

The Power of the Lord in our Life

(From Senior Pastor Djohan Handojo's sermon)

Mark 16:15-20

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

We believe that the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is great and amazing. He left His Great Commission for us to preach the gospel to the end of the world and those signs and wonders would be with believers.

The key is that we believe (without doubt) that Jesus, through His Holy Spirit, has given us that power till today.

Let us not be deceived and defeated by the devil. At the end time, Christianity is signified by a lot of deceits/interventions of the devil in the families, educational sectors, medical sectors, business and entertainment.

We need to know about the serpent or the devil that he is the father of deceits, tempter, accuser and destroyer.

Four important things about the devil that we have to know:

1. **The devil cannot match the power of the Lord.**

The devil is the fallen angel who fell because of his pride. Do not compare the power of the devil to the power of the Lord, the dark and the light; they are different. The power of the Lord is unlimited and the devil has to submit to God's authority.

2. **The devil is not omniscient.**

The devil has a lot of deceits and manipulations but when compared to Lord Jesus, he is not omniscient. Jesus gives us wisdom, the ability to discern the different spirits, and the devil cannot match us, as the children of God.

3. **The devil has not stopped working.**

He will stop working during the 1000 year-reign of Jesus on the earth. The devil and his angels will be chained. Remember how he deceived Eve; tried to tempt Jesus, and Judas. Eve and Judas were defeated by him but Lord Jesus was never defeated.

4. **The devil is the enemy whom we have to be aware of.**

It means that we must not take him lightly and be afraid of him. He is indeed our enemy but he cannot do anything without your approval. Do not take him lightly although he is limited, is neither omniscient nor omnipresent, is neither almighty nor his match. We need the power of Lord Jesus and put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:14–18) to defeat the devil. We defeat the devil not with our own strength but His power that accompanies believers.

The devil's plan to destroy a nation.

Moses was born when the children of Israel were enslaved by Egypt. God sent Moses to liberate His people from Egypt. When Moses was born, there was a decree to kill all male Hebrew babies. Heb 11:23 ...God had a great plan for Moses (do not try to do abortion because He has plans for every child). Moses was saved. A lady by faith, without fear and with a firm heart, took care of Moses, whom used by God to liberate his nation. God used the lady to foil the devil's plan with the spirit and courageous faith. Faith and belief in God are the keys. Faith with courageous spirit and great love will save the next generation (Pro 31:12).

However there are also unwise women who give harmful and negative influence. We must stay away from these women. Ecc 7. Samson was anointed by the Lord but was defeated by Delilah who deceived him. As Samson and Solomon were defeated by women who worshipped the devil, Miriam was used to save one generation. Faith, perseverance, and courageous spirit will defeat the power of the devil.

There are three important things in a family:

1. Maintain the holiness of the family.
2. Live with humility.
3. Hunger for the truth.

Discussion

1. Have you ever done as stated in Mark 16:17-18? Please share that experience.
2. Did God create the devil?
3. Give examples of deceptions and intervention of the devil in families, education, medical field, business and entertainment.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus has won. Death has been defeated by the victory of Christ (I Cor 15:54b). The devil has been disarmed and made a public (Col 2:15).

Death has been eliminated from believers. All powers of the devil has been disarmed, which means that his weapons have been taken away. What is going on? The authority has been returned to us but we have to submit to the Lord (Jam 4).