

Two Realms! Deception! Terrorists! Do not fear!

Spiritual Training Part 5

Spiritual Training: Busy vs. Hungry

Opening Statements

1. There are battles to fight, armor to put on, and a kingdom to advance.
2. Therefore, I will continue our subject of spiritual training: **Busy vs. Hungry**.
3. **Why?**
 1. To live a godly life.
 2. To honor God.
 3. To help those in need.
 4. For the protection of **this nation** for the sake of souls for Jesus.

Here is what happened in Boston!

Boston: (Monday 4-15-13) "Two bombs exploded at the venerable Boston Marathon on Monday, killing two people, sending hundreds of runners scrambling for cover, and rattling nerves around the nation, authorities said. The blasts occurred in rapid succession as thousands of people were still running. Video footage showed an explosion off to the side as runners were nearing the finish line, with some toppling over from the concussion. Smoke rose into the air, and photos of the scene showed a sidewalk slicked with blood."

4. One bomber killed, second seized.
5. New information continued to come. (Troubled week)
6. **People** were involved in that situation. (Boston)
7. However, behind that situation, we can be certain that the kingdom of darkness was involved as well.
8. Everything I am saying is for our **spiritual training**.

Understanding the Two Realms

9. **We cannot see** the kingdom of darkness, but we can see its results.
10. People need to understand that there is more than a physical realm.
11. In the spirit realm are demons and their master Satan.
12. Also, there is God the Father, the Holy Spirit, Jesus our master, and His mighty angels.

What is at Stake?

13. The **souls** of people are at stake, **not only** in the bombings in **Boston** but in the **world**.

Two Locations

14. There are **two locations** when all is said and done:

1. To be **with** Jesus forever.
2. To be in the lake of fire **apart** from Jesus.

15. A quote from a person years ago in our first church: "*Eternity, eternity, where will you spend eternity and what will you do with Jesus?*"

Bible Example of the Physical and Spiritual Realm

16. **Elisha** operated in the **supernatural within a physical situation** (*Nine Manifestations of the Holy Spirit*).

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome." (AMP)

17. So, we see from this account that there are two realms, the physical and spiritual realm.
18. Elisha's servant saw people, horses, and chariots (Physical/by faith spirit realm).
19. Today we see people and a variety of weapons (Physical/by faith spirit realm).
20. Be assured, our God is greater than the kingdom of darkness and anyone connected with it (Both realms).

2 Kings 6:8-17

8 Once when the **king of Syria** was at war with Israel, he said to his officers, "We will mobilize our forces at ____" (naming the place).

9 Immediately Elisha (*NKJV man of God*) warned the king of Israel, "Don't go near ____" (naming the same place) "for the Syrians are **planning** to mobilize their troops there!"

10 The king sent a scout to see if Elisha (*NKJV man of God*) was right, and sure enough, he had saved him from disaster. This happened several times.

11 The king of Syria was **puzzled**. (*NKJV greatly troubled*) He called together his officers and demanded, "Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel about my **plans**?"

12 "It's not us, sir," one of the officers replied. "**Elisha**, the prophet, tells the king of Israel even the **words** you speak in the privacy of your **bedroom**!"

13 "Go and find out where he is, and we'll send troops to **seize him**," the king exclaimed. And the report came back, "Elisha is at Dothan."

14 So one night the king of Syria sent a **great army** with many chariots and horses to **surround** the city. 15 When the **prophet's servant** got up early the next morning and went outside, there were **troops, horses, and chariots** everywhere. "Alas, my master, **what shall we do now?**" he cried out to Elisha.

16 **"Don't be afraid!"** Elisha told him. **"For our army is bigger than theirs!"**

17 Then **Elisha prayed, "Lord, open his eyes and let him see!"** And the Lord opened the young man's eyes **so that he could see horses of fire and chariots of fire** everywhere upon the mountain! TLB

One Main Deception for the Lost

- 21. One deception from the enemy is to keep a person safe who is headed for hell.
- 22. Why would Satan bother anyone who is heading off a cliff? (or hell)
- 23. It is not a good thing for a spiritually lost person to have everything go great and wonderful with no problems.
- 24. Earth is not like a big Disneyland Park.
- 25. As believers, we cannot just “Mickey Mouse” around the earth.
- 26. It is too dangerous.

Proverbs 1:32-33: "For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil." (RSV)

Proverbs 1:32: "For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, and the careless ease of [self-confident] fools shall destroy them." (AMP)

- 27. Dictionary definition for the word “**Complacence**”: calm or secure satisfaction with oneself.
- 28. **Dictionary definition** for the word “**Complacency**”: self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies.

God's Universal Laws

- 29. Realize that some people have discovered some of God's universal laws.
- 30. God's laws work.
- 31. However, some have **not discovered** the One who made them.
- 32. These people are successful.

The Results of the Deception

- 33. Here are the results when everything is going great and wonderful for the lost:
 - 1. There will be no need for a savior.
 - 2. No need to pray.
 - 3. No need to read God's word.
 - 4. No need to assemble with the saints of God.

Isaiah 57:20-21: "But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked." (RSV)

- 34. The reality is they are having fun operating God's laws without knowing the One who made them.
- 35. It is not fun on earth heading for the lake of fire (Satan's goal).
- 36. I believe that one of Satan's tricks is to keep people enjoying God's laws without knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- 37. Their outcome will be the lake of fire, and they do not even recognize it.
- 38. Therefore, when we pray for the protection of people or events, it is so they have time to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- 39. I am not saying to pray that people have problems.
- 40. However, we can pray that people see a need for Jesus in their life.

Do Not Fear

45. Let us remember this verse once again:

Ephesians 6:12: "For we are **not** contending against flesh and blood, **but against** the principalities, **against** the powers, **against** the world rulers of this present darkness, **against** the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

- 41. Verse 12 reveals who we are against.
- 42. We know that the evil spirits listed in Ephesians 6:12 have a job (Agenda).
- 43. They get entwined with people as much as possible (On behalf of their kingdom).
- 44. This includes terrorists (People).
- 45. **Dictionary definition** for the word "**terror**": a state of intense fear, violence (as bombing) committed by groups to intimidate a population or government into granting their demands.

Proverbs 3:25-26: Be not afraid of sudden terror and panic, nor of the stormy blast or the storm and ruin of the wicked when it comes [for you will be **guiltless**] "For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught [in a trap or some hidden danger]. (AMP)

(Dictionary definition for the word "guiltless": blameless, innocent, pure, righteous).

Philippians 1:28: "Don't be afraid of your enemies; always be courageous, and this will prove to them that they will lose and that you will win, because it is God who gives you the victory." (TEV)

Psalms 56:11: "In God I trust without a fear. What can man do to me?" (RSV)

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