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Adorn His Temple!

Defend His Kingdom

INTRODUCTION:

GO! Don't wait, GO! Why hesitate? I've instructed you but yet you continue "seeking" what you want for yourself. Is it not simply I (Yahweh) that instructs and waits for your obedience. You plan and wish for many things but fail to achieve the tasks I've whispered to you. Rise early, seek My face, fuel your thoughts with worship, remain distant from the lust of the flesh, work hard, and honor me with your words. This is what I (Yahweh) require of you. Do not worry about tomorrow or remain in yesterday, but be yourself in full capacity for the moments right now. DIG DEEPER and incline not only your ears and eyes, but your heart. I will reveal every step of the way for the path of your life. Trust in Me, have faith in Me, believe in Me. I won't ever let you down even if you don't understand what I am doing.

I love you My child. I love you.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in Yahweh, for pulling down strongholds, demolishing arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the One Who is Yahweh; bringing under control every thought into obedience of the anointing. And being ready to punish all disobedience, once your own obedience is complete.

Sections:

1. *In the world, not of it.*

2. *What do I do? (Its intense!)*

3. *The reward.*

Questions to ponder:

1. What does having an eternal life mean while being stationed on earth for a little while in a perishable body?

2. Where is the battle fought?

SECTION ONE: *In the world, not of it.*

("For though we live in the world")

Everything our bodies are composed of is physical though it is not our eternal state. We live on earth and are made of flesh, bone, and blood. We breathe out of fleshly lungs, eat physical food that gives us physical energy, drive material cars made of metal, and play instruments made of wood. You get the point, all of life on earth is constructed of physical matter. Let us not forget the very thing that indicates we are indeed alive in the flesh, the blood. Sure, while life on earth has its basic requirements like eating, sleeping, and using

the bathroom we know the life of a christian is so much more than just physical, its eternal.

What does having an eternal life mean while being stationed on earth for a little while in a perishable body?

“Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2 these words make a lot more sense with this question in mind.

Though Solomon in all his wisdom could not find purpose in earthly pursuits like riches and great possessions, land, and even building the temple, we now know as modern day christians that the temple we are meant to build is not of earthly matter. **“Don’t you know that you yourselves are Yahweh’s temple and that He dwells inside of you?”** 1 Corinthians 3:16 **“You were bought with a price. Therefore honor Yahweh with your bodies.”** 1 Corinthians 6:20

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(“we do not wage war as the world does.”)

“For our fighting is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this

darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 **“You are my war club, my weapon for battle—with You I shatter nations, with You I destroy kingdoms.”**
Jeremiah 51:20

Where is the battle fought? **“In the heavenly places”**. But where is that? Is it not in the mind where all things are perceived? Certainly the greatest wars are fought within the mind of a human. Why? Because it is the temple of Yahweh.

(“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.”)

Notice in the text from 2 Corinthians 10:4 we do not use “weapons of the world”. This clearly indicates that we do indeed use weapons and fight, but not your commonly known methods of human warfare. This is a very important piece to consider knowing there is a great battle everyday to be fought. It is you vs sin (the flesh) and its serious! Being a child of Yahweh doesn't mean we sit back and let Him do all the work. On the contrary there are immense levels of action needed to be taken, and quite frankly a lot of it is violent!

SECTION TWO: *What do I do?*

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil (haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises

wicked schemes, feet that rush into evil, a false witness, and a person who stirs up conflict Proverbs 6-17:19); cling to what is good.” Romans 12:9 “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” James 1:22 “You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone” James 2:24 “Therefore, as Yahweh’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12 “Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

James 1:4

(“demolish strongholds and arguments) (How?)

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8 “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this take up the shield

of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of Yahweh, which is His word.” Ephesians 6:14-17 “For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Mind of Yahweh, and the mind of Yahweh is against the acts of the flesh. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery (or over indulgence in pleasure); idolatry and witchcraft (the worship of idols); hatred, discord (lack of harmony), jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions (disagreements that lead to anger), factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. WARNING! Those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom!” Galatians 5:17,19-21 “Those in the realm of the flesh cannot please Yahweh”. Romans 8:8

Its evident in just a few sentences the severity of life in the flesh for a christian. Dare we say and challenge ourselves by realizing the enemy of Yahweh, the one who seeks to destroy the temple, is our very own flesh? Fighting sin, resisting temptation, and overcoming the self will (as it fights you back) is just the beginning. Its a violent process and takes a lifetime of work. Rest assured knowing our very own savior has walked the same walk and even faced worse temptations then you and I. It seems almost too obvious that we

walk in the flesh, but yet we so quickly forget and underestimate the one true enemy, that is our own desires of course.

(“every pretension (claim) that sets itself up against the knowledge of Yahweh”)

A boastful proclamation from a sinful heart is wicked and a direct attack on the Truth of Yahweh’s love. This is who and what “satan” was, pride. Think back to his downfall and remember why he was cast away. Was it not the pride of life that destroyed what was meant to be full of light, love, and truth? By bringing under control every thought you therefore bring your flesh into submission as well. Our job as a christian is to bring the flesh under our control and then submit it to the will of the Father. This process can only begin and be finished in the mind! We’ve all heard it said “for the body follows the head” how much more the flesh trails behind the mind?

(“and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Yahshua.”)

“But I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within.” Romans 7:23

We must have the ability and capacity to discipline ourselves with this pattern: A thought enters my mind, I recognize it, I grab it and control it, I place it at Yahshua's feet and keep steady, I heal. This pattern is designed to continually bring your thoughts into alignment with Yahweh's thoughts. You have to train yourself in this and it takes lots of practice.

SECTION THREE: *The reward.*

("And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.")

Royalty, rulership, perfection, blameless, and full of love. These are just a few of the qualities that come from submission to Yahweh. Living a life of faith is not expecting a reward for doing what you are called to do, even though there are benefits in this life, but instead doing what you must to be righteous. Once you've participated in the death, burial, and resurrection there is no going back. It is a dark world and there are many evils all around us every minute of everyday.

"So do not worry, saying, 'what shall we eat and drink or wear?' For pagans run after things of the flesh, and Yahweh knows exactly what you need. Instead, seek first His kingdom and everything else

in life will be given to you.” Mathew 6:31-33 “Press on then towards the goal to win the prize which Yahweh has called you to through Yahshua.” Philipians 3:14 “For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Through it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” Habakkuk 2:3 “Therefore do not run like someone running aimlessly; do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will no be disqualified for the prize.” 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 “These are those who did not defile themselves with women, they were pure. They follow the lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to Yahweh and Yahshua. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.” Revelation 14:4-5 “Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of Yahweh, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.” Romans 6:22