

Matthew 24: deception

- Fall short
- In your mind and even actions
- Temptations and struggles
- Feeling dry and not close to God
- Feel as though you're not worthy of praying, praising - because we feel disqualified

Men: your feelings, your sin, your thoughts, every time you fall short cannot disqualify you!

During this series for the next 3 months we are done giving an inch to the devil. No more room for his lies in our minds, families - nowhere in our lives!

- Another great deception is when we take on his lies as our thoughts - taking ownership for his lies
- Slicing away at the fact that we have been fully qualified

God doesn't call the qualified - He qualifies the called!

2 Cor 3:5-6

“Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments or to claim or count anything as coming from us, but our power and ability and sufficiency are from God. [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. [Jer. 31:31.]”

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 AMPC

- He has qualified us!
- Made us fit for duty
- We have power, ability and sufficiency that comes from God!
- We are dispensers of a new covenant
- We have to stop believing the lies that say we are not qualified. - and...
- We have to trying to qualify ourselves

Scripture here says we were qualified when we got saved and that was sealed by the Spirit -eternal!

- You don't have the authority to undue what God has done

Luke 10:17 we read where Jesus sent the 70 anointed with power to do mighty works

“Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are **subject** to us in Your name.”(to us in His name. It's very important you understand whose name you carry) And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Luke 10:17-19 NKJV

- And, when Jesus responded to the astonishment of His 70 disciples about their authority in His name over demons - Jesus said “no duh!” **I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven”**
- When lightning falls from heaven it falls fast, it falls hard
- And it loses its power when it hits the earth
- Satan lost his angelic assigned power when he hit the earth - including the power over you

- **Rev 12:4** says that Satan and his angels were cast out with him - all at the same time
- The Bible teaches us that the number of angels is innumerable
- 1/3 of innumerable is still probably innumerable
- So what Jesus saw on that day Satan was cast down with his angels was probably more like a meteor shower of fallen angels pounding the earth and burning out when they hit the ground.
- It was a majestic display of the power of God
- That's what He did with your old man when you got saved

Eph 2:1-2

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,”

Ephesians 2:1 NKJV

“in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

Ephesians 2:2 NKJV

- But now we are sent as sons of God - having His authority by His name

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Jesus goes on in Luke 10:20 to say to the 70:

“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.””

Luke 10:20 NKJV

- Don't rejoice in the power and authority you carry but in the person of power - Jesus the reason you carry it - through Him that saved you
- Why? Because when you get your eyes focused on your own ability - then when you fall short you are going to believe you now have a disability that disqualifies you away from God

What Jesus is saying here - is you rejoice in Him - knowing Him

- When you know your name is written in The Lamb's Book of Life we have to stop believing that that book is just a registry recording that you made it into heaven.
- That book is more than just a heavenly registry - Jesus is saying that that book is a book of authority!
- If your name is in there you have My glory - My Doxa - which is everything that I am and everything that I have!
- The Lamb's book of life - is life now - eternal life now - not just life in heaven later
- That's why we rejoice in Him

“Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast (boast) in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man boast in his might, Nor let the rich man boast in his riches; But let him who boasts boast in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24 NKJV

- Our authority, wisdom, might and prosperity come from knowing Him
- So we boast / glory in Him
- Because we know Him and He knows us - our names are written in the Lamb's book of life and that's where our authority comes from
- Because your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life - you are qualified! Eternally!
- Your not just saved you are endued with power - demons are subject to YOU in His name.
- The Lamb's Book of Life is a book of life now and forever - it's a book of authority
- Your name is written on there by the blood of Jesus and you can't remove it

Now satan and his minions are relegated to nothing but lies!

He's now like a roaring lion - all mouth! All roar and no bite!

- His lies have no real power to steal, kill or destroy
- Its believing his lies that gives his words power
- That's why we have to fight his words with our faith-filled words

In winning the battle of the mind there are things we must identify in our lives what knock us out of position

- The position of remaining in Christ
- Our position in Christ is eternal - but we can operate outside of His grace
- We can lose the perspective of being seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus
- The position of authority - that makes even the demons subject to us in His name
- **We never lose our position in Christ but we can refuse our authority in Christ**

The enemy of our souls wants to make us feel disqualified to partake in the fulness of what God has for us. Fulness of:

- relationship with Him as a son
- the blessings He has for us
- In the fulness and abundance of life He secured for us

He tries to make us feel disqualified through condemnation by reminding us of our past failures and of our current thoughts that fall short.

- By trying to get us to identify with our shortcomings
- Wanting you to believe that you are your sin
- To fall into condemnation through the spirit of legalism - spirit of religion

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:1-2 NKJV

- Condemnation like offense has to be taken and it's always self imposed

So what do you do when you fall short? When you do sin?

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

I John 1:9 NKJV

- God is not forgiving you so that He can bring you back to righteousness with Him
- He is forgiving you to clear your conscience so that you can stop feeling disqualified to dwell with Him
- He never left you or forsook you - your the one who left Him in your own unworthiness

How does God forgive?

“For I will be loop merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”

Hebrews 8:12-13 NKJV

- Legalism (and legalistic people) is meant to bring us to condemnation
- But because we have a new covenant He has redeemed us from the curse of the law

- “I have been redeemed from the curse of the law”
- “I have been redeemed from the law of sin and death”
- “I am qualified”
- “I am qualified to live in the promises and in the authority by the blood of Jesus!”

There is a new freedom with a new covenant that the Lord wants us to walk in

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah”

Psalm 32:1-5 ESV

- Blessed: Heb: eser: happy!
- Happy: a state of pleasure, contentment or joy as well as,
- Feeling pleased, satisfied, or, WILLING TO DO SOMETHING
- Your hand was heavy upon me - was the conviction of God.
- From that conviction I came to Him in repentance
- And although I’m not perfect I am qualified because I have been made His righteousness.
- now that you are qualified you are unshackled to: GO DO SOMETHING!
- Something for Him!

Men, you can’t be any more of a son of God than you already are

- **Your sin can’t make you less of a son**
- **Your thoughts can’t**
- **How many of you have children here?**

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.””

John 10:27-30 NKJV

Some of us need to make peace with the sovereignty of the God that is in you.

NO STONES

Question 1. What are the enemy’s strategies to make us feel disqualified?

Question 2. What are biblical strategies that keep us knowing our qualified position?

Question 3. STOP DROP PRAY against all the sin and weights that ensnare us.

Qualified

Righteous

Holy: 1 John 3:9

