

Defeating Satan, part 9

- I.** Satan attempts to disrupt Christians' logical thinking regarding spiritual matters (Eph. 6:11; 1 Cor. 2:11; 4:4).
 - 1. 'Logical' thinking is a conclusion regarding spiritual matters based on New Testament principles.
 - 2. Satan attempts to disrupt the conclusion by supplying alternative premises, substituting antidotal evidence.
- II.** Christians can, should, defeat Satan's attacks (1 Jn. 2:13-14).
 - 1. The general order of defeating the three spiritual enemies is: the flesh, then Satan, then the world system.
 - 2. In order to defeat Satan's lusts, the Christian must stand against him (Eph. 6:11, 12 (2), 14; Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
 - 3. The only method to defeat Satan is the Armor from God (Eph. 6:10-17).
 - 4. Satan's garbled logic is overcome, divinely, by the logic of Scripture characterized by the Armor.
- III.** Only a spiritual Christian, who has the tendency of defeating the flesh, can successfully put on the Armor from God.
 - 1. "Submit" (imperative) to God for the benefits (Jam. 4:7, cf. Eph. 5:21).
 - 2. "Be sober" (imperative), take attack seriously (1 Pet. 5:8).
 - 3. "Be vigilant" (imperative), like a night watchman (1 Pet. 5:8).
 - 4. "Stand firm by the faith" (imperative), an object of faith is that by depending on divine enabling and the Armor there is victory over the enemy.
 - 5. "Be being strong", (imperative) continue having the acquired strength [endowment] by/in the Lord (Eph. 6:10).
 - 1) Counting Christ as Lord—heart = mind, will, emotions (1 Pet. 3:15).
 - 2) Continued reliance on the Holy Spirit to make up what is lacking—filling ministry.
 - 6. "Being strong ... by the manifest power," the victory over sin nature already demonstrated by the Christian (Eph. 6:10).
 - 7. "Being strong ... from the endowment/infused power" (Eph. 6:10).
- IV.** The Armor from God is a mental focus on the provisions that God has provided the Christian to stand against Satan's lusts.