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“Enemy Attack”

Sermon Introduction:

- Pastor T. taught on Kingdom Attitudes: Purpose, Faith, Perseverance, Praise, and Obedience; we left service with an expanded knowledge, equipped, to adjust, to change, and to adopt a new attitude.
- As we left service the enemy wanted to mitigate (take away) our desire to gain a new attitude...he begin to strategize how to stop the process of our acquiring a new/corrected **ATTITUDE!**
- God gave me a command to share with you **“Enemy Attack”...warn them!!!!**
- When our attitude is about to change the enemy takes action!
- We as children of God are exposed; at the job, in the store, T.V., radio, by individuals, bill boards, or face to face that challenge our belief and behaviors.
- We are not shielded from pain, hurt, humiliation, abuse, neglect, a vicious tongue; which may come at the hands of a stranger, a or a loved one.
- We are subject to temptation, and when we succumb, to temptation we make excuses...”the devil made me do it”, “I was tempted by God” ...**Not true!!!**

Sermonic Text: “James 1: 13-15 – (Read-KJV)

- From Adam and Eve to current day temptation is invariable and so is our excuses...” it wasn’t my fault; God made me this way, why should I be held responsible for acting according to my nature”.
- There are some factors in our life we can’t control; however social relationships and interactions could not be maintained if we in some measure are not responsible for our deeds/actions/choices/behaviors.

- James in this scripture is uttering a warning to his fellow Christians against using excuses for wicked conduct.
- In endowing man with appetites and desires, God is not tempting man to sin; these endowments are good and necessary for life!
- When man mis-directs his desires or abuses his appetites, allowing him to be lured into the pursuit of deceitful attractions that evil consequences ensue!
- What man chooses determines the good or evil outcome.

The “Enemy Attack”—We are involved in “spiritual warfare”

- A continual battle that wages hour to hour, week to week.
- The enemy will send an attack/circumstance/a person we have to respond to or make a choice about; in varying degrees of size, importance or intensity!
- God showed these issues/attacks using a military analogy:
 1. **“Mortar Attack”**- barrage of bombs coming so rapidly you do not know which way to go.
 2. **“Machine Gun Attack”** – A series of bullets (fiery darts) coming so fast all you can do is take cover until the attack ceases.
 3. **“Atomic Bomb Attack”** - An attack so large and devastating it destroys everything around you, then there is fallout for years to come and the people impacted may never recover.
 4. **“Submarine/ Torpedo Attack”** – Silent but just as devastating—without radar (discernment) the attack comes and you never see it coming.
 5. **“Infiltration”** – When someone you trusted attacked from within your own camp.
 6. **“Traitor/Double Agent”** - The attacks that come from a trusted friend or family member that destroys trust/confidence; but cause you to realize “What a friend we have in Jesus”.
- **Seven Steps to temptations... Be equipped: (James 1: 14-15)**
 1. **Tempted** > Thoughts of evil
 2. **Drawn away** > Strong Imagination
 3. **Lust** > Delight in viewing
 4. **Enticed** > Weakening of the will
 5. **Lust conceived** > yielding
 6. **Sin** > Sinful act committed

7. Death > Result of actual sin

“God Is the Tailor; We’re Dressed For the Test”: Eph. 6: 10-18 – (Read -KJV)

- Everything we need to wage war and win the battle against manageable matters (things of the flesh) to “Stand Tall” God has wardrobe us with Truth, Righteousness, Gospel of Peace, Faith, and Salvation
- The garment is sown together with thread woven from His inspired Word and the blood of Jesus ...the strongest thread I know!
- We as Christians sometimes doubt; but God’s word removes all doubt.
 - Truth: (John 17: 17 ; Psalms 91: 4) - **(Read KJV)**
 - (We are protected under the wings of God, sanctified through his truth; therefore we have nothing to fear but God Himself reverentially)!
 - Righteousness : (Isaiah 64:6) - **(Read KJV)**
 - (God is telling us by His authority and grace we are all powerful; however we must remain humble. Showing continually righteousness and Christian humility).
 - Gospel of Peace: (Mark 8:35; John: 14:27) - **(Read KJV)**
 - (In the Christian battle we have nothing to fear; we are guaranteed eternal life with the Lord. We have a “Life Eternal Insurance Policy).
 - Faith: (Hebrews 11:16; Matthew 17:20) - **(Read KJV)**
 - (We are equipped and should be confident that we can defeat our adversary, and ward off the vicious attacks toward us)!
 - Spirit -{God’s Word}: (2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 4:12) - **(Read KJV)**
 - (God’s word is the protection we have; if rightly divided can expose the heart of man and convert non-believers and silence fool).
 - Salvation: (Ps. 62:1,6; 2 Tim 3:15; John 4:16) - **(Read KJV)**
 - (We have a life insurance policy that has been paid in full).
- **The Mirror**:
 - When we look in the mirror we see; our greatest enemy is the ‘In –A- Me’...we have **choices!!!**

- We see our blemishes, imperfections, deformities, spots ugliness we try to do something about them and are moved by what we see...but going away from the mirror we forget about them. So it is with the **Bible**...as long as one studies we see ourselves as we really are and constantly seek to improve ourselves. If we get away from the bible we soon forget the real picture of ourselves and what manner of person we are
- Jesus was able to “stand tall” on the cross, during His resurrection.
- So when attacks come and choices have to be made...square your shoulders, plant your feet and “stand tall”
- To paraphrase 2 Cor. 4:8:
 - Hard pressed; but not suffocated > “ Still Standing Tall”
 - Puzzled; but not utterly baffled > “ Still Standing Tall”
 - Struck down; but not out of the fight > “ Still Standing Tall”
 - Pursued; but not caught or outrun > “ Still Standing Tall”

Enemy Attack....Don't Worry!!!

“God Is the Tailor: We Are Dressed For the Test!!!

“We Have A Choice”

“You Are Still Standing Tall”

“Always make your recreation a re-creation!”