not. Many believers are complacent; others are skeptical; some flatly disbelieve the facts. Many Christians are totally ignorant of the subject.

Bad as this is, another attitude (in my opinion) is even more dangerous: People just do not want to be involved. Christianity is involvement! Christians must not only be involvement! Christians must not only be involved, but also informed. It is dangerous to be off guard. The necessity for Christians to be armed with the whole armor of God to withstand Satan and his hosts is clearly taught in Ephesians 6. If demons hated Christ, they will hate us. We need to know and understand the demonic method of attack, for all true believers are targets for Satan's fiery darts. Why else the armor, the girdle, the breastplate, the shoes, the shield, the helmet, the sword? Never underestimate the power of the satanic hosts! Never lay your armor down! Christian, put on the *whole* armor of God. Stand like the "minutemen". Be alert! Withstand the foe. Everywhere, souls are in bondage. Get involved in the good fight of faith.

## Chapter 3

### BY WHAT NAME?

Two vividly contrasting events are recorded in Matthew 17, Mark 9, and Luke 9. More and more, I have come to feel that these are closely related. One is the account of the transfiguration of Jesus; the other tells the story of the demon-possessed boy at the foot of the mount.

The story of the transfiguration, though simply told, is not a simple happening. It was a battle at the highest level. God's servant Moses, long dead and buried, had in life been consumed with a passion to see God and to behold His glory. He had witnessed the glory of God in the giving of the law at Sinai and his own face had reflected it; but still he longed for a closer glimpse of the God he adored. Also, he had witnessed the uprising of Satan in the valley below Mt. Sinai and the wrath of God that threatened the idolaters around the golden calf. Moses, as intercessor, had stood in the gap and averted that wrath. Then his heart was more God-centered than ever before and he cried out, "I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory" (Ex. 33:18). God then had granted to him, as to no other man, the experience of being placed in the cleft of a rock, protected by God's hand as His glory passed by. Moses had seen dimly his heart's desire and had spoken with God "as a man speaketh with his friend".

Another consuming desire had filled Moses' heart – to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. This he was denied. He led them to the border of the land, viewed the land from the top of Pisgah, but could not himself enter in. As lawgiver, he had gone as far as he could go. Only Joshua could lead them in. Moses had died and been buried by the hand of God on the lonely heights of Nebo.

In the counsels of God, another mountain was in view. Another valley. He would glorify His Son on the mountain and transfigure Him before a very select company. For the occasion, He sent His archangel, Michael, to secure the body of Moses. Michael, the highest in the hosts of God, met on this errand a formidable foe, one that possibly had been his superior in those hosts before his rebellion and fall. Jude 9 tells us that Michael contended and disputed with the devil over the body of Moses. At this time the devil still had the power of death, as revealed in Hebrews 2:14. Christ had come "to destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil". This He would do by His own death. The Lord Jesus had not yet died, so Satan still had this power and was too jealous of

it to relinquish this body to Michael. Victory came when Michael said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke thee”. Hence Moses in a resurrected body was to appear again on earth, this time in the land he had never before entered, and would behold the glory of God in “the face of Jesus Christ” transfigured.

Another illustrious Old Testament saint was summoned of God to the occasion. Elijah was to be there – he whose body had never undergone the experience of death, but had been translated in a chariot of fire and borne to the presence of God in clouds of glory, as saints alive at the return of Christ will one day be caught up to be with the Lord. As Moses represented the law, so Elijah represented the prophets. Both the law and the prophets speak of Him who was on that day revealed in glory unspeakable.

What were these three to talk about? How wonderful the Scriptures! They discussed the *decease* that Jesus would soon accomplish at Jerusalem. They spoke of the *death* whereby he that had the power of death would meet his destruction!

Though he was unseen upon the mountaintop, we may readily believe that the devil was listening in. Foiled in his attempt to prevent Moses from being resurrected, enraged at the conversation that he heard, he must find some way to wreak his vengeance. Two ways, I believe, he saw to do this.

First, he would try to ensnare by some means the three disciples to whom had been given the royal invitation to be present upon the mountaintop. Peter, James, and John had been invited to witness His transfiguration. Don’t ever forget this, Christian, the enemy will try to trip you up in your mountaintop experiences - if he can!

Let us see what happened. There as the three looked on, Jesus prayed and “the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening” (Luke 9:29). Peter was to say of this later, “We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’” Here is recorded victory indeed. God had triumphed! His own voice from heaven in agreement with the law and the prophets had given testimony to the deity of Christ and His coming victory over Satan at the cross.

What had Satan tried to do to the three disciples? In Luke 9:32 we read that Peter and they that were with him were “heavy with sleep”. Was not this

satanically induced? God, however, woke them up and they “saw His glory.” Then came Peter’s rash, impulsive speech in Luke 9:33: “ ‘Jesus, Mater, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias,’ not knowing what he said.” Then came the cloud and overshadowing, and the fear as they entered into the cloud. In mercy came the voice out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; hear him.” Again God was victor and Satan thwarted. “They saw no man any more, save Jesus only” (Mark 9:8). They would not worship anyone but Him nor think of sharing His glory with another. The lasting effect of this experience is manifested in Peter’s account, recorded years later, in Second Peter 1:16-21. What it meant to his faith, to his spiritual vision! What light to him in the dark places of his life!

The second scheme that Satan had was a plan for victory in the valley. He would render the nine other disciples powerless in the presence of demons. Remember that to them Christ had given authority over demons, but when the father of an only child brought his demonized son to the nine disciples and besought them to cast him out, they could not! How the desperate father welcomed the coming of the Lord into the situation! How pathetic his appeal! The condition of his only son was tragic. He had been tormented from early infancy. He was deaf, dumb, often seized by the demon, thrown by him into the fire and into the water. Often he had been torn or bruised. He would foam and cry out in unintelligible wailings of anguish. In despair the father appealed to Jesus for compassion (Mark 9:22) and identified himself with the child in his suffering: “If Thou canst... have compassion on us; help us.”

“If thou canst believe; all things are possible to him that believeth,” was the reply of the Saviour. And the Bible tells us that “straight way the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.’” Even as the child came to Jesus “the demon threw him down and tare him.” Immediately Jesus rebuked the foul spirit, addressing him as a person. “Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee come out of him and enter no more into him.” Tenderly, Jesus took the child by the hand, lifted him up, and delivered him to his father. What compassion! The efforts of Satan again had been frustrated and Jesus again had proved Himself victor indeed.

Now comes the questions of the disciples in regard to their own failure. They repeatedly had cast out demons. For it was the Lord who had invested them with His own authority, and they had done these things in His name. The demons had shown themselves to be subject to the disciples whenever they had spoken in His name. All this they had done in this case, but only failure had resulted. When Jesus came upon the scene, they saw that His power was not abated.

Jesus had cast the demon out with a word. Mystified, they asked the question: “Why could not we cast him out?” He had given them authority to do it, so why couldn’t they perform this?

Jesus gave them a very direct answer: “Because of your unbelief.”

Oh, Christian friends, it takes more than just delegated authority! Notice that Jesus did not say, “Because of the devil.” No, His promise to them had covered the entire question. He had given them power over *all* the power of the enemy. The trouble was within themselves. They had yielded to the sin of unbelief. (Perhaps they were relying on their own kind of faith, a thing worked up in the flesh and really a form of unbelief.) Jesus said: “Verily I say unto you, ‘If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say to this mountain, “Remove hence to yonder place” and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you’” (Matt. 17:20).

Well, how is one to get even that small amount of real faith? Mark 11:22 has the answer: “Have faith in God.” This is better translated, “Have the faith of God.” In other words, have the faith He gives. In Ephesians 2:8 we learn that faith is not of ourselves: it is the gift of God. How do we get a gift? Simply by receiving it. To attempt to work up faith within ourselves is futile. Faith is not a work of the flesh. It is God’s gift and also spoken of as a fruit of the Holy Spirit. This is, therefore, His sort of faith. It is the kind that originates with Him and is communicated to us by the Holy Spirit. It must be appropriated. We must as little children receive it for ourselves. We will never then be able to boast of it, make any claim to having more of it than someone else, or claim any glory for what may be accomplished by it. We will always know and gladly acknowledge that we have nothing but what we have received.

Hudson Taylor translated this verse “Hold fast the faithfulness of God.” Faith rests upon the faithfulness of God in whom our confidence is placed. The prayer of faith is here linked with a command of faith: “Speak to this mountain.” Here again comes the authority to speak and command in His name. The faith of God – the kind that originates with God – is not at all affected by the vastness of the mountain of difficulty, except by the “howbeit” of Matthew 17:21: “Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”

The prayer of faith, the command of faith, must be accompanied by the kind of self-renunciation that is referred to in Revelation 12:11: “and they overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

Jesus had spoken of that generation as being faithless and perverse. Was there a share of that in these powerless disciples? As they left this scene, Jesus told His disciples of His coming death, but notice their failure to grasp the truth (Luke 9:45): “They understood not... it was hid from them, that they perceived it not... and they feared to ask Him.” Right after this there arose a dispute among them as to who should be greatest! Oh, how common to all are these traits of the human heart! When unconfessed and uncleanness they become tools in Satan’s hands to render us powerless and incapable of any real service to God. Under such conditions both the prayer of faith and the command of faith become impossibilities. As to the desire to be first or greatest, we can trace its roots back to the day when Satan first aspired to be God and said, “I will set my throne above the stars of God.”

Let him to whom God assigns a task requiring the necessity to stand in the face of enemies too strong for him, examine his own heart and life very humbly before God and seek the cleansing that he needs and the enlightening and empowering of the Holy Spirit before ever attempting to speak to the mountain of demonic power a command of faith. “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Fasting means vastly more than a dietary matter. It involves a willingness to suffer and to die, if need be, in the conflict.

I believe it may be likely that in this valley experience Satan may have had another design against the three disciples who had been on the mount. He had tried there to blind them to the glory and deafen them to the heavenly voice by putting them into a deep sleep. God had intervened and they were aroused both to see and to hear. Did he try now to frighten them by letting them come upon the powerless disciples and arrive at the conclusion that this delegated authority does not always work? Or was he trying to make them forget the glory they had seen and the voice that they had heard, by bringing them at once into a situation designed to focus their attention upon the power of the enemy and upon the enemy himself, rather than upon the person of the Lord Jesus Christ? On the mount they had at last focused their hearts and minds upon “Jesus only.” Would the devil succeed in dimming that vision?

Well, again, if this were his plan, the Lord frustrated it. Surely John did not forget. In the first chapter of his Gospel he says, “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld this glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (verse 14).



Nor did Peter forget. In his Second Epistle he makes this triumphant announcement (1:16-18): “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount”.\*

Let our hearts re-echo the praises sung by these two, and regardless of the tests in the valley, focus our hearts and our adoration upon the beloved victorious Son whom the Father as highly exalted and given the name which is above every name.

In Beverly’s story, satanic forces are revealed at last as fallen foes. They were, in fact, conquered at Calvary by the Mighty Victor, God’s Son – the Lord Jesus Christ.

So we, who are children of God by faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, no longer need be slaves of fear. Indeed, we are “more than conquerors” through the mighty power of the crucified, risen, and indwelling Christ.

Many years ago, I was present in a crowded theater in a Midwestern city to hear a widely known preacher. It had been announced that his topic would be HELL. As he preached, the man of God mentioned again and again the name of Jesus Christ.

Among the listeners was a man sitting in the front row of the balcony, high above the main floor. Quite suddenly and with violent hatred, the listener rose from his seat. Frenzied, he shouted: “Don’t say that Name again! I hate that Name! Don’t say it again!”

For a moment the preacher was silent. Then, in complete composure, his voice firm and steady, he declared: “I have heard that voice before. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to be silent.” The authoritative command was instantly obeyed. Crumpling into his seat, the listener remained there until the close of the meeting, when he had to be helped out.

I am glad that in my young life God permitted me to witness that episode. I saw a servant of God using the power of the name of Jesus Christ to defeat a demon. In years to come, while in Christian service, I was to witness numerous such occasions. Against the frantic outbursts of hosts of demons who possessed my

own beloved foster daughter I, too, would find refuge in the all-prevailing name of Jesus.

**PART II**

**IF THOU CANST BELIEVE**

All things re possible to him  
That can in Jesus' name believe;  
Lord, I no more Thy name blaspheme,  
Thy truth I lovingly receive.  
I can, I do believe in Thee;  
All things are possible to me.

Though earth and hell the Word gainsay,  
The Word of God shall never fail;  
The Lord can break sin's iron sway;  
'Tis certain, though impossible.  
The thing impossible shall be;  
All things are possible to me.

All things are possible to God;  
To Christ, the power of God in me;  
Now shed Thy mighty Self abroad,  
Let me no longer live, but Thee;  
Give me this hour in Thee to prove  
The sweet omnipotence of love.

- C. Wesley

## Chapter 1

### NURSE HER FOR ME

When Pharaoh's daughter received into her arms the little basket taken out of the waters of the Nile, and looked for the first time upon the lovely face of the baby Moses (for he was a "goodly child"), the babe wept. The Bible tells us the princess was stirred with compassion. She instinctively took the child to her heart and reared him as her son. Miriam, Moses' sister, watched carefully to see what might happen to her baby Moses (for he was a "goodly child"), the babe wept. The Bible tells us the princess was stirred with compassion. She instinctively took the child to her heart and reared him as her son. Miriam, Moses' sister, watched carefully to see what might happen to her baby brother. With God-given inspiration, she stepped up to ask if she might find a nurse for the child among the Hebrew women. Permission granted, she ran quickly to her home. So it was that the foundling infant Moses was restored to the arms of his own mother. Committing the baby Moses to his mother's trust, the princess ordered: "Take this child and nurse him for me".

With just such a command, my Lord brought to me someone gravely in need of a mother.

When I was first introduced to Beverly, she was not really a child – but almost as helpless as one, though in her late teens. Looking into her face for the first time, I saw unmistakable evidences of fear, inner turmoil, mental struggling – sufferings too deep for me to comprehend. She showed the effects of sin in various bodily ills. Her face was sallow and ashen, her body emaciated. Some of her rotted teeth had broken off in snags. Her hair was artificially blond and coarse as straw. Her feet were badly twisted from an early bout with infantile paralysis which had left her ankles so crooked that one foot sometimes fell haphazardly on the other as she walked.

What a tragic sight she was! She seemed to cry out from deep within herself: "Help! Please... somebody help me!"

I asked her if she knew the Lord Jesus as Saviour and immediately her haunted eyes brightened.

"Oh yes," she said, "I was saved just a few months ago in a Christian meeting."

She explained that she had just spent some time at a well-known Bible camp and I was most impressed, during our conversation, that her experience was real.

I was, nonetheless, perplexed. What a strange condition for a Christian!

Discovering her past, I learned that part of her trouble was due to her having been addicted to heroin. When she had received the Lord as Saviour, she told me, she had been delivered completely from this habit. Even so, one doctor to whom I took her advised that unless she resumed taking heroin in small doses under his direction, she would die.

“I don’t have to live,” she had retorted to this advice, “but I do have to stay away from dope. God saved me from that!”

I praised God for her reply.

When Beverly came into my life, I was engaged in Christian work and had an apartment in a Christian school. In a note presented upon her arrival there, she had stated that she was a Christian. Now, as I heard her personally declare her salvation, I was sure she was a child of God. Arrangements had been made for her to live with me and several other girls in my own apartment.

One night, soon after her arrival, she was seized with a strange attack. I sent for the doctor at once. He was unable to arouse her from the coma into which she had so suddenly fallen. On the physician’s advice, she was committed to a hospital where I stayed with her through the night. While in the coma, she often cried out. It seemed to me that she was carrying on a conversation with someone else. As I sat beside her bed, it was as if the events of her entire life had been focused upon a screen for me to witness. Sometimes she would talk to members of her family or to acquaintances of the past. Sometimes she screamed in terror: “Don’t beat me! Please don’t beat me again!” She did not regain consciousness until early the next morning.

I watched her eyes flutter as she awakened.

“Where are we?” she asked.

I explained why we had to bring her to the hospital.

“Oh, I wish I had you for my mother!” she said. Suddenly she broke into sobs. I could not shake off that sobbing appeal for maternal love.

In the days that followed, Beverly’s attacks recurred. They increased steadily in intensity. When I asked her how long she had been having these strange seizures, she told me they had never been really bad until she became a Christian.

This I thought significant. I had already concluded that the condition might be demonic, but I had been taught and fully believed that a Christian could not be demon possessed. He might suffer demonic oppression and obsession, but surely not possession! I confess that I had seen some instances of persons under demonic power, earlier in my Christian work. I recalled that those persons had professed to be Christians, yet their cases did seem to me to have gone far beyond the point of oppression or obsession. I had wondered about them. Now I was face to face with the question again. This time I could not evade it. Could this case be only oppression? I prayed to Him who “giveth wisdom and upbraideth not” that He would enable me to know the truth of Beverly’s condition and show me what to do about it.

The school ordered me to send Beverly away. It was a normal demand, but since she had told me that she was not welcome at her own home, I just did not have the courage to send the poor girl into the unknown.

It was then that the Lord spoke to me about taking Beverly as my foster daughter. Now I wish I could say that I had responded affirmatively and at once to my lord. I did not. I offered many excuses: my increasing years, financial lack, and physical weaknesses (arthritis and a broken wrist, which had not healed properly). For all that, because of my disobedience, I suffered the darkness of spirit that follows God’s displeasure. I knew better than to remain in this attitude for long, so one long night I cried out to Him for forgiveness and yielded.

Beverly would be my daughter! I would obey God and nurse her for His glory. Here I was, suddenly faced with a situation that was completely beyond me. I had nothing to bring to the occasion. I confess that years of Bible study and teaching, home mission work and various Christian activities seemed only to prove my utter inability. In my earlier argument with God it was not so much that I was unwilling as *unable* for the task. Now, even though I had told the

Lord I would be obedient, still I had grave doubts. I can't do it, I argued with candid honesty. Of course I couldn't. But God could!

"I didn't ask you to do it," He seemed to say to me. "I only asked you to let Me do it *through* you."

And so I undertook the task. As Beverly's new mother it would not be I, but Christ. Since the battle was to be the Lord's, I was prepared now to stand by and see what He would do. He promised victory. Standing on that promise, I was confident that victory would come, and determined that the glory would be His alone.

First, I prayed God to help me physically. He quickly strengthened my weak body. Then I asked that He who so loved Beverly would give me much, much more than just compassion for her. I wanted really to be a mother to her and prayed that the Holy Spirit would fill me with His own love for her. This prayer was answered with a love that made me willing to die, if necessary, for my new daughter.

After I made my decision to keep Beverly as my own child, I reported the matter to the officials at the school. Although I had been engaged by them without remuneration, I left it to them to decide whether the two of us should stay or go.

Their former decision to send her home was reversed and I was graciously offered the opportunity to keep Beverly with me in my apartment. Of course, my new responsibility greatly curtailed any opportunity to help the other students who had been living with us. So they moved to other living quarters, leaving us to enjoy our new relationship as mother and daughter in my own apartment.

As the days passed, my time was almost entirely devoted to the care of Beverly. She grew steadily worse, as one attack came after another. During the times of coma, I peered into her heart as she unconsciously bared her deepest emotions. I heard expressions that could come only from a heart where the Lord Jesus Christ had taken up residence. From a child, I had known the Lord and always believed in the cleansing blood, but never had it seemed so precious to me as now. Very humbly I thanked the Lord for what He had meant to me through the years and now for what He had begun to do in my beloved daughter. I claimed the promise of Philippians 1:6 that "He who had begun a good work in her would perform it until the day of Jesus Christ".



It was not Beverly's sin that so much impressed me. Nor was it the enormity of her need. Rather, it was the purity of her heart and mind and speech. In her subconscious state she revealed a cleansed spirit and heartfelt knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This moved me greatly. I prayed in loneliness beside her. I wept and praised God for the cleansing power of the Blood of the Lamb, which alone could account for such cleansing.

Beverly's coming into my life deepened at once my utter hatred for sin. What a sordid picture she presented of the ravages caused by the devil's work! I saw clearly now that sin is a direct thrust at God and springs from the hatred of satanic hosts who have waged war against Him for ages. Indeed, seeing Beverly's condition, my own sin seemed to outweigh hers. From babyhood I had been taught the truth of God, yet for all that, I had "sinned and come short of the glory of God."

I had sinned against light Beverly never had known. How could I look down on this girl? I praised God for her!

As I accepted the responsibility of Beverly, I thought of the shift in the prayer of the Syrophenician woman who came to the Lord to pray for mercy for her daughter. The child, you recall, was grievously "vexed with a demon." After the Lord's various testing of her faith, the mother had become so thoroughly identified with her daughter's net that she prayed simply: "Lord, help *me!*" I took great comfort in the Lord's reply: "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

I worship Thee, sweet will of God,  
And all Thy ways adore;  
And every day I live I seem  
To love Thee more and more.

I have no cares, O blessed will,  
For all my cares are Thine;  
I live in triumph, Lord, for Thou  
Hast made Thy triumphs mine.

When obstacles and trials seem  
Like prison walls to be,  
I do the little I can do,  
And leave the rest to Thee.

He always wins who sides with God,  
To him no chance is lost;  
God's will is sweetest to him when  
It triumphs at his cost.

Ill that He blesses is our good,  
And unblest good is ill;  
And all is right that seems most wrong,  
If it be His sweet will.

- F.W. Faber

## Chapter 2

### YE SHALL BE FREE

It was shortly after obeying God's will to take Beverly as my own that I was invited to spend a night with a friend in a nearby town. Of course I had great apprehensions about taking Beverly with me, because of her condition. But since my friend was a dedicated Christian and deeply taught in the Word of God, I desired her fellowship. Trusting, then, that Beverly would not have a seizure during my visit there, I ventured to go and had my new daughter at my side.

We had just finished the evening meal when Beverly fell quite suddenly into a coma. It was not a severe attack, but the pattern of screaming and talking to people in her past, as described earlier, continued. She remained unconscious for several hours. She relaxed into a state of quietness, though still in the coma.

It was my friend who broke the tense silence between us we sat beside the bed where the unconscious form of my daughter lay.

"I'm sure you know what this is, don't you," she said to me quite pointedly. "Yes," I replied, "I know it is demonic. But I am uncertain as to whether it is an oppression or a possession." she suggested that we go apart to different rooms and ask God to give us a definite promise from His Word, which we could unitedly claim in prayer for Beverly's release.

With that, we retired to separate rooms to pray. It was some time later that we came together and discovered the blessed assurance of the Lord. We discovered that each of us had been given the same promise:

"If the Son, therefore, shall make you free,  
ye shall be free indeed."

It is no wonder that we waited rejoicingly for Beverly to recover consciousness. Then, to our amazement, when she was awake Beverly expressed the very same joy we knew.

"Oh, mother," she cried out with joy, "the Lord gave me such a wonderful promise. He said that the Son would make me free and that I would be free indeed!"

The three of us now – Beverly and I, together with my friend – rejoiced in this three-fold confirmation of blessed truth.

faith, mighty faith, the promise sees  
and looks to God alone,  
Laughs at impossibilities  
and cries, “It shall be done.”

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
And put your armour on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies  
through His eternal Son;  
Strong in the Lord of Hosts  
and in His mighty power;  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
Is more than conqueror.

Leave no unguarded place,  
No weakness of the soul,  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
And fortify the whole;  
To keep your armour bright,  
Attend watching unto prayer.

Stand then in His great might  
With all His strength endued;  
And take, to arm your for the fight;  
The panoply of God;  
That, having all things done  
And all your conflicts passed,  
Ye may o’ercome through Christ alone,  
And stand complete at last.

- C. Wesley

## Chapter 3

### THOUGH WAR SHOULD ARISE

The Lord was training me through His Word to see truly the power of His Blood, the power of His Word, and the power of the Holy Spirit. The name of the Lord Jesus Christ was my strong tower into which I continually resorted. Sometimes my daughter would join me in such songs as “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” and “There Is Power in the Blood.” Her favorite hymn was “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer’s Praise.” Often I would hear Beverly singing softly a song she told me she had learned at the bible camp she had recently attended:

“My Lord knows the way through the wilderness. All I have to do is follow...”

Together, we claimed many promises. We expected victory, for we claimed a victory already won at the cross in ages past by the Lord Jesus Himself. We knew our foes were defeated there by Him once and for all. So together we stood on His promises.

“By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from  
the paths of the destroyer” (Psalm 17:4).

“I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies” (Psalm 18:3).

“Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should arise against me, in this will I be confident” (Psalm 27:3).

There were many, many more. Marvelous indeed to me was the fact that Beverly herself wanted deliverance. She was on God’s side very unmistakably. So we claimed, “If God be for us, who can be against us?” We expected victory. For we claimed a victory won by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It was he who defeated our foes at the cross once for all.

Instead of immediate deliverance and victory, however, we met severe testing. Violent seizures face us-more violent ones than any Beverly had experienced up to that time.

I cannot say that she fell out of bed; rather, she seemed to dart out of her bed. The action was sudden. Each time she bounced out, Beverly would land precisely on her head. To thwart this apparent danger to her body, I moved the bed against the wall and placed an extra mattress on the floor. When I did this, she would change the direction of her plunge. Instead of falling out of the side, now she darted over the foot of the bed. As before, the landing point was directly on her head. All this she did, of course, in a coma. Try as I would to awaken my daughter, I could not bring her to consciousness. It was evident to me she was not at all in control of these actions. Again and again, as I watched her, she was literally thrown out of bed by what seemed to be a very intelligent being who knew exactly how and where to throw Beverly.

To spare my daughter physical harm, a friend devised a bag of heavy tenting-canvas which we fitted over her bed. We equipped the bag with metal rings through which heavy cords were fastened. We tied her in the bag and secured his device to the four corners of the bed. For a time, this managed to restrain some violence, But finally even heavy tenting-canvas couldn't hold the demonic power attacking my child.

If the violence were difficult to restrain, we had yet another matter to contend with. In her unconsciousness, Beverly would spit. The offence was usually at me – though frequently at others – and the demon's aim was perfect. There she lay, with eyes closed. Then suddenly her head would snap up and she would spit in my face. Compassionately, I bore this despicable offense, for I was sure she was not doing this of herself. I was quite aware that her mouth was being used by a malevolent being in control of it.

At the beginning of each coma, I noted, Beverly usually would fall into a brief period of quietness. Suddenly she would commence to scream, writhe, foam at the mouth, kick, claw and bite. In spite of her frailty, she would (during these awful seizures) manifest superhuman strength. I had to call for help to restrain her. Her eyes would open sometimes, but they showed no sign of recognition. They would take on an unnatural luster, as if inflamed with hypnotic power. Apparently, at such times her eyes burned in their sockets, for Beverly would try to claw them out. During these seizures she would lose complete control of her body. Sheets and blankets had to be washed several times a day.

These were trying days for me. I would have despaired, but I recalled the blessed promises of my Lord.

“My grace is sufficient for thee.”  
“Nothing shall by any means hurt you.”  
“Fear not, I am with thee to deliver thee.”

There’s a battle raging in the heavenly places,  
Sine and death and sickness, with Satan leading on;  
With the hosts of earth and hell arrayed against us,  
How in all our weakness shall the fight be won?

Jesus giveth us the victory,  
He who overcame on Calvary,  
Overcomes again in you and me.  
Hallelujah! Jesus gives the victory!

Faith can hear our Captain calling from the heavens,  
“Courage, brother, I have overcome for you;  
Fear not, I am with you; I will never fail you;  
Trusting in My promise, you shall conquer too.”

We are led by One who never by One who never lost a battle,  
And our adversary is a conquered foe;  
We are more than conq’rors through our Captain’s triumph;  
Let us shout the victory as we onward go.

Let us take the vict’ry over Satan’s kingdom,  
Over sickness, sorrow, self, and sin;  
Let us bear the banner, o’er the lands of darkness  
Till the foes’ last stranghold we for Christ shall win.

- A.B. Simpson

## Chapter 4

### REINFORCEMENTS

It seemed to me that during those days and nights I prayed with every breath I took. Or was it I? Truly, the indwelling Holy Spirit was praying for me (Rom. 8:26,27), and I knew that He and the Lord Jesus Christ had drawn me into agreement with them at the Father's throne. I praise Him even now for the precious assurance that came hour by hour, regardless of how great the pressure. I was continually pleading the Blood of Christ and claiming the authority of His name. I searched the Word with diligence for teaching and guidance. Where could I look, but to Him, for wisdom? For only He would enable me to know the truth of Beverly's strange condition. I needed Him to show me what to do about her.

Fellow Christians seemed to be of little help to me during that period. A few students offered aid in emergencies. Occasionally some men from a little mission church offered their services in helping to restrain Beverly. We sang hymns together, which exalted Christ and always mentioned His Blood. Together with these dear friends, we prayed and claimed the power of Jesus' name.

One night, when I was alone with Beverly during an attack, she became very violent. For my defense, I shouted: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to lie down on that bed and be quiet."

Beverly acquiesced instantly.

It seemed to me that God was dealing with the heart of my daughter. In a dialogue that ensued during that coma experiences her attitude was always one of resistance to Satan. In her unconscious state she quoted bible verses that she had read or heard. This was something she was incapable of doing in her conscious moments. Was it not the Holy Spirit who brought these things to her remembrance?

Once she recited perfectly the passage recorded in First Corinthians 10:13. Following this she spoke to her God: "Lord, you said you would make me a way of escape. Now show it to me."



As I watched and listened, Beverly suddenly exclaimed in triumph: “Why, Christ is my way of escape!”

It was as if she had made a glorious discovery. With that phrase, she came quite suddenly out of the coma.

We praised God together.

Beverly loved the Word of God. When she was awake, she would read the Bible constantly and try to find verses that fitted her need. She would try to commit these to memory. In this she had little success. But in the coma the Holy Spirit would bring them to her remembrance and so enable her to claim promises from God’s Word as a means of resistance against the enemy that plagued her.

I confess, I still had many questions about her condition. Were the demons in her? Or did the attack of demonic power come from without?

One night, she cried out: “Oh, mother, run! They’re coming! Don’t you hear them? They say they will kill you? Don’t you hear them barking?”

I heard no barking. Nothing. But from the terror in her eyes, I knew *she* heard barking. I told Beverly I had no intention of running away. I reminded her that the Blood of the Lamb was my defense. I can honestly say that I was never afraid. I claimed the promise my Lord gave to the Seventy: “Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19).

Not every Christian who encountered Beverly felt as safe as I. For example, once I sought assistance of a local minister whom I had never seen. I had heard he was a fine Christian and was reputed to be a firm evangelical teacher. He came graciously at my request. I explained Beverly’s condition and begged him to stand with me in resisting the forces that were attacking her. As we went down the hall toward her room, he evidently felt the satanic power emanating from that area, for he turned and fled in terror.

My situation was truly desperate. Beverly seemed to grow increasingly worse. At times she would make bestial sounds and her face actually would take on an animal-like expression. Her lips would twist in ugliness as she snarled and barked like a dog. Other times she hissed like a serpent. Again, she would laugh like a hyena. Often she would kick me and others, who were helping, clear

across the room. Amazingly, however, no one who was abused by her ever was hurt.

By this time I had grown quite skeptical of some things I'd heard or read about demons and demon possession. For example, I'd heard one must never touch a demonized person. If this were so, how could I nurse my daughter? I took my stand on the basis of the Calvary victory. My identification was with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection and enthronement. My life was hid with Christ in God. I was safe. Lovingly I handled and nursed my child.

A missionary from Paraguay came to the school and visited Beverly and me. My daughter fell into an attack while we conversed. This missionary very kindly prayed with us and comforted us, but beyond this he did not go.

Then, one day, God sent us reinforcements. A minister came to our school to teach theology. Later, he and his wife moved into the apartment next to mine. This was, indeed, God-sent. For the minister's wife was a trained nurse and her help was invaluable. She suggested that I tap on the pipes as a signaling device for any emergency assistance that I might need. They were a deeply spiritual couple and recognized Beverly's condition immediately as demonic. We visited regularly with this couple and often prayed and sang hymns of praise. We were very confident that God would bring deliverance.

Another time, a missionary from Brazil arrived on campus. He had dealt with demon possession in his work in the field. After hearing him speak, I sought him out privately. He visited my daughter and me in our apartment. When he saw Beverly in a seizure, he instantly recognized her condition as demon possession. But I had, until his arrival, still wondered if were only oppression. He had no doubt at all about her condition and felt that if he and I could agree on this matter, God would begin to work. We sent for the young minister and his wife. The three of us gave up our doctrinal resistance on the spot and, with the missionary, took a new stand of faith.

As I look back now, I wonder how I could have held out so long. Everything pointed to her being possessed – the bestial facial expressions, the bestial sounds, the claw like fingers bent on the destruction of her eyes, their flaming hypnotic quality, the instances of being thrown out of bed, the spitting... and all the others. How slow of heart I had been to learn!

Our uncertainty now was turned to assurance as we prayed beside Beverly, with the missionary standing as our ally in faith. As he prayed he gave this bold

command: “Demon, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to give your name and come out of her.”

Eight demons emerged, one after another. Each gave his name in a voice entirely different from Beverly’s though her vocal chords were used, and each demonic voice differed distinctly from every other. As the demons left, Beverly writhed, screamed, and nearly choked. She was evidently in great pain. This experience left her exhausted, but she seemed to be in perfect peace. Awakening, her praise to God for His mercy was spontaneous.

Those of us who prayed through this difficult period were overjoyed. We read the Bible and sang hymns of praise together. For, indeed, the wonderful name of the Lord was worthy to be praised.

That night Beverly and I slept peacefully.

When our missionary friend left the campus, he urged us to continue this same procedure in case of another attack. He assured us that God would honor the name of His Son. So Beverly and I stood together in the strength of the Lord. I discovered from the beginning that the battle was the Lord’s. I determined to stand fast. Trusting in Him, my daughter and I would be victors. For greater was He who was in us than he who was with them!

“Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, “alas, my master! How shall we do?” And he answered, “Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.” And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain as full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha” (2 Kings 6:14-17).

Who is on the Lord's side?  
Who will serve the King?  
Who will be His helpers,  
Other lives to bring?  
Who will leave the world's side?  
Who will face the foe?  
Who is one the Lord's side?  
Who for Him will go?

Jesus, Thou has bought us,  
Not with gold or gem,  
But with Thine own life-blood,  
For Thy diadem:  
With Thy blessing filling  
Each who comes to Thee,  
Thou has made us willing,  
Thou has made us free.

fierce may be the conflict,  
Strong may be the foe,  
But the King's own army  
None can overthrow.  
Round His standard ranging  
Victory is secure,  
For His truth unchanging  
Makes the triumph sure.

Chosen to be soldiers  
In an alien land:  
Chosen, called, and faithful,  
For our captain's band:  
In the service royal  
Let us not grow cold;  
Let us be right loyal,  
Noble, true, and bold.

- F. R. Havergal

## Chapter 5

### FORTRESS AND SHIELD

In the weeks that followed, the Psalms became my prayer book. It was during this time of trial that I recognized David as one who understood the foe with whom I had to do battle. Like myself, he was aware that his human enemies were not the real problem in his life, for back of them were unseen foes that he knew were trying to overthrow him.

In the fray, David found his refuge to be God – his Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Strength, Buckler, High Tower, and Shield. I knew what he meant when he wrote that not only did the “floods of ungodly men make him afraid,” but the “sorrows of hell compassed him about” (Psalm 18).

David’s description of his enemies goes far beyond any characterization of mere men. The Holy spirit, speaking through David, revealed to me the sinister nature of the foes belonging to the satanic hosts that had recently encamped about Beverly and me.

As I read on, I discovered that the Psalmist brought into view the One who was to come to put His feet upon the necks of His enemies. A mere glimpse of the Christ through the Messianic messages of the Eighteenth Psalm gave me courage and assurance of victory. I was strengthened through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the captain of the hosts of the Lord. He never has been daunted or defeated by the hosts of Satan.

I determined to make Jesus Christ my example – and in His authority place my feet on the necks of our enemies.

After some weeks, the enemy very suddenly opened fire again. By this time my new friends in the apartment next to mine had joined me regularly in prayer and in faith. I shall always be grateful to this Christian couple. I had only to tap on the pipes and my help came running! Then, while Beverly would writhe in violence under satanic attack, my friends and I would stand together and pray. We would give commands to the enemy as the Lord would lead.

Through long days and even longer nights, we were forced to keep weary vigil. When dawn came, if Beverly were asleep, we would hastily grab a bite of breakfast. There was hardly a moment for any of us to relax or rest.

It was at this time that I recalled that Gideon's army was chosen from those who "lapped, putting their mouths," rather than from those who took time to "bow their knees to drink" at the brook. I understood clearly why God was so selective. Indeed, our time was not our own. Even those brief moments when we looked to God for spiritual direction were shrouded with the knowledge that at any moment Beverly might break into violence. In retrospect, I think that was the most despairing thing about this entire experience. As we just never knew when the attacks would come, Satan did his best to rob us even of our prayer time and precious quiet moments with God.

At times Beverly would be perfectly calm. It was a joy to see her sitting quietly eating her breakfast. Then suddenly – attack! Her breakfast tray would fly into the air and we were found in the middle of battle again.

At another times, when she was able to be out of bed and attend church, she would collapse in a pew. Once an attack came on a staircase. Another time she fell into a coma in our bathroom. There she was twisted, lying like an immovable wedge against the door – her body having fallen in such a way that it almost impossible to extricate her. We worked carefully to remove her violent form, so as to save her from self-injury.

Though we did not know when the attacks would come, we were quite prepared for what the violence would be. Invariably, when Beverly fell into a coma she would claw at her eyes. There would be a brief period of repose, then severe violence again. My friends and I together, in the midst of each siege, formed a band, continually praying for Beverly. We gave commands for the demons to leave. We sang hymns of praise. We read passages from the Bible. Nevertheless, Beverly proved to be more and more violent as the days passed.

Once, during a period of violence, we were reading aloud from the Bible as follows:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth" (Phil. 2:9,10).

As we continued to read, Beverly wailed and screamed in a most unnatural voice. The timbre of it was uncanny. The demon barked, hissed, and cried out: "I hate that word! I hate that Name! Oh, stop saying that Name!"

It was not Beverly who spoke out, and it was not Beverly's voice. Demons, through her vocal chords, were expressing their enmity towards God. My friends felt as I did, that the Holy Spirit had set up His banner against the demons. So in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we commanded them to leave and forbade them to enter any other body or ever to return to Beverly's body. One by one, a number of demons left. Going, they used Beverly's vocal chords to protest bitterly.

"This is my home," one demon wailed. "Don't make me leave it. I've lived here for five years. I belong here."

One demon said he had entered her body before Beverly's birth. Several more claimed to have been in her from babyhood. Others said they had entered in more recently. A few claimed to have come in even after Beverly had received Jesus Christ as Saviour. Conversing wildly, they professed they had the ability to open doors to admit other demons into Beverly's being. Some demons actually told us the precise place in which they had taken up residence in Beverly's body!

"My power is broken," growled an infuriated demon. "The Holy Spirit is making me go. I'm defeated!"

We heard demons that were being expelled cry out to Lucifer for help. They begged his forgiveness for having failed to accomplish their purpose in Beverly's life. Occasionally a demon threatened to kill my daughter.

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ," we commanded boldly, "don't injure her body!"

One demon wailed in fear as he left Beverly: "Lucifer, I've lost my place in your army. Now I'll have to burn or wander. Oh, have you a cow? A dog? A snake?" Amazingly, this question was directed to *us*, to whom they were subject as we used the name of Christ.

On expulsion, many demons begged for permission to enter the body of another human being. They often mentioned names of people they said they would like to inhabit. Their claim was that these people, though Christians, were easy prey to demons. Of course, we know Satan and his hosts are liars and the Word of God tells us that they are "accusers of the brethren." We prayed earnestly for the people whose names they mentioned and took care never to repeat their names publicly.

Oh, believer, I earnestly urge you not to settle into smug complacency in your Christian walk. We are kept by the power of God, indeed, but we are strongly admonished to maintain a faithful walk before Him. Did He not say: “Little children, *keep yourselves* from idols” (1 John 5:21)? Don’t give place to the devil if you would know the freedom of walking in the Spirit of the Living God.



Jesus the name high over all,  
In hell or earth or sky;  
Angels and men before it fall  
And devils fear and fly.

Jesus the prisoner's fetters breaks  
And bruises Satan's head;  
Power into strengthless souls He speaks  
And life into the dead.

His only righteousness I show,  
His saving truth proclaim;  
'Tis all my business here below  
To cry, "Behold the Lamb!"

Happy if with my latest breath  
I may but gasp His name,  
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,  
"Behold, behold the Lamb."

- C. Wesley

## Chapter 6

### MY NAME IS LEGION

In the Gospels, demons often bore testimony to the deity of the Lord Jesus and to His holy character. The Lord did not desire their testimony and silenced them. I believe He allowed these statements to be recorded in the Gospels that we might know these things. It is not amiss, therefore, to record some of the statements of demons we encountered in my daughter Beverly's siege.

Already we have mentioned their expressions of hatred of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the atoning blood of Christ. I've told you of their violent reactions to our singing of hymns of praise.

"The Holy Spirit is making me go," a demon cried out. Another said: "We have to get out to let Him have our place." We heard remarks such as these: "Oh, the Holy Spirit is crowding me out." "Oh, the Blood has us defeated. We must all go." "Cast me out in the name of Lucifer... in your own name... any name but *that* Name!"

One remark caused us to mark well that the authority of the Gospel is only in the name of Jesus Christ – not in any other. For example, a worker said merely, "I command you to go in the name of Jesus." The demon replied, "Which Jesus?" We quickly reminded of Second Corinthians 11:4 – "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted..."

Paul would have Christians to be warned. Any system that denies the virgin birth, the deity of Jesus, His divine words and deeds, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, ascension, enthronement and personal coming again is worshipping "another Jesus." The Jesus who is just a teacher, example, martyr, or great and good man is no the Jesus of the Bible. To worship such a one is idolatry; it is the Jesus of the cults and of "modernism." Many misled, mistaught, professing Christians today are following, perhaps without knowing it, an ecumenical church movement which includes many who deny the Jesus of Scripture and follow, therefore, "another Jesus."

Let me also digress from our narrative about Beverly to mention "another spirit." Many sincere Christians, improperly taught, and thinking that a state of

total passivity is proper for receiving a baptism of the Holy Spirit, leave themselves wide open from the reception of “another spirit” and many false manifestations that are only counterfeits of what the Bible teaches regarding the true filling of the Holy Spirit. The Bible nowhere teaches passivity. Fortune-tellers practice it and they do get “another spirit.” The same is true of many devotees and priests of pagan religions who actually are worshippers of demons.

Many “another gospel” is being preached in these days. Back of every one of these systems – those denying the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ or which propose acceptance with God other than through Christ’s redemptive work in death and resurrection – is a gospel of Satan. They are promulgated by demons. Flee these things!

The demon who asked “Which Jesus?” when he was ordered to leave Beverly’s body, was commanded then to leave in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He departed at once. There is safety and sureness in the wholen name. Christians may use it with full authority – the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

While we were reading the Eighteenth Psalm in Beverly’s room one day, a demon cried out: “Oh, that’s true but terrible!” It is well to note that demons acknowledge that the Bible is true. There are no unbelievers in the spirit kingdom of Stan; there are none in hell. Only human beings still living on earth are so blinded by the devil that they go on in unbelief – to their own eternal doom.

One demon went out crying for Lucifer’s forgiveness and said: “I’ve not worked in this body for very long. The Holy Spirit stopped my work on March 13, 1954.” That was the day my daughter had recorded as the time of her acceptance of Jesus Christ and Saviour! Other demons mentioned this date as the beginning of their own failure.

One demon, who said his name was “Filthy Conversation,” told us he has entered Beverly when she used her first “curse word” and then announced: “I haven’t worked for two years because of the Holy Spirit. I lived in her vocal box. I am defeated by the blood of that Christ. I have to admit that He is the Son of God.” Still another demon said: “I am defeated by Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God.”

Sometimes demons went out saying they had tried to kill us Christian workers, but they could not, they said, because of “that awful Blood,” or because there was “too much of the Holy spirit, too much of the Word, too much prayer,

praises, and too much of the Blood.” One demon, upon leaving Beverly, said: “This body is covered with the Blood, house and doorposts.”

These expressions are enough to show that demons believe in the deity of Christ, and in the fact that the Spirit of God dwells in a believer. They believe in God as Father of Christ. They expressed their full acknowledgement of the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. They hate God and they hate those who believe in Him!

Demons also have a contempt for careless, sinning Christians. They consider certain lives easy prey, particularly those who are backslidden. Those who live outside the will of God or neglect the Bible and prayer, seeking satisfaction in the things of the world, are open to satanic attack. Let us heed the admonition of Paul to abide in Christ and to let His Word “abide in us richly.”

For the encouragement of believers, let me quote another statement made by a demon: “When a Christian cries out for victory, there’s nothing but victory possible.” Another said: “When you pray against us, we have no power.”

As a particular demon left Beverly, he spat at me. I said: “I wonder if you were one of those who caused people to spit at my Lord. I count it an honor to suffer a little of what He suffered.” To God’s glory, I record here that never after that did any spitting occur.

Several demons mentioned the Light within my daughter. “Oh, that awful Light,” I recall one said protestingly. “I can’t stand that Light!” Truly our Lord, who is the Light, “in whom there is no darkness at all,” was searching them out. Demons tremble at the Word of God because they know it is true. They know their doom is sure. Several admitted that they would sometime have to “bow their knee” to Christ. Yes, they believe and tremble. Their activities are centered on endeavoring to turn others away from the truth, which they are careful to admit. They persuade the perverse hearts of men to believe Satan’s lie. The entire world of unbelievers is hastening after the teaching of demons and someday will have to share their eternal torment in the lake of fire.

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15). But hell was not prepared for men. It was “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mat. 1 25:41). Men deliberately turn their backs on God and choose to go there.

Our god, in His infinite grace, cries out to the whole world: “O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord! Why will ye die?”

Soldier, soldier, fighting in the world's great strife,  
On thyself relying, battling for thy life;  
Trust thyself no longer,  
Trust to Christ – He's stronger:  
I can all things, all things do  
Through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

If you way be weary He will help you through –  
Help you in your troubles and your pleasures too;  
Say, when Satan's by you;  
say, when all things try you:  
I can all things, all things do  
Through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

In a world of trouble, tempted oft to stray,  
You need never stumble, Satan cannot stay,  
Will but tempt you vainly  
If you tell him plainly  
I can all things, all things do  
Through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

- R. Hudson Pope

## Chapter 7

### THE BATTLE RAGES

I maintained a careful vigil over my daughter Beverly when she was under violent attack. It became clear that it was not only her body that was involved in this awful demonic condition. Often, commands that a demon leave her body had to be repeated a number of times. I was most perplexed that these commands were not quickly obeyed. Then a verse from the Bible flashed into my mind: “Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit” (2 Cor. 7:1).

It was then I gave a more bold command: “Go out of her wherever you are, whether you are in her flesh or in her spirit.” A demon left at once, but laughed at us for not having known his hiding place. In this way one of their devices had come to light. Also, light was thrown upon the whole question of the possibility of a Christian’s being possessed.

Philips’ translation of Second Corinthians 7:1 is, “With these promises ringing in our ears, dear friends, let us keep clear of anything that smirches body or *soul*.”\* I consider this a more appropriate translation here, of the word *pneumatōs*. It agrees with the conviction that I had come to hold in my own mind that the spirit of the born-again believer, occupied by the Holy Spirit, cannot be also host to a demon, though body and soul may be.

I have recently read a comment written by the late Dr. V. Raymond Edman during the time of his editorship of *The Alliance Witness*,\* which I quote at this point, giving both question and answer:

Q. A dear Christian woman in our congregation is mentally ill. In her emotional disturbance she often speaks of committing suicide. Some of us believe we see indications of demon possession, but our pastor contends that no born-again Christian can be demon possessed, but rather is demon oppressed. What is your opinion?

A. This sad situation may be entirely a physical matter and there should be prayer with faith for full healing and restoration. On the other hand it might be a case of demon possession. Textbooks on Christian doctrine all teach, as far as I know, that a truly born-again Christian cannot be demonized. This is not stated in the bible but is inferred from the fact that a believer is born again of the Holy

Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit and a demon cannot occupy the same place. The latter statement is true: a demon cannot enter the regenerated spirit of the Christian. However, we are a tripartite being: spirit, soul and body. The unguarded Christian may have demon possession in the soul which would affect mental processes and emotions, or in the body, as was the case of the woman who had “a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself” (Luke 13:11). Of her the Saviour said when He healed her, “Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” To say that a Christian cannot be demonized in any area of his life is a happy but inaccurate generalization.

My friends and I began to see now that we were fighting a satanic host of tremendous organization. The demons addressed Lucifer as their god, their king, their commander.

“I’m high up in Lucifer’s army,” one boasted raucously from within my precious daughter.

Sometimes a demon would refuse to give his name. We would then read allowed passages of the bible where various types of sins are listed. Often a demon would recognize his name and reply to it in expressions like these: “Who called me?” “I heard my name.”

Some demons called themselves “chiefs,” others “captains.” When a captain was told to give his name, he did so proudly. One boasted of the number of demons under his command. Immediately after doing this he asked Lucifer to forgive him for telling the secrets of his army. Whenever a captain of the demons was cast out, another soon announced his leadership role.

It was at this time, with the help of my friends, that careful notes were taken of this activity. We realized that our position was a peculiar one, but we felt that any data we could compile on this subject might be helpful to missionaries in the field or to Christian workers. You must understand that our notes, jotted down with great haste, were sketchy. Nonetheless, they have been carefully preserved and I have them in my possession today, referring to them even as I am writing this. Also, my friends and I made tape recordings of wails and screams and other horrifying sounds that came from Beverly when she was in a demonic seizure. Together, they present a clear record of the almost incredible experience we endured together with my daughter Beverly.



I should like to mention that our recording activities greatly enraged the demons. I vividly recall one time, for example, while my daughter was still unconscious, that a demon used her in a moment of extreme violence to attempt to destroy our notes.

“His information is too valuable,” a demon screamed. “Other people will be freed.”

As evidence of that moment, some of the pages of my notes are torn. The writing on them is intact, however, and it is a review of these notes that brings to memory the vividness of a siege of violence that lasted three days. I quote from these notes as follows:

“The attack began with a demon crying out, ‘Go away; I’ll kill her. I’ll kill you too.’ Quietness for a time... Beverly complains of snakes, dogs, etc., being all over her. Attack began about 8:45 a.m. and lasted until 12:45 p.m. Lull for about an hour, then it began again and continued for another two and one-half hours.”

My notes also record that on a particular day forty-four demons were cast out. On the day after that, eighteen left Beverly. Sixteen more demons were expelled on the last of this three-day attack.

I should like to point out, too, that there were occasions when we had Beverly’s cooperation as we labored for her liberation. At one point, I recall, she came out of the coma to see herself in violence.

“Oh, dear Lord,” she cried, “you know I don’t want to hurt anyone.”

After another battle she said to me: “Please don’t ever stop until they are all gone, not even if it hurts so much that I ask you to stop. That isn’t what I want. I want to belong to Jesus Christ. I want Him to have all of me.”

It was merciful of God to let her remain unconscious during most of the expulsions. It was, indeed, pitiful to watch her writhe in pain.

“I can’t breathe,” she’d gasp. “Oh, my throat! A demon is in my throat!”

Our notes bear clear testimony of moments of triumph too. As an indication of this, I quote as follows:

“When Beverly returns to consciousness, it is with great joy and praising the Lord for His deliverance. Her throat is sore and she is tired, but her mind and her eyes are clear.”

These notes record names of certain demons expelled during the sever three-day attack mentioned earlier.

The first demon to go was FEAR. He put up great resistance. The followed GREED, SHAME, and PASSION. The latter begged to stay and cried out: “I’m just a little one.” RESENTMENT kept crying, ‘I won’t obey you.” PRIDE said: “don’t torment me. This body is my home.” FOOLISHNESS resisted with: “No, no, I’m the one who makes her defeated. I’m really sly. I’m going to ruin her testimony. I can’t go. I have too much work to do. I’m chief.” Snarling and barking, FOOLISHNESS finally left. He was followed by LYING, who went out screaming: “Lucifer is lord.” DECEIVER went out saying: “I’m the deceiver of the people. I tear up Christ’s work.”

EXAGGERATION followed, then LIAR left. He said he was one of a legion of demons, and we noted that two more named LIAR went out saying: “I’m the one who tells her not to give her whole testimony. Many would be set free if she would only tell.” CARELESSNESS barked as he took his leave. He was followed by LAZINESS. PIETY went next. LUST OF THE EYES made this statement: “I’m deeply rooted; you cannot reach me. I’ve lived here fifteen years. I can’t leave this house after fifteen years! I’m not through with my job.” When he was forced to go, however, he went with wild diabolic laughter. APPETITE, CONCEIT, and VANITY were followed by DULLNESS OF MIND, who said: “My job is to keep her from learning more about Christ.” RESTLESSNESS explained that his work was to stir up her body until she couldn’t read God’s “awful word,” AS HE TERMED IT. Another demon claimed that Beverly’s body was “Lucifer’s temple.” He had been in her for nine years, he said. Another said, “I’ll rip her insides out.” One screamed, “I must keep my house. I must open the way to others. This one room belongs to me.” Another leaving with reluctance cried: “I am defeated now. Lucifer, Lucifer, protect me!”

In that three-day siege – as, in fact, in all of them – we noted with considerable interest that each demon insisted on being recognized as a distinct personality. Each acted and spoke in his own individual way.

After that, one attack seemed to follow on another with great rapidity. All through that bleak winter, I – and my dear friends in the next apartment who stood with me in prayer – endured severe testings.

During the brief times when the demons were inactive, my friends would retire to their apartment. I remained with Beverly through the night. If she slept, I slept. But I had by this time developed a built-in alarm system that found me awake whenever a fresh attack took hold of her.

How sweet the sleep of the Lord is! Though y periods of rest were brief, the promises of God gave me perfect peace. He knew my frame and remembered that I was dust. I made Him my sufficiency by day and by night. I continued looking to Him to help me as I lovingly nursed my beloved daughter.

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
and there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

Thou dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

Then, in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy power to save,  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave.

- W. Cowper

## Chapter 8

### NEW HOPES ARISE

Winter passed. As the new green blades of grass nudged their way through the warm earth, new hope entered my being. At long last, it was spring! School had planned a trip south, my daughter and I embarked on vacation. We were really looking forward to this period of rest, for we had real reason to hope that Beverly was now well enough to enjoy it. She definitely had made a change. Since we had witnessed victory over many demons, Beverly had become a good deal more relaxed. She seemed composed and surer of herself. Her mind was noticeably more clear. She was more capable of learning now and often read the Bible with considerable understanding and perception. In fact, Beverly was in such a markedly improved condition that our friends in the neighboring apartment and I had dared hope that she had been completely delivered.

With so much reason to expect that our vacation would be a happy one, we were not prepared for the severe violence that seized Beverly just a day or so after we had arrived at a Christian camp at which we had suddenly decided to make a stopover.

A missionary on furlough from Brazil opened her home to receive Beverly in this condition, and there we gathered for prayer and strong resistance to Satan. Other Christians from the camp joined us also. For this corps of helpers I am particularly grateful to God. I shall never forget how those dear Christians gave themselves so devotedly to prayer and stood faithfully with Beverly and me during this period. It was one of extreme demonic attack – one that lasted over a period of four seemingly interminable days. Perhaps it was the enlarging of our ranks that so enraged the enemy a host of demons seemed to have now encamped about us with impenetrable reinforcements!

It had been our custom, during an attack, to exclude from Beverly's room everyone who was not a dedicated Christian. During this particular siege at camp, a man came unnoticed into the room where Beverly lay unconscious and took a seat beside her bed. He laid his hand on her arm while she was in coma. As he did this, some of us noticed that there was much greater demonic activity – so much so, in fact that we had to ask this man to leave. He did so, but with great reluctance. Later we learned (during the dialogue between Beverly and the demons) that the presence of the man had given the demons added strength. They said he was on their side – that he, too, was possessed. Doesn't this throw

new light on another of the enemy's strange tactics? Can there be a demonic "laying on of hands"?

The dialogues also revealed that the indwelling demons receive strength through those they call "suggestive demons" We discovered that these are demons who seem not to be seeking embodiment, but rather are continually wandering about in an attempt to "accuse the brethren" to each other. Their appointed work, it seems, is to stir up divisions among groups of Christians and to inject into people's minds many false doctrines and "teachings of demons." One of the demons who was being expelled told us that there were eight thousand suggestive demons in our cabin that night. He wailed in agony as he admitted that there were some fifty thousand angels of God in that tiny room to defend us. So, Christian, take heart! God is on our side.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no ever, no never forsake.

I vividly recall one demon, persistently refusing to be expelled from my daughter's body, who began to speak in a strange language. We repeated again and again the command for him to leave, but he remained steadfast. It was the missionary from Brazil who recognized the language the demon spoke to be Portuguese. She interpreted for us that the demon was crying out that he did not understand what we were saying.

"What makes you people talk so funny?" the demon wailed in Portuguese.

Whereupon, the Brazilian missionary gave a bold command in Portuguese for the demon to leave in the name of Jesus Christ. With great haste, the demon departed!

My reason for pointing out this incident is to emphasize that Beverly, though she had never had any knowledge of the Portuguese language, was used by the demon to speak it fluently. The demons, however, revealed in their chattering that she had become acquainted with a boy from Brazil when she was very young. It was through him, said the demon, that he had found a way into Beverly's body.

With great solemnity, let me also note that my experience with demons in my daughter Beverly's life reveals the fact that the enemy can usurp control of the

human tongue and use it to speak anything the demon wills and in any language he desires. Let us not be amazed that there are “gifts of tongues” which are not of the Holy Spirit. Satan has a perfect counterfeit for every genuine gift of the Holy Spirit. Why does God permit this? It is, indeed, a mystery. Too few in our churches today are able to discern the false gifts from the true. The powers of darkness have one aim – to confuse and distract believers from Jesus Christ, who is the Light and in whom is no darkness at all. So do not marvel that Satan performs miracles and offers great signs and wonders. This he does in his offers great signs and wonders. This he does in his effort to deceive even the elect, if possible. Oh, let us turn to God and look ever to Him, the Giver of every good gift – and never be found guilty of boasting of our gifts, great as they may be.

We remained at this camp during four terrific days of siege, during which God proved Himself strong in our behalf. We witnessed the casting out of many demons, and our hearts and voices were lifted in constant praise to God. Those assembled in that room were of one heart and one mind and we still acknowledge God’s hand in it all. It was there that the tapes before mentioned were made. These have since been used for teaching purposes, and in this ministry God has blessed them.

In the Name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call Him Lord  
Who from the beginning  
Was the Mighty Word.

Humbled for a season  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death He passed.

Name Him, brothers, name Him,  
with love strong as death,  
But with awe and wonder,  
And with bated breath;  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.

- C. M. Noel



## Chapter 9

### CALVARY VICTORY

During the four-day siege at camp, Beverly lay unconscious one day from dawn until dark. Her voice sounded like raging beasts, as one by one demons took leave. Some revealed that they had once lived in dogs, serpents, skunks, and various other animals. What horror! I sat beside my daughter through one awful night and prayed for strength some message from His Word.

I opened my Bible to the Twenty-second Psalm. As I read this beloved portion of Scripture, God led me to Calvary. Because this experience is so vivid and so real, I am compelled to share it with you. For never, until then, did I see so clearly all that Christ endured for us on the cross. More especially, I felt it was just for me that He suffered and died. Oh, the utter loneliness of my ding Saviour, as the Father's face was averted and His ear closed to the cry of the Lord Jesus.

“My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?”

The holiness of God! While the Dying One cried out to Him, God had to turn away – for He could not look upon SIN. In that moment, Christ became SIN for the entire world's deliverance.

How holy is the Father! He is “of purer eyes than to behold evil” (Hab. 1:13).

By faith I saw the Saviour that night. The Son of God was on the cross in my stead! He took the penalty of my sins and hung there under the load of my iniquity. I knew it was not only for my iniquities, but that the load of the whole world's sin became His in that moment. All generations of sinful men became His burden there. But that wonderful night – I knew HIM. He died for ME.

As the Psalmist draws the portrait of Him who knew no sin bearing the burden of humanity's sin, I very clearly saw that my own sins were laid upon Him. I heard the Beloved Son cry out: “I am a worm and no man; a reproach of men and despised of the people.” Then I heard the taunts of the people as they scornfully laughed: “He trusted in the Lord that He would deliver him.” They shouted in derision.

“Be not far from me, for trouble is near,” cried out my dying Lord, “for there is none to help.”

Was it the nails that pierced His body? Was it the shame of death on the cross that brought the deepest sufferings to the Saviour? No, it was His aloneness! He and the Father always were One. Now, on the cross, He was all alone. He was “by Himself” purging our sins” by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 1:3, 9:26).

“Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger” (Lamentations 1:12).

As I read on, I saw God’s fierce anger that was really due me and charged to *His* account. The Saviour was condemned in *my* place! It was in *my* place He hung on the cruel tree!

The Word revealed to me that on the cross Jesus met single-handedly all the assembled hosts of Satan. Calvary was the battleground of all the ages. There He met the serpent and crushed his head. Those standing nearby never heard the real tumult at the cross. Our Lord there was beset and compassed about with “bulls... strong bulls of Bashan.” His enemies were like ravening wolves and roaring lions, gaping upon Him with their mouths. Dogs compassed Him. He prayed to be delivered from the power of the dog and to be saved from the lion’s mouth. He declared: “Thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns [wild oxen].” What a day for the Saviour!

What a night for me! Sitting there beside Beverly’s bed, with my open bible upon my lap, I received a clear vision of Calvary. Indeed, I had heard awful demons in the room all that day, but they were mild echoes of the horror Jesus heard as He hung on the cross. For in His death, the Lord faced all the beastlike powers of darkness and He faced them all alone for *me*... and for you! I am convinced that Jesus heard actual voices of demons. Without a doubt, on every side, there were blasphemises and torments, taunts and slander, barkings and hissings, diabolic laughter. And it was those demonic voices who had prevailed upon the mob to cry out – “Crucify him!” But Our Lord was the Mighty Conqueror over the whole hierarchy of Satan, over demons – yea, over death itself. There He was Victor in the supreme battle of all battles. In Him is victory indeed!

His victory was now my victory! I looked upon my sleeping daughter Beverly now and saw anew that we really needed only to take up the battle from a point of a victory already own.

Continuing to read the Psalm, I rejoiced in these triumphant words: “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee. For the Kingdom is the Lord’s, and He is the governor among the nations.”

Reading the phrase “He hath done this,” I recalled with joy the triumphant cry from the cross: “It is finished.”

O Christian, neither men nor demons can deter the Christ! His purpose was to do the Father’s perfect will. He has accomplished the work of full salvation. Nothing can be added to His perfect work.

Reader, if you never have been to Calvary and never have seen your sins laid on Him there; if you never have seen your sinful self crucified with Him there – then go to that place. See the sacrifice that was made for you. appropriate it for yourself. He will not turn you away.

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson strain,  
He washed it white as snow.

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the Cross of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,  
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;  
Then am I dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

- Isaac Watts

## Chapter 10

### FREE INDEED

It was now a year and a half since Beverly had come into my life and home. We had, indeed, experienced many trials – but we also had enjoyed many victories in the Lord.

An incredible number of demons had been expelled. Beverly's physical condition was markedly better. she was quite alert, Even to the point that she was regularly attending classes at school now. Best of all, she developed a real thirst for the word of God. She was also memorizing Scripture passages and reading helpful Christian books. I noticed that her spiritual life had deepened. She was very consistent in her prayer time.

Again, with our friends in the neighboring apartment, Beverly and I went off to camp, this time for a lengthy stay. My daughter and I had a cabin to ourselves, while my dearest friends, with their family, found a comfortable and more specious place close by.

We had hardly arrived at our vacation site – a Christian camp of simple cabins scattered amid moss-hung oaks and pines – when Beverly was taken with a very difficult twenty-four hour siege. Every few days, after that, more and more attacks came. The intervals between were very quiet, but then would come great outbursts, increasing constantly in intensity. Evidently some of the most violent demons had hidden from us and waited until now to reveal themselves.

While the sieges of demonic attack continued to recur, we searched the Word of God for His direction. The Holy Spirit encouraged us, directing us to many fresh promises of God. Several hundred demons left Beverly during this long period of weeks – as my friends and I, with other recruits, stood together, claiming the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His name. But it was a tiring task, and some of our helpers were growing discouraged as the long sieges kept on. We knew that without a drastic intervention by God we could not endure. But we were of the conviction that we must go on with this fight to final and complete victory.

After much prayer, study, and consultation, it occurred to us that the Enemy up to this time had been the aggressor. What folly on our part! Why had we let

Satan do this to us? Here we were – worn almost to complete exhaustion. WE determined to take a very bold stand.

On a Friday afternoon, after a day of brutal battle, my minister friend, with great firmness, commanded in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that the demons be quiet and remain inactive until the following Sunday night at eight o'clock. Instantly, they obeyed!

This gave us time for a long-needed rest, and for preparing nourishment for the patient to strengthen her for the onslaught that we expected on Sunday night. The rest of the people in the camp spent Sunday in fasting and prayer. Beverly remained in bed. I bathed and fed her and encouraged her to rest. At times we read and prayed together, very definitely committing ourselves to the care of Him who, having won the victory for us at Calvary, was both our Victor and Deliverer for time and eternity.

A few minutes before eight o'clock our friend and another gentleman arrived. His wife was expected momentarily, but was somewhat detained and did not arrive until after. After a brief time of prayer, precisely at eight o'clock, the command was given by him that every spirit of evil remaining in my daughter leave at once without saying a word, never to enter her again. They were told not to injure her body as they left and were forbidden to enter the body of any other being.

The two men then left the house, leaving me alone to witness the final outcome. The demons began going out at once. They said not a word. Beverly was conscious throughout the ordeal as a great horde of them left in quick succession. She writhed and groaned, coughed and nearly choked in agony indescribable. I stood at the foot of her bed, suffering with her but nevertheless praising God for His mercy and faithfulness to His Word. He was fulfilling the many promises that we had claimed under the leading of the Holy Spirit. I felt His protection in this crisis and the comfort of His Presence.

After what seemed an endless time, during which the demons were using every possible avenue of her body to make their exit, there came finally a complete lull. There Beverly lay, fully conscious, perfectly relaxed. She looked up at me, smiled, and said faintly, "Mother, they're all gone!" Being totally exhausted, she then fell into a deep and restful sleep.

Soon my friend's wife came in and saw Beverly sleeping peacefully. Together we retired to another room and sobbed out our praises to God. There was no

doubt about it now. The battle was really over. We had achieved victory in Jesus Christ the Lord.

When I went to see Beverly again, after several hours, I found her awake and beaming.

“Don’t you think God would want us to tell the folks in the chapel what has happened to me?” she suggested.

What a thrilling experience! I heard Beverly simply and publicly tell of the marvelous deliverance God had accomplished in her life. She expressed her praises to God and also her gratitude to those who had prayed and fasted to help in her full deliverance. How radiant her face was! The peace and joy of the Lord shone through her. Her eyes, which only recently had been aflame with demonic fire, now were soft and clear and beautiful with the light of God. Beverly was clean. She was free indeed!

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a few of them openly triumphing over them in it” (Col. 2:13-15).

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
E’en then shall this be all my plea,  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
For who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully, by Thee, absolved I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Thou God of power, Thou God of love,  
Let all the world Thy mercy prove;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus the Lord, our Righteousness.

- Count Zinzendorf



## Chapter 11

### RICH IS THE REWARD

Not all believers rejoiced with us. Many who had labored faithfully with us expressed real doubt. Could I blame them? It was, indeed, almost incredible. But it did seem strange to me that while angels rejoiced in heaven, some of those who were undoubtedly God's own people were caught in a snare of doubt and confusion.

For all that, the rejection of her testimony did not discourage Beverly. She carefully marked the day of her deliverance – October 14, 1956. For that day, we continually praise God together.

On two occasions thereafter she had an encounter with the demonic army that had once possessed her, as they came back to demand reentrance. They could not now enter at will. It required her consent. This she persistently refused to give them, and we praise God that they have long ceased making this demand.

Satan uses many devices in an attempt to reclaim a person who has been released from his dominion. One of these is loneliness. I would like to point this out to you, because after the final deliverance of my daughter, a period of harassment began. Few Christians understood really. Still fewer were willing to become involved in our lives. Some, not deeply instructed in Bible truth, were prejudiced. Others were afraid of Beverly; still more were undecided about her condition. Some Christians simply were unwilling to face the truth. So most people remained aloof, while others openly opposed my daughter.

We discovered people are likely to regard one who claims deliverance to be untrustworthy. And some of God's people (it's hard for me to put this into print) – those translated from the kingdom of darkness to Light – actually seem to feel justified in looking down upon one who has been demon possessed.

Rich is the reward of those who bear ostracism and persecution for Jesus' sake. He, too, was "despised and rejected of men – a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He knew the depths of pain and loneliness; He was accounted a blasphemer and a disturber of the people; He was an object of suspicion, distrust, mockery, and false accusation. His own disciples forsook Him! All this reproach He bore for us. What high honor is bestowed upon us when we are called to share His sufferings!

Let me add that there were some dear Christians who loved Beverly through the entire ordeal. They have proved their faithfulness through the years since this experience. Others, who did not know her then, recognize her only for what she is today – a born-again child of God whose desire is to please Him.

Later, Beverly not only enjoyed a mother's love, but through my marriage she won the love of a father as well. She responded to my husband as few daughters do. It meant a great deal to her to have the security of a home where the love of God prevails. So this daughter-father relationship was an added blessing to Beverly. In time, it brought her the opportunities of a fine education, as well as other material blessings.

Beverly's health was never good from birth, as noted before in this narrative. During the long siege God at times manifested His power in physical healings instantaneously granted. Her ankles were straightened, her eyes restored to the point that after twelve years she can still read without glasses. Her crooked mouth was straightened. People today consider her beautiful in face and form.

In the years since she had had many illnesses. Often God has led us to use medical and surgical help, but in this too He has shown His hand of power.

I should like to point out that whenever it was necessary for my daughter to be hospitalized, she used these periods to lead others to the Lord. She has shown great compassion for those whose early years have known sorrow and tragedy – even as her own lifetime was one of despair, until her final deliverance.

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise!  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
And spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

- Charles Wesley

## Chapter 12

### TRANSFORMATION

The most desperate case of demon possession recorded in the Gospels is that of the Gadarene, possessed by a legion of demon. The response to Jesus' question, "Why is thy name?" was given evidently by their captain who acted as spokesman for all and simply answered, "Legion." The number of soldiers in a Roman legion was ordinarily six thousand men. Whether this is indicative of the actual number of demons in possession of the Gadarene is not known, but he certainly had at least two thousand, since, when expelled from his body, they entered into the many swine and drove them violently down into the sea.

His condition was of long standing and most pathetic. He had been driven by the demons into the wilderness. He wore no clothes and his only home was among the tombs. No man could tame him and he broke whatever fetters or chains were put upon him. No man dared pass that way. He was beyond the possibility of human help and in a state of total degradation and desolation.

When Jesus, unafraid, came that way, the demons recognized Him and cried out, "What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? Art Thou com hither to torment us before the time?" They implored Jesus not to send them to the abyss, but to permit them to enter the swine. After the Lord had miraculously delivered this man, we see him "sitting and clothed and in his right mind," marvelously transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ. His whole desire now was to be with Jesus and he begged Him to take him with Him. This request Jesus did not grant, but instead gave him a very sacred commission in the words, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." This became the man's great purpose in life – to testify and publish abroad what the Lord Jesus had done for him. "All men did marvel" as he gave his testimony by word and life. He bore no resemblance to the man that he had been, but was a living example of the mighty transforming power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This same power I have witnessed in the life of my beloved daughter, Beverly. It is more than twelve years since her final deliverance. All who knew her in the days of her affliction have marveled at her complete transformation. Some have found it hard to believe that she could possibly be the same person, for she truly bears no resemblance to her former self. Her heart is wholly set upon doing the will of God. Many lives have been blessed as they have come under her

influence. God has used her especially in a ministry to children, who are drawn to her instinctively and delight to hear her stories of the Saviour whom she adores.

She was able to finish high school, then completed four years of college at a very fine Bible college. After graduation, she went at once into home mission work in remote places, where she gave the gospel to all who would listen.

I can say that the transformation in Beverly involves her whole being – spirit, soul, and body. God has given her a mental alertness and a spiritual understanding that are increasingly apparent as time goes by. The love of God shines through her eyes. Her face and speech reveal the inner purity of a heart where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Part of each year, Beverly returns home to her foster mother and father. We rejoice together during these times. More and more my husband and I thank God for giving us so dear a daughter.

It is our constant prayer and profound conviction that she will all her life “adorn the gospel,” as she continues to point others to Him who has “translated her out of the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

Christian, the day of miracles has not passed! People today can still be delivered from demon possession. More marvelous than that is the fact that Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, is able to deliver and still does deliver all those who in simple faith come to Him for salvation.

Does the church still believe this? The “Jesus” of modernism and of the cults cannot do this. It takes the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the living God, to unshackle those who are bound by Satan. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. The blood of Jesus Christ still cleanses from all sin. The Holy Spirit is able this day to quicken and restore and transform human lives into the image of Christ. Wherever *this* Gospel is proclaimed, God still honors it. The entrance of His Word still brings light wherever it is preached. “Woe unto us if we preach not the Gospel!” It is the sinner’s only hope. Woe unto us if we “pass by on the other side” and refuse to get involved in the deliverance of those whom Satan has bound!

Often I wonder what would have happened if I had persisted in the argument that I had with God, when He first asked me to take Beverly as my daughter. For one thing, I believe that unless God had found another person willing to

take her, Beverly would have died. She was almost a physical wreck when I saw her, remember. Moreover, what it might have meant to her spiritually I tremble even to think. As for me, God made me very much aware that my continuing to walk with Him was contingent upon my consent to obey Him regarding her.

It is disastrous, I've learned, to disobey God, or just to hold back from obedience for even a brief time.

And what did Beverly's experience mean to my dear friends next door, who worked so diligently and prayed so earnestly with me through to my daughter's full deliverance?

Apparently, God was training them for their lives as missionaries. For they and their children went out to the demon-infested jungles of South America with the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ. We have learned since that through them many have found deliverance in the same name and by the same saving power as that of which we were witnesses, day by day, in Beverly's life. Their children, too, are preparing for missionary service even today. God works and none can hinder. For this we praise Him.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus,  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock,  
Within a weary land:  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

Oh, safe and happy shelter!  
Oh, refuge tried and sweet!  
Oh, trysting place where heaven's love  
And heaven's justice meet.  
As to the holy patriarch  
That wondrous dream was given,  
So seems my Saviour's Cross to me  
A ladder up to heaven.

There lies beneath its shadow,  
But on the farther side,  
The darkness of an awful grave  
That gapes both deep and wide;  
And there between us stands the Cross,  
Two arms outstretch'd to save,  
Like a watchman set to guard the way  
From that eternal grave.

Upon that Cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One,  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess –  
The wonders of His glorious love,  
And my own worthlessness.

I take, O Cross, Thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross.

- E.C. Clephane



## Chapter 13

### RESIST THE DEVIL

My final admonition to Christians everywhere who would withstand the devil's wiles is this: *pray without ceasing*.

Many times the oppressor so burdens God's people that they find it difficult or even impossible to pray. This is one of Satan's chief weapons against the believer. If he can hinder our prayers or stop them completely we are in a sad plight. This condition, though possible, is not necessary, for God has provided a way of escape.

Mark 11:22-26 shows us the way. The passage begins: "Have faith in God." But you say that is just your trouble – your faith is so weak. Let me suggest that you frankly confess that it is; that it just is not in you to work it up. Ephesians 2:8 says that faith "is not yourself." You cannot produce it. Mark 11:22 really says, "Have the faith of God." That is, have the faith that God gives! That, too, is in line with Ephesians 2:8, which declares that faith is the gift of God. Writing regarding the gifts of the Spirit in First Corinthians 12:8-9 Paul says: "To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit." Here faith is again declared to be a gift of God by the Holy Spirit. A gift is offered freely and you can get it without effort. Just take it. Throw away the kind of faith that you have tried to produce within yourself. That isn't the faith of God! Now just say to God, "Oh Lord, I thank Thee for the faith that Thou art offering to give me. Right now I take it for my very own and thank thee for the gift." God will meet you there. "The gifts of God are without repentance." He doesn't change, and you will never regret that you gave up your kind of faith that was based on struggle and effort and took from God His faith as a free gift. Rest then in the faithful God who will never fail you. Collapse in His arms and rest! If ever you received the Lord Jesus into your heart as your Saviour, you did it with that kind of faith. God gave you this saving faith, whether you knew it or not. Lay hold upon Him again for the faith that is needed to restore your soul now.

Are you finding it hard to pray? The Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of grace and of supplications." The Lord Jesus promised the disciples that He would send them the Comforter to be in them and abide in them forever. Paul says in Romans 8:26, "Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what to pray for [or, how to pray] as we ought, but the Spirit himself maketh

intercession for us according to the will of God.” The Holy Spirit prays within us, and as we surrender to Him, He draws us too into real communion with the Father and the Son and into full agreement with His own intercessory work. Such prayers, in accordance with the Father’s will, in the name of the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, are sure to be answered. This prayer may be uttered in bodily weakness; it may at times be too deep for utterance; but when offered from a heart seeking only the glory of God and the accomplishment of His will, our Father both hears and answers. It often helps when beginning to pray to sing a hymn of praise. After that select a Psalm and pray it as your own. These divinely inspired prayers, when prayed in faith (the kind God gives), will lead you into spontaneous prayer. Such prayer renders the enemies of God powerless!

The oppressor also seeks to overcome the believer by circumstances, fears, or a sense of depression. Whenever one succumbs to these, he has gotten his eyes off Christ, even as Peter did when he began to sink in the waters of Galilee. He has also forgotten his position in Christ enthroned at God’s right hand, far above all principalities and powers. Let him in such adversity again take by faith this position, plead the blood, and give forth his testimony in total self-renunciation. Victory will come.

Specific directions for overcoming are given in Mark 11:23 – “Say unto this mountain ‘Be thou removed.’”

Often prayer for deliverance seems to yield no results. Giving an authoritative command in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to a mountain of satanic oppression has the Lord’s own authorization in this passage. This method, I believe, is what James means when he says, “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” God honors this method. It works!

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He met Satan in combat as the representative Man, not as God. He spoke to the devil, quoting Scripture repeatedly, and commanded him in the words: “Get thee hence, Satan.” This command Satan was compelled to obey. When we give a command in the name of Jesus Christ, we have His authority behind us. In this we follow His own example as the representative Man.

In Psalm 149 some remarkable statements occur. The praises of God in the mouths of His saints are linked with the execution of vengeance upon His enemies. Saints are there authorized to “bind kings with chains, nobles with

feeders of iron, and to execute upon them the judgment written. This honor have all his saints.”

I believe this procedure to be the “word of testimony” spoken of in Revelation 12:11, “And they overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...” It is a direct statement of resistance to the enemy. This resistance must be made only by those who “love not their lives unto the death.” We must maintain our place as identified with Christ in His death and resurrection. It must be true of us as Paul says in Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” When this is true of us as individuals, a command given in His name is truly His own command given to the enemy. “He that heareth you heareth Me.”

In Matthew 21:21-22 is given the same promise that we have found in Mark 11:21-24. “If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, ‘Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea,’ it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” These promises are for everyone who will receive and exert the faith of God. Notice that Mark 11:23 is addressed to “whosoever shall say,” and in response to faith this whosoever is promised, “whatsoever he saith.” The passage in Mark also stresses the need for a forgiving heart when we pray. Without this our prayers – even prayers of faith – are hindered.

Another of Satan’s favorite ways of oppressing the believer is by his work as the “accuser of the brethren.” Sometimes he accuses us to other people in a determined effort to degrade us in their eyes. The Lord gave specific directions as to what to do in such cases: “Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you” (Matthew 5:11-12).

A more subtle and dangerous way of his accusing us is a form from which many Christians suffer. Satan often accuses a believer of past sins already confessed and washed away in the blood of Christ. Unless a Christian truly believes that God’s word is true and that his sins are really gone, Satan can torment him at this point and plunge him into hopeless despair. The believer may even mistakenly think that the accusation is a conviction of the Holy Spirit. Many have at this point lost not only the joy of their salvation, but also the assurance

of it, and some even settle down into the hideous darkness of believing that they have committed the unpardonable sin. Such tormenting is not of the Holy Spirit. The first thing is to recognize this fact, attribute the experience to the enemy, and then overcome him by the blood of the Lamb. Plead the blood over the mind and conscience and stand firmly on God's Word, which says: "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." Take a stand also against suggesting spirits whose function it is to inject false ideas and accusations into the mind. Plead the blood; give the word of testimony by speaking to the mountain. Then believe God's promise that it will be removed. Deliverance will surely come.

In conclusion, remember that Satan and his armies are all defeated foes. At Calvary the Lord Jesus destroyed the devil and his works. There He bruised the serpent's head. His victory is our victory. By faith we appropriate the victory and by faith we claim Christ as our Victor for every trial that will ever beset us. He who conquered the devil at the cross will make us "more than conquerors." The battle already has been won. Claim it. It is yours. Make it yours by exerting the faith of God according to His promise – while you pray and praise Him without ceasing!

Great Prophet of my God,  
My tongue would bless Thy Name;  
By Thee the joyful news  
Of our salvation came;  
The joyful news of sins forgiven,  
Of hell subdued, and peace with heaven.

Jesus, my great High Priest,  
Offered His blood and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside;  
His powerful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

My Saviour and my Lord,  
My conqueror and my King,  
Thy sceptre and Thy sword,  
Thy reigning grace I sing;  
Thine is the power; behold I sit  
In willing bond beneath Thy feet.

- Isaac Watts

## Chapter 14

### HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU

The record of Beverly's life, from the horror of demon possession to that of complete deliverance and full salvation, was accomplished by commandment of the Lord of Hosts in the power of the Holy spirit. It was the Holy Spirit who revealed the fact that He had sent to us one who was a vessel of god's choosing and who by His own power was to become a vessel unto His honor, through purging and cleansing made meet for the Master's use. This was a task only God could do. It was not in us.

He chose to do this through human instruments. The Holy Spirit fixed our eyes and our hearts upon the Lord Jesus Christ. He brought to our attention many blessed promises from the bible and made us know that they were ours. By His enabling we appropriated them. He clothed us with the whole armor of God, removed our fears, gave us great boldness in prayer and great assurances of victory. It was He who put the praises of God into our hearts.

More than ever, we came to know the power of the Blood .We saw Calvary as the place where victory already had been won. We saw ourselves identified with Christ there. We had risen with Him and were to fight from the vantage point of our position in Him at the throne of God. Truly wonderful is the Name of Christ!

The Holy Spirit set up His banners and enabled us to set up ours. Before us the mountain became a plain, in spite of all that Satan might have turned to our discouragement. Eternity alone will suffice for the telling of all His praises. We can only adore Him in wondering amazement!

Does it seem presumptuous to speak of this work of God along with the vast accomplishments recorded in the Bible? God condescends to men of low estate and no human crisis in any life is beneath His notice. His compassion is infinite.

Say to this mountain, "Go,  
Be cast into the sea";  
And doubt not in thine heart  
That it shall be to thee.  
It shall be done, doubt not His Word,  
Challenge thy mountain in the Lord!

Claim thy redemption right,  
Purchased by precious blood;  
The trinity unite  
To make it true and good.  
It shall be done, obey the Word,  
Challenge thy mountain in the Lord!

Self, sickness, sorrow, sin,  
The Lord did meet that day  
On His beloved One,  
And thou art "loosed away."  
Challenge thy mountain in the Lord!  
It has been done, rest on His Word,

Compass the frowning wall  
With silent prayer, then raise –  
Before its ramparts fall –  
The victor's shout of praise,  
It shall be done; faith rests assured;  
Challenge thy mountain in the Lord!

The two-leaved gates of brass,  
The bars of iron yield,  
To let the faithful pass,  
Conquerors in every field.  
It shall be done, the foe ignored,  
Challenge thy mountain in the Lord!

Take then the faith of God,  
Free from the taint of doubt;  
The miracle-working rod  
That casts all reasoning out.  
It shall be done, stand on the Word,  
Challenge thy mountain in the Lord!

- Unknown

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Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son, The God Incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose, As of the Rose the Stem;  
The Root whence mercy over flows  
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of Love:  
Behold His hands, and side;  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend,  
Their fragrance over sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

- M. Bridges

## Chapter 1

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Early in my experience as a Christian worker in the Cumberland Mountains, I had the privilege of attending a conference of workers at which a very fine bible teacher presented studies in Ephesians. More deeply than ever before I entered into a new understanding of our union with Christ.

The speaker's wife and I became friends and had some times of fellowship in the Lord. She was so much older than I and had many rich experiences to share. During this time she put a question to me, which at first struck me as very strange. She asked, "What do you know about the devil?" I rather recoiled from the question for the moment, for I really did not want to know more about him.

I had had considerable Bible training and knew theoretically enough to answer her question after a fashion, which I am sure seemed to her very inadequate, for she said, "My dear, if you go on to follow the Lord fully, you will learn a great deal more about the devil than you know now."

This I found to be a very true statement. Her words stirred me to study prayerfully the Scriptural teachings concerning Satan. Also, in the course of my work I experienced more and more opposition, which I knew had originated with the enemy, and I learned more and more what real resistance to him meant. Certain books and tracts came to my knowledge which I found to be most helpful as well as instructive.

It had been my habit from early girlhood to read biographies of great Christians. The more of these that I read, the more I realized that the most Spirit-filled men and women of all times had had very real encounters with the devil and bore testimony to God's way of deliverance and victory. My own prayer life deepened as I followed their teachings and examples.

There were certain groups of profession Christians in the mountains who were going off into what I knew were erroneous teachings regarding the Holy Ghost and were having unusual manifestations. I attended a few meetings to see for myself, rather than to reject them on mere hearsay. It appeared that the people were sincere, and some were really seeking a deeper experience of God. Their meetings were characterized by screaming, strange noises, frenzied trances, dancing, and talking in what *they* called the "gift of tongues." The meetings

bore no resemblance to any Christian meetings of which I had any knowledge. Nor were they in line with Paul's instructions given in First Corinthians 12 and 14. Their ecstasies appeared similar to those recorded of pagan religionists. It was strange fire. I felt their practices had laid them open to demonic power.

This power was very apparent in one meeting that I attended with a friend. We felt the presence of a strange power even before the meeting began, but the building was so crowded that we found it impossible to get out and therefore it was necessary to remain until the end of the meeting. We sat with heads bowed most of the time, praying for our own protection and for the deliverance of those under this delusion.

Throughout the years I dealt frequently with this type of person. I usually found them strangely unwilling to receive Bible instruction, or even to listen to someone who did not practice their excesses with them. These mountain people believed these manifestations to be proof of their salvation, their contention being that unless one talked in tongues he was not saved and did not have the Holy Spirit. Therefore, if they themselves failed to manifest these powers they believed that the Holy Ghost had left them, for they had committed the unpardonable sin. Some were so tormented that they lost their minds.

Was God being honored by the preaching of this extremely narrow "gospel"? Were all its manifestations from Him? Or were the so-called "evidences" actually "laying wonders"? – For, the Bible says, Satan too can perform miracles. To be of help, it became more and more necessary for me to learn how to withstand false teachings, and having done all, to continue to stand. Yes, according to my friend's prediction, I was learning very much more about the devil, but I praise God that every new encounter left me very much more aware of God Himself and of His ways. I did not know then that all this was serving as necessary preparation for strenuous days that God knew were scheduled for me in years to come.

Because of such needs as these that come sooner or later to every dedicated child of God, I have felt led to write this book. I trust that God will use it for His glory, for surely "perilous times" are here.

I would address to you the question posed long ago to me: What do *you* know, dear Christian friend, about the devil? Paul was not ignorant of his devices and could write to his friends at Corinth saying "for *we* are not ignorant of his devices." Evidently he had taught them these truths and faithfully warned them of the subtlety of the enemy. God would not have *us* to be ignorant of these

things either, but eats us to be alert, continually watching and praying lest we give Satan an advantage over us and so be taken in his snares.

No, not despairingly,  
Come I to Thee;  
No, not distrustingly,  
Bend I the knee.  
Sin hath gone over me,  
Yet this is still my plea,  
Jesus hath died.

Ah, mine iniquity  
Crimson hath been;  
Infinite, infinite,  
Sin upon sin.  
Sin of not loving Thee,  
Sin of not trusting thee,  
Infinite sin.

Lord, I confess to Thee  
Sadly my sin;  
All I am tell I Thee,  
All I have been.  
Purge Thou my sin away,  
Wash Thou my soul this day,  
Lord, make me clean.

Faithful and just art Thou,  
Forgiving all;  
Loving and kind art Thou  
When sinners call.  
Lord, let the cleansing blood,  
Blood of the Lamb of God,  
Pass o'er my soul.

- H. Bonar

## Chapter 2

### THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

We are living today in a world whose “cup of iniquity” is almost full. Men’s hearts are “failing them for fear” in the face of impending judgment which is fast approaching. We have written an account of a human life ravaged for years by sin and controlled by Satan. Give thanks to God that “where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.” I think that it will be profitable now to look more particularly into the Bible revelation regarding the origin of evil, the revolt of Satan, his army, his kingdom, his work in the past, present, and future. Men have chosen to follow him instead of God. Philosophies, religions, and codes of conduct have been built upon his lies. Men’s attitudes toward God follow Satan’s attitudes toward God. In the present wave of crime, departure from moral standards, indifference, not only to God, but to everything decent in life, we need to ask, “Why is this? Whence come these ideas, these changes, this total defiance of God?”

These attitudes are as old as those expressed in the days of Noah when “every imagination of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually”; ideas as old as they day when the tower builders of Babel said, “Let us make *us* a name.” Long, long before that, Lucifer had declared in heaven, “I will be like the Most High; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God” (Is. 14:13, 14). This was the first time in the universe that a created being definitely set his will in defiance of the will of God. In conspiracy with other celestial beings and in utter rebellion against God, he undertook to dethrone the Almighty Himself and so achieve his evil purpose to exalt his own name and reign in God’s place.

God did not create Lucifer thus. He was created perfect. So God declares in Ezekiel 28:15-17, a passage believed by most expositors to refer to Satan, “Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created until iniquity was found in thee...; thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness.” In this original pride of Lucifer, sin began.

This – the most glorious, most intelligent, most powerful of God’s creatures, honored with the highest privilege of being in immediate attendance upon God’s throne – Lucifer, son of the morning, the covering cherub, became obsessed with the ambition of self-exaltation. He stood in contempt of the authority of god and so became the arch-traitor and arch-antagonist of God. God at once

pronounced his dom. “Thou hast sinned; therefore, I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.” The Scriptures abound with other pronouncements concerning his coming eternal punishment.

This antagonism, which thus originated in eternity past, has been augmenting over since. The turmoil, strife, violence, and despair in the world today, reminiscent of the days of Noah and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, are rapidly developing into the rebel’s coming final clash with the hosts of God at Armageddon. Satan, the usurper, is still determined to rule on the throne of God. It is to be noted that this antagonism centers particularly upon the second member of the God-head, God’s only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father has appointed to reign forever and ever and of whom God said, “Let all the angels of God worship *him*” (Hebrews 1:6).

Again in Hebrews 1:8, it is recorded, “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.” God says in Psalm 2:6, “I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.” Jesus Christ in His exaltation is the invincible Conqueror.

How comforting to all believers in God’s Word are the promises in the fourteenth chapter of Isaiah, given alongside of the revelation of Lucifer’s rebellion: “The LORD of hosts hath sworn saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand” (verse 24). In verse 27 of Isaiah 14 God says, “For the LORD of hosts hat purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?” As truly as God is God, His word shall stand, “forever settled in heaven.” His will shall be accomplished in all His universe and this in spite of all the confederated forces and determination of all His antagonists, seen and unseen, headed up as they are by this fallen prince of light, now become the prince of darkness. The day is coming when “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow... and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:10-11).

Even before his fall Satan may have had some judicial authority over this planet. Genesis 1:1 states that “In the beginning god created the heavens and the earth.” The second verse says, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” In Isaiah 45:18 we read, “For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it; he created it not in vain [i.e., not without form, and void]; he formed it to be inhabited.” God speaks through Jeremiah: “I beheld the earth, and lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and



they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger” (4:23-26).

So it would seem that between the first two verses of Genesis some great catastrophe occurred, following, perhaps, the sin and rebellion of a pre-Adamic order of beings upon the earth. Since sin originated in Satan, it is evident that behind the rebellion of this unknown race was Satan, who brought upon it the fierce anger and judgment of God which resulted in the chaos described in Genesis 1:2. Thus, the rebel who had begun his conquest in heaven extended it upon earth. God at an unknown time restored the heavens and the earth as recorded in the first two chapters of Genesis. Millions of years may have elapsed between these first two verses of the Bible.

Is it surprising, then, that behind these scenes of Genesis 1 and 2 we can detect this sinister prince of darkness maliciously watching God bringing order and beauty out of the ruins for which he was responsible? How it must have stabbed him to the heart when he heard God say, “Let there be light” and – as the light shone forth – declare that it was good (Genesis 1:3-4). How he hated every word of God! How he hated light!

He saw Adam and Eve in fellowship with their Creator and determined in his heart to gain for himself the authority over them that rightly belonged only to God. Again he determined to be God, this time over the newly restored earth and the man created in the image of the God he hated.

God had looked with tenderness and joy upon His new creation and pronounced it good. “And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:31). In their counsels together the Trinity had said “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion” (Gen. 1:26), so man had been created for the delight and glory of God. In this perfect fulfillment of His own will in creation, God rested on the seventh day. He had made man for Himself and had made him to reign.

God so loved Adam and Eve that He endowed them with every blessing and surrounded them with all that would make them totally happy in a perfect environment. Over all the works of His hands, Adam, a little lower than the angels, was assigned dominion. They both were endowed with faculties of spirit and mind that enabled them to commune with God. In the perfection of their

innocency, God delighted to walk with them in the cool of the evening and to have sweet fellowship with them.

As federal head over the race that would descend from him, the one requirement laid upon Adam was that of obedience to the revealed will of God. “And the LORD GOD commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Gen. 2:16-17). It was right the God should say to him: “Thou mayest; thou shalt; thou shalt not.” To command His creation is god’s holy prerogative. God is *God!*

At first Adam and Eve were content to have it so. They registered no protest. Thus for an unknown length of time there was on this earth and ideal society. The progenitors of the human race lived sinless lives in a perfect environment, in total submission to God, and in full enjoyment of all their privileges. They realized their dependence upon God; they revered His words; they accepted His plan for their lives and bent every effort to accomplish the work assigned them to do-to “dress and to keep” the garden of Eden, We do not know how long this period of spiritual harmony and submission to God lasted, during which there was no discordant note of any kind. Love and reverence for god prevailed and man had nothing for which to be ashamed, nothing to fear in this life of perfect obedience and peace.

In the third chapter of Genesis, however, the whole scene changes. Using the serpent, the most beautiful and intelligent of the animal creation, as his means of conversing with Eve, God’s adversary began his conquest of the human family - as he had previously in some unrecorded time and way made conquest of hosts of angels and of the pre-Adamic race.

He approached Eve by deceptions and lies, by questioning and denying the words of God, and by bringing her to doubt the love of god. Thus he made her willing to debase her god-given power of choice by responding to his appeals to pride (would she not become as a god?) and his appeals to doubt, unbelief, and disobedience. Adam deliberately chose to follow her in her devil-inspired ambition to become as a god, knowing good and evil. In consequence, these two – created in the image of God, appointed to rule over the works of His hands – fell from their high estate. They lost their likeness to God, lost their right o reign, and instead of becoming like gods, found themselves slaves to the deceiver, bereft of their glory-covering, naked, helpless, and desperately afraid of God. The penalty of sin had fallen upon them and the death sentence had begun its work. In Adam as federal head of the race, all died. Death fell upon

all. Satan had seemingly triumphed. He thought he had outwitted god. Now the usurper would reign as god of this world!

Nor could any efforts of Adam and Eve alleviate the matter. They could not cover their sin. They were powerless to deliver themselves. They did not dare hope to be able ever again to stand unashamed or unafraid in god's presence. Useless was the attempt to hide from Him. One thing they failed to realize: God still loved them! He sought them, called them, found them, and faced them with their sin.

In vain they sought to vindicate themselves. They were guilty before an all-holy God. God loved them, but a holy god could not and would not excuse their ins. He cursed the serpent for his submission to Satan. Then addressing the real serpent, Satan, He made in Genesis 3:15 the first pronouncement of Satan's doom and of a Saviour to come: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel."

To Satan this spelled doom; to the human race, hope and assurance of the coming of Christ, the Seed of the woman. He would come not only to redeem man from the curse of sin, but – and this first Messianic promise primarily speaks of this – to make redemption possible by first bruising the head of the serpent. He would destroy the devil and his works. As the mighty conqueror He would come to defeat forever the rebel Satan and send him eventually to his appointed place in the lake of fire. As for man, it would mean the beginning of a new creation, a race of redeemed sinners, for the holy god who could not *excuse* sin, could and would *atone* for it by the blood of His Son, His chosen Seed – and on the principles of grace and of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour grant forgiveness and salvation to fallen man.

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 s woe;  
His craft and power 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 Ma on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth is His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

-Martin Luther

## Chapter 3

### SATAN'S HOSTS

We have seen that in Satan's rebellion a vast number of angels became involved and so fell from their first estate. The apostle Paul and others reveal the fact as we have seen, that Satan has highly organized hosts invested with varying ranks and degrees of power, called in Ephesians "principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spirits of wickedness in heavenly places." Daniel is told in Daniel 10:13 and 20, that there are behind human governments various "princes" of Satan's organization who combat and hinder angels high in the ranks of the hosts of God as well as delaying the answers to prayers of saints like Daniel. The Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece are so mentioned. Jude v. 9 speaks of the archangel Michael as contending with the devil over the body of Moses. It is very clear, then, in Scripture that Satan has an army highly organized for the continuance of the rebellion started in heaven.

Some fallen angels act as Satan's emissaries and servants on earth. It is probably these which the bible speaks of as demons. Although Satan himself is neither omnipotent, omniscient, nor omnipresent, his subservients are distributed in the earth and air in such numbers that they seem almost to be everywhere resent, exerting great power and using their evil intelligence both in gathering up and in dispensing information.

Satan has places on earth where he is especially worshiped. In Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 there is mention of the synagogue of Satan. In Revelation 2:13 reference is made to Satan's seat, or throne, in Pergamos and it is called the place "where Satan dwelleth." Babylon the great is called in Revelation 18:2 "the habitation of demons and the hold of every foul spirit." How many such places there are in the earth where his power is especially localized we do not know, but we are told that he claims the title of god of this world. He has been extending his kingdom on this earth ever since the fateful day the newly created pair in the garden fell prey to his lies and deception. The great majority of Adam's descendants still pay allegiance to Satan today.

There in Eden the devil heard the prediction that the Seed of the woman would some day come to bruise his head. How Satan's abhorrence of God must have grown with this announcement! The Old Testament reveals his frenzied purpose to destroy the line of the coming Seed and so prevent the birth of Christ. The Gospels record his enmity toward Christ, even in Jesus' infancy, and the many

attempts Satan made to kill Him, as well as his blasphemous attempts to win Him to his side in the wilderness temptation. Instead of succumbing to Satan's intrigues, the second Adam defeated his enemy and came off victor from the field of battle. All during Jesus' earthly life Satan continually attempted to thwart His accomplishment of redemption. Until the God-appointed hour, his efforts were futile. In Luke 22:53, Jesus said to "the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders" who were unwitting tools of Satan, "This is your hour and the power of darkness." No man took Jesus' life; neither could Satan take it from Him. He laid it down of Himself. Christ was Lord over His own death and resurrection, and by this means He bruised the head of the serpent.

Thus, the diabolical plans that Satan had devised to run his Opponent off the field became boomerangs to crush him and his army. He was defeated at Calvary. His sentence has been pronounced. He is now awaiting the execution of it at God's appointed time. Meanwhile, he is working frantically to overcome those for whom Christ has won the victory.

Among Satan's powers of darkness, as we have said, are hosts of demons. The Bible does not say a "Thus saith the Lord" as to their origin or identity. There are, however, at least three theories regarding their origin.\*

A very ancient theory is that demons are the monstrous offspring of angels and antediluvian women. In Jude 6 we read, "And the angels which kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." 2 Peter 2:4 also speaks of their being "cast down to hell" and "delivered into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment." Since many fallen angels are still free and not imprisoned, these verses must refer not to the original rebellion led by Lucifer but to something subsequent. Because of the mention in 2 Peter 2:6 and Jude 7 of Sodom and Gomorrah, which were destroyed as the result of their sins of sexual impurity and unnatural lust, some feel that this later sin by some of the fallen angels is what is mentioned in Genesis 6 – the cohabitation of the "sons of God" with the "daughters of men."\* When their offspring – the unnatural race of "giants in the earth," "men of renown" – were killed by the flood, their disembodied spirits, instead of being consigned to Sheol as were other wicked antediluvians, were left on earth to plague subsequent generations of mankind as demons.

A second theory, also taught by many, is that demons are disembodied spirit of the pre-Adamic race destroyed in the cataclysm that took place between the first two verses of Genesis. It is true that demons seek desperately to be embodied in either human or animal bodies. This perhaps lends weight to this theory.

The commonest view, however, is that demons are simply fallen angels. We have already noted that the fallen angels are divided into two classes, those that are free and those that are bound. This is equally true of demons, some of which are already in the abyss (Luke 8:31, Rev. 9:1, 2, 10), apparently a temporary prison-house of spirits. In it Satan himself shall be bound for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3). Satan is called “prince of the demons” (Matt. 12:24). Since he is elsewhere referred to as leader of the fallen angels, it seems proper to believe that these and the demons are identical. The name “demon” may not apply to all of the fallen angels but at least certain ranks of fallen angels are demons.

If it were necessary that we know certainly of their origin, God would have seen to it that we had unmistakable revelation regarding it. Although we do not have this, we do have clear and plain teaching regarding demons themselves:

Demons in vast numbers constitute a part of Satan’s hierarchy and fight in his army.

They are spiritual beings without bodies of their own; hence, they seek embodiment.

They have supernatural strength and power.

They are not omniscient, but creatures of cunning intellect and given to deceits and wiles.

They are unclean, corrupt, and bent on destruction and ruin.

They degrade the bodies, which they invade and possess, whether of animals or men.

They tremble at the Word of God and have to bow to the authority of Jesus Christ, whether exerted by Him directly or by those to whom He has delegated His authority to subject them.

In Revelation 16:13-14 we read of spirits of demons, which have the power to work miracles. In 2 Thessalonians 2:9 we are told of “the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders.” We need to be on guard as to these miraculous powers of Satan and his hosts of demons.

Range visions or voices. They are often voices and visions produced by demons. Satan imitates the things of God. The Bible testifies to the bona fide gift of tongues; Satan's dupes often simulate this in a jargon that is devised to deceive those who are "ignorant of its devices." There are instances both at home and abroad of fire handlers who do not get burned, of writings that are believed to have fallen from heaven. These are signs and lying wonders of Satan. The Word of God is perfect and complete. It is not to be added to; nor is anything to be taken from it.

The Bible contains much prophecy, God's true reliable revelations of things to come. The devil's agents make use of clairvoyance, oracles, soothsaying, astrology, etc., to further Satan's plans of deception. Demons inspire false prophets and teachers who draw many followers after them. Satan gives such people a false peace; a counterfeit sense of security and joy, and in many other ways offers compensations to benighted souls who are intrigued into believing his lies instead of God's truth. He offers them earthly prosperity, freedom from fear and want, from sickness and adversities.

An interesting example of this deception is found in the forty-fourth chapter of Jeremiah. After Babylon had taken Judah into captivity, the remnant of Jews that were left in the land completely rejected the word of God spoken by Jeremiah and, in defiance of God, deliberately disobeyed Him by going down into Egypt for protection. They blamed all the adversity that had befallen the people of Judah upon the fact that they had ceased to burn incense unto the "queen of heaven," called by God an abomination. They claimed that as long as they had worshiped her they had "plenty of food, and were well and saw no evil. But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, we have lacked all things and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine" (vs. 17-18). The faithful prophet continued to give them God's messages of warning, but the people obstinately refused to hear him. They were completely blinded by Satan and his hosts.

Throughout the Scriptures God reveals his entire disapproval of all who resort to spiritism, and calls all forms of divination, enchantment, sorcery, consultation with "familiar spirits," etc., "abominations in His sight." The judgment pronounced upon the Canaanites was because of their idolatry and the abominable practice associated with the worship of their gods. Heathen idolaters are worshipers of demons. Even many of the "cultured" people of the earth today are, consciously or unconsciously, idolaters. The child of God is to have no part in such false practices. We are to flee from them and are to hate every false way. We are not to resort, at any time, to those who profess to



communicate with the dead or to predict the future or who deal it any way at all with occult practices. These things God abominates.

The Christian is a born-again person, a partaker by faith of the very nature of god. Always he must be on God's side, refusing all distortions of the truth, refusing every lie of Satan, and acknowledging daily the Lord Jesus Christ, worshiping the only true God and serving Him alone.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for god hath willed  
His truth to triumph through 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 powers –  
No thanks to them – abideth:  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through 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.

- Martin Luther

## Chapter 4

### THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS

It may be helpful and instructive to consider other names of this enemy of God who, according to clear revelations from God, exists today as a personal spiritual being. He and his hosts are as truly personalities as God Himself is a personal God. He has mental powers such as pride, will, hatred, resentment, cunning, covetousness, ambition, determination, intelligence, keen perception, and stubborn tenacity. All of his powers of mind and personality he has degraded to evil purposes.

The names of Satan reveal his character and help us to understand more clearly his workings. These things we need to know, for he is not only God's antagonist but the deadly foe of all who are born of God and love Him. In his unfallen state he existed as a "shining one," "Lucifer, son of the morning." Although he lost his original glory he still has the power to appear as an angel of light, thus having power to deceive, to make evil appear good, to promote false doctrines that seem on the surface to be scriptural; in these ways he attempts to deceive the very elect. He has "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 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" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). Since the light in him is darkness, how great is that darkness! His final doom is declared in Revelation 20:10: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone... and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Another of his name is *Diabolos*, usually translated *Devil*, and has as its root meaning "the Slanderer" or "Accuser." This name is used also in conjunction with the name of *Satan* to indicate the "Deceiver." Being the Adversary he is bent on destruction, as is seen in his name *Abaddon* and *Apollyon*, meaning "Destroyer" (Rev. 9:11). The Psalmist says, "By the word of Thy lips have I kept me from the paths of the destroyer" (Psalm 17:4). 1 Corinthians 10:10 speaks of some "who were destroyed of the destroyer."

Although he once apparently knew the truth, he "abode not in it." In John 8:44 our Lord says of him, "He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it." In this he is the exact opposite of

Christ who declared of Himself, “I am the truth,” and said, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

The lies of Satan enslave men, blind their eyes to the truth, cause them to reject Christ, the very Truth of God, by injecting into their hearts doubt and denial of the Word of God. The whole world system is bowing to Satan’s lie today as it always has done. Of the Antichrist, who will one day be revealed, we are told in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 that “his coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Satan is called by Jesus Himself ‘the Prince of this world’ (John 14:30), “Prince of the demons” (Matthew 12:24), and Paul calls him “Prince of the power of the air” in Ephesians 2:2, declaring that regenerate people in their natural state “walked in time past according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” From this verse we see that Satan has a place of power in the earth and in the air, which he still holds as a usurper, tenaciously continuing in his effort to maintain lordship over the human race. Every unsaved person is still under his power. Every saved person is a target of his hatred.

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan took Him into a high mountain and offered Him all the kingdoms of the world. In these words, “All this power will I give Thee and the glory of them, for *that* is delivered unto me [he had wrested that power and glory from Adam]; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be Thine” (Luke 4:5-6). His purpose was still to be like the Most High and therefore he tried to subject the second Adam to the same ignominy as he had the first, and so steal the scepter from the hand of Him who alone has the right to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus as the perfect Man declared that He would worship the Lord His God, and Him only would He serve. It is significant that Jesus did not deny that the devil had the lordship of the kingdoms of this world and so had the right to offer them to Him. Not from Satan’s hand would the Lord receive them, however. He would some day receive them from His Father’s hand, and that by right of His own conquest and victory over Satan. On the cross He would bruise the head of the serpent and so wrest the kingdoms of earth from the hand of the usurper. Then would the hosts of heaven exclaim as in Revelation 11:15, “The

kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”

Colossians 1:13 states that “the Father hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.” This is true of every born-again believer. Satan is “the god of this world” who “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” (2 Cor. 4:4). In contrast to this, verse 6, following, says that “God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” “This is the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”

Stan has the power to resist and hinder the servants of God. In the tenth chapter of Daniel we have the account of Daniel’s mourning and fasting for three full weeks. Then came the glorious vision that left him prostrate and strengthless until he felt an angelic hand lifting him to his knees and heard these words, “ ‘O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee and stand upright, for unto thee am I now sent.’ And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then he said unto me, ‘Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the Prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days...’ ” Daniel sees, then, that for three weeks the answer to his prayer had been hindered by one of Satan’s princes, called the Prince of Persia. In verse 20 of this chapter is mentioned the Prince of Grecia, also an antagonist of an angel of God. Hence we see that the Prince of darkness has under him lesser princes, or principalities, who resist and hinder God’s servants both human and angelic.

In Zechariah 3:1-2 we have another instance of this resistance by the adversary. There we see “Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing a his right hand to resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan, ‘The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan.’ ” All through this scene, the angel of the Lord stood by Joshua as his defender against the foe; thus the work of cleansing him and replacing his ‘filthy garments’ with those suitable for the high priest was completed.

The Book of Job reveals much about the work of Satan behind the scenes. Satan accuses Job to God, and seeks to overwhelm him by robbing him of family, wealth, physical welfare, and friends. Thus we see him as the instigator of reverses and persecution in the lives of God's people. All of this was by God's permission, however, and resulted in Job's being blessed of God as never before, spiritually and materially, as he stood true to God throughout the severe trial.

As the father of lies Satan is the author of apostasy, resulting from the doctrines of demons promulgated by these deceptive, malignant minions of Satan. Never before has he labored so hard to deceive and blind men's eyes as in this present generation. Not only is this seen in the augmenting of cults today, but also in his using seminaries and pulpits of many well-established denominations to disseminate these teachings, so that they even "deny the LORD that bought them."

The Serpent of Genesis 3 becomes in the last book of the Bible, the Dragon. In Revelation 12:7-10 we read, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.'"

In Revelation 20:1-3 John says, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hands. And he laid hold on the dragon that old serpent which is the devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season." Verses 7-8 tell of his brief activities after the thousand years of the Kingdom as he pursues again his work of deception. In verse 10 is told his final doom: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Dear unsaved friend, very solemn indeed is the last verse of this twentieth chapter, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into

the lake of fire.” Thus will ever unbelieving human soul, who has persisted in sin and rebellion, refusing the saving work of God’s son and his urgent warnings to “flee from the wrath to come,” share forever in the torments of that place which is prepared for the devil and his angels.

Glory be to Him who loved us,  
Washed us from each sinful stain;  
Glory be to Him who made us  
Priests and kings with Him to reign;  
Glory, worship, laud, and blessing  
To the Lamb who once was slain.

Glory, worship, laud and blessing,  
Thus the choir triumphant sings;  
Honor, riches, power, dominion,  
Thus its praise creation brings;  
Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,  
Lord of lords, and King of kings.

Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations,  
Heaven and earth His praises sing;  
Glory ever and forever  
To the King of glory bring.

Glory be to Thee, O Father,  
Glory be to Thee, O Son,  
Glory be to Thee, O Spirit,  
Glory be to God alone,  
As it was, is now, and shall be  
While the endless ages run.

- H. Bonar



## Chapter 5

### THE LORD OF HOSTS

An Old Testament name of God, often ridiculed by modern unbelievers, has been a comfort to the people of God since the time of its first utterance. It was given and was used in times of extreme need and danger when merely human aid was unavailing. It is associated with battles when enemies were too formidable and too numerous for Israel to hope for victory without a direct intervention of God. Then God revealed Himself as the LORD OF HOSTS.

Though this name was not revealed in the Pentateuch, God is often seen there as the defender of His people. Melchizedek blessed Abraham in Genesis 14:19-20 and said, "Blessed be the most high God... which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand." God defeated Pharaoh and his hosts and so delivered His people from bondage in Egypt. Even on the wilderness journey God fought for His people.

In the fifth chapter of Joshua the revelation becomes clearer. Moses was dead. Joshua had been newly appointed in his place. The city of Jericho – walled, fortified, defended by seasoned warrior – loomed large before the untried leader. But Moses had given Joshua great encouragement, and through him the new leader had received precious promises from God and specific instructions regarding warfare, such as are given in Deuteronomy 20:1-4: "when thou goest out to battle against thine enemies and seest horses and chariots and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them; for the LORD thy God is with thee which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people and shall say unto them, "Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble; neither be ye terrified because of them; for the LORD your God is he that goeth with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.' "

Moses had reminded Joshua and the hosts of Israel of victories that God had given them in the wilderness, and said "Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings Sihon and Og; so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest. Ye shall not fear them; for the LORD your God, he shall fight for you" (Deut. 3:21-22).

And now came the eve of the battle of Jericho. “And it came to pass when Joshua was by Jericho that he lifted up his eyes and looked; and behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua went unto him and said unto him, “Art thou for us or for our adversaries?” And he said, “Nay, but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, ‘What sayeth my lord unto his servant?’ And the captain of the LORD’s host said unto Joshua, ‘Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy.’ And Joshua did so” (Joshua 5:13-15).

This Christophany revealed to the heart of Joshua the fact that he was not alone. A higher Commander than he was face to face with Jericho. The battle was His. Joshua was under command. The Captain had marshaled His hosts and He was for Joshua and against his adversaries. Joshua worshiped his Captain, sought His orders, and took courage, for victory was sure. Yes, God has His hosts, His appointed Captain, and will lead to victory those who will yield Him their wholehearted allegiance.

It is in 1 Samuel 1:3 that God is first called “Jehovah Sabaoth” or “LORD of hosts.” Again and again after this the name is used in times of stress and danger in the history of the nation and of individuals. Hannah uses this name as she prays in verses 10-11. Beautiful is her petition to the Lord of hosts that he would “look on the affliction of his handmaid,” and “remember her,” not “forget her,” but grant her the request of her heart. How wonderful it is to see how this “mighty God and terrible,” as He is described in Deuteronomy 7:21, condescends to hear the prayer addressed to Him by this lonely, broken-hearted woman who had long endured the mockings of her adversary. As truly as God had come to Joshua’s side, He now came to hers.

It was in a time of national crisis that the vision came to Isaiah as recorded in the sixth chapter of his prophecy. The Lord enthroned, attended and worshipped by seraphim and an unnumbered train that filled the temple, revealed Himself to the chosen prophet with cleansing and transforming power, bringing him to confession and dedication to a ministry appointed of God. Isaiah exclaimed, “Mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

Jeremiah uses this name of God more frequently than anyone else, as he preaches to Judah in the hour of her coming judgment and captivity. Haggai uses it as he encourages those who are restoring the temple after the captivity, taunted as they are by their enemies. Zechariah, another prophet to the restored remnant, uses it freely; as also does Malachi as he predicts Messiah’s coming.

The name occurs also in the Psalms, but, more often than the name itself, there are very frequent references to God as the defender and the deliverer, who fights His people's battles and saves them from their enemies. Often the descriptions of these foes surpass by far any that could apply merely to human beings. God is there dealing with a supernatural order of beings who have attacked and oppressed His people, and are His enemies. His hosts include angels and others of His own hierarchy, far more numerous than the hosts of Satan. In the midst of battle His people are to be kept in peace, their hearts confident of His total and lasting victory over all their foes. "Though an host should encamp against me, my hear shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident." When God is in command, victory is certain. You and I may follow unafraid.

In Psalm 68 David prays God to rise and scatter his enemies. They flee before Him. Verse 4 records David's praises: "Sing unto God, sing praises to his name; extol him that rideth upon the heavens by hiss name JAH, and rejoice before him." In verse 17 he say, "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; the Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the holy place." In verse 30, he prays God to rebuke his enemies and in 35 he ascribes strength to God: "O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places; the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God!"

It was the Lord of hosts, before whom Elijah stood (1 Kings 18:15) and whom he invoked on Mt. Carmel as he challenged the worshipers of Baal to a contest. There the Lord of hosts answered by fire, and the people fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God."

His successor, Elisha, at Dothan was surrounded "by an host with horses and chariots," but he said fearlessly to his servant, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." "And the LORD opened the young man's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

The high point in the Psalm, it seems to me, in this regard, is the twenty-fourth. Here we see the Lord of hosts, alone worthy to ascend "the hill of the LORD," received into everlasting glory, enthroned, and established in power everlasting. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift

them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.”

Is He not the same as the Captain worshiped by Joshua? The One who in every age has commanded the hosts of the Lord? He is the One who defeated and bruised the head of the serpent at the cross and who now is the Lamb upon the throne, waiting until His enemies become the footstool of His feet.

In Revelation 5 we see Him as the only one worthy to open and read the seven-sealed book. John sees Him as the “Lamb who had been slain,” standing in the midst of the throne, coming and taking the book. Heaven bursts forth with His praises as the four beasts and the twenty-four elders, kneeling before the Lamb, sing a new song, saying, “ ‘Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof; for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.’ And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angel round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.’ ”

Let us rejoice with them as they sing again in Revelation 11:15: “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.” In chapter 19 the mighty Conqueror comes as Judge to consummate the war of all the ages as He deals a final blow to His conquered foes. He that rides there upon the white horse is called “Faithful and True” and in righteousness He judges and makes war. “His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns... and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called ‘The Word of God.’ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, ‘KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.’ ”

Rejoice, fellow-believer. This God is *our* god. This King of kings is the One who as the Lamb of God was slain for our redemption and has delivered us forever from Satan and his hosts. He is Victor and able to make us “more than

conquerors.” “If God be for us, who can be against us?” Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him!

## APPENDIX

Several missionaries and other Christian workers have urged that name of demons be listed as they revealed themselves during our period of trial. I have already recorded a number of them for you. My notes bear about six hundred names of demon, but this figure by no means covers the entire number expelled. Two captains gave their names as “legion” and insisted that they were not identical demons. In each case, great numbers followed their leaders out, but did not give their individual names. And as we forbade the last ones who left to say a word, there were a great many whose names we never heard. I shall endeavor, therefore, to give only representative names and will classify them as best I can to show main types and characteristics of these evil blessing.’ ”

I record these here with Beverly’s full consent. For we wish to warn Christians who are playing with sin in this day of crumbling standards.

These names reveal the foulness of demonic personalities. To simplify, I’ve prepared a chart according to classes of demons. We discovered that there are grades and ranks in Satan’s army, for some demons identified themselves as captains and chiefs. Such names as these were given by leaders of the ranks: Legion, Malice, Pretense, Ugliness, Self, Sexual Lust, Lasciviousness, Idolatry, Self-Consciousness, and Filthy Conversation.

In the accompanying chart, one column in particular I would like to emphasize – HERESY – because before Beverly’s regeneration she had gone in desperation from place to place seeking help of various religionists. Hardly a name of the present-day cults was not given to us by demons who tormented her body!

What a revelation! Christian, beware! To depart from the faith by giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons is to join forces with the armies of the prince of darkness.

Many cults are rooted in some form of spiritism. They claim to have occult revelation, which they use either to augment the Bible or use as substitutes for it. Some practice necromancy, clairvoyance, fortune telling, and other such mystic attitudes.

Every cult denies at least one of these truths: the existence of a personal God, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement, the necessity of regeneration, the reality of heaven and hell.

Some forbid to marry. Some ban the eating of meats “which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth” (1 Tim. 4:3).

The word the Bible gives is simple – *abstain!* To every Christian, then, we can only repeat: *abstain from evil.*

Deviously, some cults profess to believe the prophecies of the bible, but in truth they promulgate a garbled interpretation of them – as best suits their ends. For Satan’s lies often are covered up by a seemingly remarkable acquaintance with the Bible. Careful examination, however, shows that the evil one cleverly refutes the truth of the Bible.

There is great danger in consulting fortunetellers, psychic readers and such. Even the seemingly trivial things, such as ouija boards, table tilting, and palm reading, are serious offenses for Christians.

Pride, self-assertiveness, lying, and malice are works of the flesh. To indulge in these is to give way to the enemy. These sins were basic in Satan’s own fall and he knows well how to lead others into his own sins.

Deliberate indulgence of the flesh is a serious sin. The use of alcohol or drugs, or any product which affects mental stability or physical welfare, should be absolutely denied.

Disobedience to God, failure to confess sin, giving way to feelings of depression or rebellion, all give ground to Satan.

It is especially important to point out that demons of impurity were the most reluctant to leave Beverly’s body. We emphasize this, because the modern tendency is to cast aside God’s standards of morality.

The need, then, is for every individual to find God’s way of salvation, to know God’s will for one’s life, and to give God complete lordship of one’s life. We need ever to emphasize that the blood of Jesus Christ not only saves and cleanses from the guilt of sin, but it is God’s only means of salvation. It is the blood of Jesus that cleanses and purges one’s mind, motives, and emotions. Only through this cleansing can the human heart cry out: “Not my will but Thine be done.”

Calvary is the standard that the Holy Spirit sets up against the enemy when he “comes in like a flood.” Abide beneath the banner. Believe and constantly bear testimony that Satan and his hosts are fallen, defeated foes. Withstand their attacks – and having done all, continue to stand “strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”



## **NAMES CLAIMED BY DEMONS**

### **Classified by Type**

**Deceit:** Liar, Deception, Pretense, Exaggeration, Deliberate Lying, False Accusations, Falsehood, Hypocrisy, Wee Liar (“I’m only a baby.”), Craftiness, Cunning, Fakery, Double-Crossing, Trickery.

**Fears:** Fear of people, Fear of Darkness, Fear of Being Alone, Fear of Stealing, Fear of Suffering, Fear of Future, Fear of Unknown, Fear of Dying, Fear of Cats, Insecurity, Claustrophobia, Bondage, Constraint, Undue Nervousness, Jumpiness, Trembling, Unbelief, Spirit of Torment, Restlessness.

**Malice & Hatred:** Malice, Hatred, Strife, Anger, Envy, Mischievousness, Jealousy, Disputing, Backbiting, Backlashing, Contempt, Temper Tantrums, Resentment, Unreasonableness, Despising, Derision, Stubbornness, Opposition, Division, Impudence, Rebelliousness, Spite.

**Pride:** Haughtiness, Pride of Evil, Spiritual Pride, Vanity, Pride of Life, Pride of Accomplishment, Defiance, Coveteousness, Arrogance, Boastfulness, Scorn, Vainglory, Conceit, Snootiness, Snobbishness, Indignation, Mockery.

**Self:** Self-consciousness, Self-conceit, Self-pity, Self-righteousness, Self-content, Self-sufficiency, Self-justification, Inferiority, Bitterness, Slackness, False Security, Selfishness, False Peace, Grumbling, Complaints, Shame, Neglect, Irritation.

**Psychological:** Double-mindedness, Confusion, Dullness of Memory, Psychiatry, Hypnosis, Psychology, Vain Imaginations, Seared Conscience, Mental Weakness, Derangement, Controller of Dreams, Temper, Misunderstanding, Schizophrenia, Barking, Depression, Inferiority, Uncanny Laughter.

**Drugs:** Craving for Dope, Smoking, Addiction, Nicotine, Marijuana, Hypodermic needle, Spirit of Burning, Opium, Cocaine, Heroin, Slavery, Bondage, Physical Infirmary, Spirit of Exhaustion.

**Drink:** Alcohol, Bourbon, Ale, Bay Rum, Wine, Rock Rye, Brandy, Beer, Rum, Whisky, Vodka, Champagne, Martini.

Spiritualistic: Fortunetelling, Ouija Board, Psychic Reading, Witchcraft, Cranium Reading, Spiritualism, Medium, Voodoo, Enchantment, Psalm Reading, Tea Leaves, Table Tilting, Crystal Ball.

Gambling: Craps, Roulette, Slot Machine, Love of Money, Card, Poker, Pool, Snake Eyes.

Sexual: Vice, Lustfulness, Sexual Desire, Sexual Indulgence, Filthiness, Passion, Ravishment, Impurity, Lust of Eyes, Dirty, Fornication, Wild Affections, Lasciviousness, Abuse, Carnality, Defilement, Vulgarly, Filthy Conversation, Filthy Thoughts.

Heresy: Names of Various Cults and Religions, False Doctrine, Religious statues, Modernism, Idolatry, Mariolatry, Apostasy, Penance, False Sacrifice, Delusion, Misinterpretation, Persecution, Piety, Blind Obedience, Willful Disobedience.

Violence: Vengeance, Strife, Meanness, Murder, Suicide (Attempted several times).

Human Failures: Foolishness, Levity, Folly, Love of World, Inconsistency, Slothfulness, Laziness, Greed, Abnormal Appetite, Impatience, Ugliness, Competition, Sluggishness, Cowardliness, Insufficiency, Wrong Diligence, Resistance, Blindness, Dumbness.

Theft: Petty Robbery, Pickpocket.

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