

Trials: Understanding the Unseen Realities

Part Seven: May 13, 2020

Understanding the Stakes

14. What are the stakes in this unseen struggle?

- **God's _____ (see Job 1:8-11, 2:3-6, 1 Tim. 5:14)**
- **My _____ (see 1 Pet. 1:7, 2 Cor. 4:17-18, James 1:2-4, 12)**
 - Our part in trials:
 - Keep our _____ of faith on eternal things.
 - Be _____.
 - _____ with God.
 - _____ the test.

Understanding Our Position

15. What is our position against the enemy?

- **_____ In Christ Who Is the Head (Col. 2:10)**
 - Principalities and powers = _____ powers and hierarchies including evil angels (Col. 1:16-17, 2:15).
 - In Christ, we have a position _____ the angelic powers.
 - In Christ, we are also fully equipped with everything we _____ to have victory in trials.

- **_____ In Christ (Col. 2:15)**
 - "Spoiled" = _____ off, like piece of clothing.
 - At the cross, the Lord Jesus won a great victory over the fallen angels and has "stripped away" their _____, victory, possessions, captives, and greatest weapon (the _____ of death, Heb. 2:14-15).
 - "Made a shew" = make an open, public _____.
 - Every time a soul is saved, it's obvious Satan has _____.
 - "Triumph" = to _____ a triumph, lead in triumph, hold a triumph
 - A Roman _____ procession where the conquering general would parade his captives down streets of Rome, with his armies behind him.

- **More than _____ (Rom. 8:35, 37-39)**
 - Vs. 35 = list of potential problems or "trials" we could face in life.
 - Vs. 38 = a different list of forces that can oppose us (not so much visible things but _____ things including angels, principalities, and powers.
 - Vs. 37, we are " _____-conquerors"!

- _____ **by One Who is greater (1 John 4:4, Eph. 4:7-10)**
 - “He that is in you” = the _____ Spirit; “he that is in the world” = Satan.
 - Not only are we positioned “in Jesus Christ,” He is positioned _____ us!
 - Eph. 4:7-10:
 - The greatest gift of Christ’s triumph = the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - His “filling up all things” here on earth starts with Him _____ you.

- **Position = We are In _____, and Christ is In us = victory! (Luke 10:17-20)**
 - The Devil has no power over you except what you _____ him to have, by:
 - _____ to his lies,
 - Buying into his _____,
 - Giving him _____,
 - Listening to his spirit of _____,
 - Letting him build a _____ in your mind.

 - We do not have to _____ the tests of faith God allows into our lives in the form of trials (no matter how severe).
 - Heb. 12:3-4, “consider Him”:
 - What He did for you,
 - The _____ He overcome,
 - The _____ things He saw,
 - The victory He _____.

 - Luke 10:17-20:
 - Rejoice, not because demons are subject to you, but because your name is _____ in heaven.
 - It’s exciting to know we are on the winning side, but the most exciting thing of all is our heavenly _____ “in Christ”!