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(Scriptures from KJV)

Foundation Scriptures:

Matthew 12:43-45

Refer To Subject:

2.17 – The Battlefields of the Mind and the Flesh.

1. This is where most Christians will lose their Battles & be robbed of their Victories.

How many times as a Christian have you fought a battle in the spirit and natural, obtained the victory only to have it challenged again by the enemy and then lose it?

- Why does this happen and how do we prevent this happening in the future?
- What is Satan's plan and method of operation?

Basic Illustration:

In many wars you will see for example how army "A" fights army "B" and gets a victory over army "B" and because of that victory army "A" feels secure, relaxes and believes that the army "B" is totally defeated only later to find out that army "B" was not totally defeated and has mounted a counter attack that defeats army "A" because army "A" has let its guard down and there is little if any resistance to the counter attack.

- This is also the principle that Satan uses against the born again believer and Jesus warns us about this **principle of the "Counter Attack"**.

Matthew 12:43-45

⁴³ **When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.**

⁴⁴ **Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.** ⁴⁵ **Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (KJV)**

- The Word of God is warning us in these scriptures that when you have a victory make sure that you should keep guard up and hold onto the victory with the Word of God and by Faith for the enemy will try once again to take back the victory or ground (house) and it will be worse than before the first battle of Faith.

2. A Simple Healing Example.

A person is sick and has cancer and is told by the doctor that they will die so they go to the Bible, God's Word, His promises, finds the scripture for healing, believes it, confesses it, fights the good fight of Faith and receives the healing by faith. After a while the cancer goes completely and the person is healed. After a while longer the symptoms come back to the person in their body and they start to think, confess and doubt God healed them in the first place. The cancer returns to their body because the person has opened up the door to their health **through unrestrained thoughts (Lewdness / Lasciviousness)** and then they lose their healing and this is called - **THE COUNTER ATTACK!** (Refer To Subject: 2.17 – The Battlefields of the Mind and the Flesh.)



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The person was healed the first time by God and through His Word in Jesus name. **The person became secure and relaxed in their position of Faith and did not hold onto or protect their healing that they received.** Satan applied pressure through the symptoms and thoughts to make them believe that they were not healed. The person starts to confess "I guess that I was not healed" and they got what they confessed. To receive healing a second time is more difficult than the first time because the person thinks that God did not heal them the first time so why should God heal them now a 2nd time, and so comes doubt and unbelief and the defeat. This can happen to any area of a person's life, not only healing but finances, marriage, family, business, ministry, etc. also!

3. David and the Counter Attack.

1 Samuel 17 (The Story of David and Goliath)

1 Samuel 17:31-37

³¹ And when the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. ³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ³³ And Saul said to David, you art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for you art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. ³⁴ And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: ³⁵ **And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew (killed) him.** ³⁶ Thy servant slew (killed) both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with you. (KJV)

1 Samuel 17:34-36

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- v31-37 - David's trust in God & confession of faith, brought him before the king.
- David said let no man's heart fail him, for he would fight – **David** was a covenant man who **thought first on his covenant and promises of God** rather than the size of the enemy.
- Saul says to David that he is only a youth, and Goliath has been trained as a man of war from his youth.
- David reminds Saul of the time when the bear and the lion came to take a lambs from his herd, he chased them and fought them and brought them down.
- David says that when the lion **arose up again**, he caught him by the beard (the flesh under the chin) and hit & killed him. No ordinary person or youth could have done this, it was the anointing on him!

Two times, with the battles with the Lion and the Bear, they rose up against David after he had initially hit them with his stones and his sling. They were knocked out but not dead. David had learned through these two battles with the Lion and the Bear that it was important to make sure that the enemy was completely finished and so with Goliath, David made absolutely sure that he took off the head of Goliath – David made sure that he had total victory and that there was no chance that this mountain would not rise up again.



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4. David and Total Victory.

1 Samuel 17:48-51

⁴⁸ And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his fore head, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ **Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.** (KJV)

- In our fight of Faith with Gods Word over any situation, we are to make sure that we continue to the very end until we have the victory in our hands (as David did with Goliath`s head) and not relax or to become comfortable just because the pressure or symptoms have gone. This is not the time to take a rest.
- **Each test** we go through can and will **become a testimony** if we go through the battle and have total victory – for we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

5. Real life Testimony.

As I was growing in my Christian faith I came across a person who had leukaemia and I heard her testimony on how God healed her completely of this sickness.

She and her husband had tried everything to get her healed over a two year period including overseas doctors, special treatments before finally coming to God and asking Him for help and healing. They became born again, studied His Word, believed and eventually she received her total healing and it was confirmed and in the newspapers.

A few years later her mother received the same sickness of leukaemia, became sick. The daughter was so affected by her mother receiving the sickness that she also received the sickness back once again and later died. After talking to her husband I realised that after her 1st healing that they had relaxed in their walk of Faith, protecting and holding onto their healing and the sickness had returned **through the principle of the Counter Attack.**

6. A Final Word.

While you are on this earth as a believer, you will have many opportunities to face the counter attack situation in spiritual warfare. From this subject, you should now understand how Satan works in this area and also what you have to do to stop the counter attack and to protect and hold onto your victory in Jesus name!

Jesus is Lord!