

A Victorious Mind

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Transcript

A very important series. We've made this second volume very specific to the crisis that we are passing through in these days. I believe if ever we needed a mind that is prepared, it is actually this hour.

I want you to turn with me to Joshua chapter 1. Joshua chapter 1, we have the five books of Moses, then we have the book of Joshua, and I want you to turn there. And as you do turn to Joshua chapter 1, just to say again, we're starting a three-week Bible school of School of Christ in 10 days time. We're going to start on the evening of the 4th of July, and we're going to continue for three weeks every evening, every morning, every day.

We're going to be just running this Bible school online, so make sure you're booked in. If you're not already, please do that very promptly if you have any thoughts of joining us. But here tonight in our Bible study, part three of our series, the battle for the mind, we are living in an hour where we have passed through an entire year, where there's a remarkable battle for the minds of every individual on the earth, but also for the church, every single Christian.

My message tonight, a victorious mind. Next Wednesday night, we're going to deal with a sanctified mind, but here tonight, a victorious mind, because I believe we're in a fight, we're in a battle. When we talk about victory, we're talking about warfare, a battle for the mind.

Someone is going to win the battle for your mind. Someone is going to triumph over your mind. Someone is going to use your mind, either God or the devil.

So as we read Joshua chapter 1, our message, a victorious mind. Joshua chapter 1, reading from verse 1 through to verse 11. Now after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord speak unto Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses minister saying, Moses my servant is dead.

Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all of this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you. As I said unto Moses, from the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the and unto the great sea, toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Be strong and of a good courage, for unto this people shall thou divide for an inheritance a land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee. Turn not from it to the right hand, nor to the left, that thou mayest prosper, whithersoever thou goest.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayst observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people saying, pass through the host, and commanded people saying, prepare you victuals, for within three days you shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it. Let's pray here tonight. Father, I do thank you for the word of God.

I thank you, O God, that it is to be meditated upon, it is to be obeyed and followed. Lord God, thank you for the word of God. It is the secret to victory and to enter into everything that you have promised us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Help us to gain the victory over every thought, imagination, enemy, spiritual and natural by the word of God. Lord God, make it a sword in our mouth even tonight. Do not let your word depart out of our mouth, but let it be mighty to destroy every enemy, to make us prosperous, to dissolve every fear, to bring to naught discouragement.

Lord God, to make us courageous, to make us strong in the battle, and to go forward in the mighty name of Jesus. We bless your wonderful name. Amen.

Amen. My message here tonight, a victorious mind. We are living in momentous days and I believe if we as a church, preachers, Christians, evangelists, leaders are going to win the battle of this hour, we must have a victorious mind.

If your mind is being affected by this world, its political agenda, its social system, you will not triumph in the land. You may be a Christian, you may be a believer, you may make it to heaven, but I promise you, unless you have a victorious mind, you will not go in and possess the land, the inheritance, the lifestyle, all the blessings and provisions that God has ordained for you in your Christian life this side of eternity. It says in verse 8 here, this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night.

I believe to have a victorious mind, you need the sword of the Spirit in your mouth. In other words, the Word of God, under the influence of the Spirit of God, the Bible, the Scriptures, must be your meditation. You must observe them, they must mold your thinking, your words, your action.

The Word of God that I hold in my hand tonight, it is a mighty thing, it is a powerful thing, and if you're going to have a victorious mind to defeat the enemy, I promise you, it is connected to this book. It is integral to victory in the mind. If you neglect the Bible, you're going to be defeated in your mind.

Before you face any walled cities, any great chants, any armies, any chariots in valleys, before you face any of these, you're either going to win or lose the battle in your mind. It's not on the battlefield that you lose the battle, it's in your mind before the battle. If you could understand this tonight, that there is a battle right now for each one of your minds, and depending on how you use the Word of God, will dictate whether you win this battle or not.

It's not cancer that'll defeat you, it's not sin that'll defeat you, it's not adultery that'll defeat you, it's not compromise or false doctrine or heresy that'll defeat you. Do you know what it is that's going to defeat you? Not the giants, not Jericho, not I, not the Gibeonites. It's this issue of the Word of God, and this is what we're going to deal with here.

Very simply in this message tonight, what a wonderful chapter we've read from, Joshua chapter 1. I've got three points for you, and I'm going to concentrate on my third point. Point one here tonight, God's chosen vessel for the battle. I want you to see that Joshua and that new generation were chosen for the battle.

God had let the previous generation die in the wilderness. Once that generation had come to an end, he was moving a new generation in who were going to go in and inherit the blessings of God. You see, the promised land does not represent heaven.

Canaan is not heaven, because in Canaan there are giants, there are enemies, there are fights, there are battles, there are strongholds. None of that is in heaven. You see, if we are going to go in and possess the land, you're only going to do it in your lifetime.

It's not when you die, it's not when you go to heaven. Now is the time. Either you're going to be a wilderness Christian walking 40 years in the wilderness, you may see miracles, you may have manifold, you may testify that your shoes grew with your foot, but none of your clothes are worn out.

You can testify to all of this, and yet you're living in breach of promise. You'll never fulfill God's will for your life. I believe that can happen in the history of the church.

God blesses it at certain times, extraordinary blessings, but the church never goes in and fights the enemy. It never wins the battle. It's walking in circles in the wilderness, enjoying the miraculous, but 40 years in the wilderness, they never faced any enemies.

All they saw was sand. All they did was walk in circles. They're God's people.

They're blessed of God, but they'll never fight the giants. But I want to tell you, my first point, God's chosen vessel for the battle. There was a new generation that had grown up in that wilderness.

They seen the condition of unbelief. They saw that unbelief will put you in a wilderness. You walk in circles, have miracles, talk about testimony, so what God has done, but you'll be there in unbelief, not believing that you can go in and possess the land.

God had chosen Joshua to be his chosen vessel for the battle. Do you realize us here in this meeting tonight, us in this church, this generation of the church, those that have been getting saved the past year, two years, three years, or maybe you're 45 years saved, and now God has brought you to this hour. Do you realize we were born for this hour, that God had a plan for us? You see, Moses was raised up to lead them to the land.

Joshua will take them into the land. Here he is, 80 years old, and all of God's dealings with him is to bring him to a place to be a vessel prepared in the hand of God who is going to cause God's people to inherit the land. Oh, give us Joshua preachers in this hour.

Where are the preachers like Joshua who know where we are? You see, Moses died. That's how Joshua chapter 1 starts. Moses died.

He would never enter into the land. He brought them right to them. He preached to them.

He encouraged them. He challenged them. He told them how to inherit the land.

He laid his hands on Joshua, and he appointed Joshua to lead them in to possess the land. But saints, I assure you, it's Joshua that's gonna do it. This is his hour.

This is his time. Moses is gone. Moses has died.

A generation has passed away. Do you realize this is a unique hour in church history? We are facing a technological age that no previous generation has had. We are standing on the age of tyranny, on the age of the most prophetic hour in church history.

You have been chosen for that. If this doesn't inspire you, I don't know what will. Just like Joshua stood three days away from entering into the land, they'd walked in circles for a generation.

But now was the time to go in. Who was this man, Joshua? Joshua was born in Egypt. He was born in slavery.

His family were in slavery. The people of God were in slavery. He grew up as a little boy.

All he seen was abuse, tyranny. That's where he was first born. When he was born as a baby, his mommy and daddy called him Hoshia, meaning salvation.

That was to be the great mark of his life from a young boy. Salvation. His parents believed in salvation.

That young boy that's going to live to see one of the most momentous hours in Israel's history, those parents must have prayed for him, dedicated him to the Lord. They must have laid hands on him, taught him the word of God. I believe that they made him meditate from a young boy in the word of God.

They taught him to memorize scriptures. They taught him biblical songs. They taught him the stories of the Bible, of creation, and of God's plan for his people.

I believe this little boy grew up hearing about salvation. Oh, that we had teach our children again about salvation. Many years later, we hear that Moses changed Joshua's name and called him Joshua, meaning Jehovah is salvation, or the Lord God is salvation.

Not just salvation, but you know what? God is your salvation. That's going to be at the center of this. Now, we are told that Joshua was the first born son of his father, who was called Nun.

Now, I'm sure you may have read that and thought nothing about that term, the first born son of Nun. Do you know what that meant? At the Passover in Egypt, as the death angel passed over, Joshua should have died in that home. If it wasn't for the blood, if it wasn't for the Passover lamb, if it wasn't for a lamb dying for a household that night, that young boy would have died in infancy.

He would have died. I don't know what age he was at Passover, a young boy, but do you know what? He grew up knowing it's by the blood of the lamb that I'm here tonight. Oh, that we in this church, oh, that we in this generation, a generation that are in momentous times, that we had understand salvation is by the blood of the lamb.

Salvation is of the Lord. It's a supernatural thing. It's a life changing thing.

It changes your character. It changes your heart. It changes who you are.

That's literally what Joshua grew up with, born in bondage, but by the blood of the lamb delivered, not only salvation, but salvation in the Lord. Salvation in the Lord. We have some interesting mentions of Joshua here, a remarkable young man that grew up amongst the people of God, but experienced the power of the blood of the lamb.

What an amazing thing. When we actually see him for the very first time in the Bible, he is a soldier. He is a soldier of the Lord.

Do you know what we need if we're going to win the battle of this hour? Christians need to return to be soldiers again. We're not here to be entertained. I've told you before, if you think it's going to be church as normal 30 years, you're tragically mistaken.

We need an awakening in the church to realize this is the end. We're the last generation. We are at a remarkable hour in church history.

The first time we see Joshua, he is a soldier. It was just two months after they left Egypt and come out in victory and triumph, two months later that the Amalekites attacked Israel the very first time. They attacked the sick, the weak, the ones at the back of the queue.

The enemy came in behind. Do you know who led the soldiers in that hour? It was Joshua. He was a captain in the house of God.

He was a general. Do you realize this man of God birthed in salvation through the blood of the lamb? He was a born soldier. God had called them to be a soldier and he was going to be ready for that hour of conflict.

The greatest battle may be in Israel's history. The second time we read about him is in Exodus 24 when Moses ascends the hill of the Lord to meet the Lord in the midst of manifest glory. Do you know who went with Moses? Joshua ascended that hill as well.

You've got a young soldier here who desires to be with the man of God. He desires to be in the presence of God, not at the bottom of that mountain with entertainment, with all the dangers of idolatry. He wants to be on that mountaintop or at least get as close as he can be.

If he isn't having those spiritual experiences, he at least wants to be close to those that walk with God, speak to God face to face, who see the glory of God. Do you see this man? I'm talking about God's chosen vessel for the battle. It takes years for God to prepare people.

It takes years for God to prepare a church or a movement. God can do a work very quickly when he acts, but he always spends many years preparing certain vessels to lead the way. If Joshua is going to lead the way into the land, God is going to spend many decades, 40 years walking through that wilderness, preparing him, making him ready to be the man he needs to be.

That was the second time. The third time is when the Spirit of God falls on the people of God. And there's those outside the camp, they begin to prophesy.

Joshua got upset about this. He believed in order in the house of God. He believed that there's a way of operating in the house of God.

He went to Moses and he wanted to silence all these normal believers that began to prophesy. Moses had to correct him. You see, he's a man being prepared, a chosen vessel.

He cares about order. He cares about the church of God or the people of God operating correctly, but he's still learning. Moses educated him.

Oh, I wish that every child of God would rise up and prophesy. Church, do you realize I wish all of you would prophesy on a Sunday morning? I wish the gifts of the Spirit of God would operate. I believe in order.

I want order. I'm a soldier, but let's not neglect the gifts of God. This young man in preparation was going to have to learn this.

It's one thing to be a soldier. It's one thing to seek the face of God, but let's not restrict that manifestation of the Spirit of God. The first time we read about Joshua is two years after coming out of Egypt and he is one of the 12 spies chosen to go into the land.

Do you remember how he was, him and Caleb were the only two that brought back a good report? I assure you, here is a young man who has a victorious mind. He didn't wait until going into the land of promise at 80 years old. Here he is, a young man, and he's got a victorious mind.

When he went in to spy the land 40 years previously, he was a man who could look at giants, look at walls, look at cities, look at the fruit of the land, and he came back saying we're well able to go in and possess the land. I know that God is able to give us the land. Do you know who that was? That was a young man that had been meditating on the Word of God.

Why did he know they could go in? Because it's the covenant of God. God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and do you know what? This young boy was taught it at his mother's knee. There is a covenant with the people of God that God has a land that he's going to give them.

Do you know what that land represents? It represents a victorious life. It represents being in the battle on the front line. It represents fulfilling God's will for your life or for this church.

Joshua was such a young man. When he came back with that report, he said let's go in. The 10 spies said we cannot.

Do you know what? There was a plague and those 10 spies died. They died, but Joshua and Caleb didn't. They were of a different spirit.

For the next 40 years, you never see Joshua once. You don't hear him speaking. Do you realize he watched an entire generation of God's people die? Do you realize God was preparing his mind to fight enemies? But when he was in that wilderness, no grumbling, no complaining.

He never got caught up in one rebellion. You don't see him. Him and Caleb are just walking through that wilderness.

I know there's a revival coming. Hear me. In this meeting tonight, I'm talking about a victory.

I've seen a lot of things go on in the church. Preachers who were bigger liars than any drug addict on the high street. I've seen the games of religion in the best churches within our nations.

I've seen all the maneuvering for positions in ministry. Oh, I believe for 40 years, Joshua had to watch that. You know what God was doing? God was preparing him with a certain heart.

Do you know what? His spirit was different than the rest of them. But do you know what? He watched a new generation come up through. I'm watching it at the minute.

I'm getting emails all the time. Those who, sinners who want to be saved. New converts only save one year, two years, three years.

There's a new generation. I believe that God is bringing it in. Do you know what? God's chosen vessel for the battle.

Church, we're going somewhere. That's my first point. Second point, preparation for the battle.

Preparation for the battle. It says in verse 10 here in chapter 1, then Joshua commanded the officers of the people saying, pass through the host and commanded people saying, prepare you victuals for within three days you shall pass over this Jordan. This isn't the preparation of an entire life.

This is preparation for a battle, to embark on a task, to enter into a new phase of God's will for your life, to embark in something utterly unique that no one has seen for a generation. You know what Joshua had done? He spoke to all of those leaders, the preachers, those with responsibility and he says, I command you leaders to go to the people and to command them. What was the command? Prepare you victuals for within three days you shall go over this Jordan.

We need preachers again in the church who know the hour we're living in, know what has to happen, who can give a clear command. I'm sick to death of the preaching of this hour. Self-help is not going to help us in this hour.

We the church are facing the most unbelievable demonic enemies just in front of us. I mean there is rising up to stop us going in and doing the will of God, possessing our inheritance in Christ, claiming all of the provision of Christ. Unless you face these enemies you will not be a people conformed to the image of Christ.

But here's a preacher, a man of God prepared over many years. You know what he says? It's time to prepare. You know what church? You've got three days and then we're going to cross the Jordan.

I can imagine there must have been some panic. There's some people never took this serious. They never thought they were going to have to embark on this battle.

There's leaders all over our nations at the minute. They never thought they would have to face. I've heard it for years and I try to speak to them.

They almost cut me down, wouldn't listen to it. I talked about us facing very hard days for decades now. Do you know what? It's only in the past year people begin to listen.

I've been trying to say this for many years on what we're going to face, what we're going to see. There have been those who lived their Christianity over previous decades. They never thought they'd see the technology come.

Never thought they'd have to fight these battles. Never thought they'd be given three days to go across Jordan. They've been lazy.

What a scramble now to get prepared. You know what? This church has been prepared for seven years. It's only existed for seven years but straight from day one we were preparing for this hour.

There was a preparation by the word of God. Get ready church. Get ready.

We are the last generation. We're the last church. We're going to write the last chapter of church history and if you think it's going to be boring, you've got another thing coming.

How do you prepare for the greatest battle? You see just ahead of them is an entire nation, the land of Canaan. When you're walking in the wilderness saying God's covenant and made a promise to give us the land of Canaan. Oh one day we're going to go in.

That's very different when it's a generation who die in the wilderness to that generation standing at the Jordan saying in three days we're going in. I mean three days. There's been a whole generation of the church has walked in circles for decades, for 40 years.

They've talked about these things, preached about these things but I'm not sure they believed anything. They think the past year is a health crisis. They're getting their vaccination.

They used to talk adamantly about the mark of the beast. Now they cannot see the hour that they're living in. That all of this is preparation for the very last days.

What an hour that we are living in. How are we going to be prepared? Well Joshua was already prepared but look at Versailles. This book of the law, since I'm telling you how to be victorious in your mind, how to win this battle and how we're going to face every giant, conquer cities, go into valleys, clear mountaintops.

You know many years ago as a soldier I was trained to go into booby trap houses. You had to go into that house. It's booby trap.

There could be a little wire under a toilet seat, under a board. As soon as you turn a handle on the door, an entire house. You didn't know where anything was.

You've got to be prepared. You've got to know what you're literally doing. I believe so many in the church they've been asleep and they're not prepared.

I want to tell you this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth. God's message to Joshua, if you're going to win this battle to go in and face the greatest enemies that Israel has ever faced. 40 years they fought no enemy.

When they defeated those Amalekites, they walked for 40 years. Now 40 years no enemies and they're back. They're about to begin fighting.

You better be a soldier. There's a lot of lazy people in the church. They thought this was an entertainment.

They thought it was about worship music. They thought it was about a feel-good, psychology, a feel-better, entertainment. All of this has flooded the church.

Those churches are bankrupt now but the soldiers are going to come to the fore. If you're a young preacher and you've been a soldier preparing, now is your hour. It's time to stand up and preach.

This is an hour for soldiers in the house of God. Men, women, young, old, it's time to fight. This is our hour to fight.

I want to show you the battle has come to our door. You've got no choice but are you prepared for the battle? How are you going to be prepared to win the battle in your mind? What was the word to Joshua? Thou shalt meditate therein day and night. When it says the law of God shall not depart out of thy mouth, in other words, you're not going to lose it.

It's going to be something you speak and sing and talk about and pray about and consider and share with others. How do you stop the word of God departing out of your mind? By meditating therein day and night. You see, if you're a meditator on the word of God, I promise you the word of God's on your lips.

I'm not talking about positive confession or just quoting things. I'm talking about a real Christian that brings the word of God into every area of their life with their friends, their workplace, their family, with other Christians. They've got a fresh message.

What a disaster that so many pastors have no message, no message for this hour. Nothing to say to the people of God. You know what? They did not meditate on the word of God.

They spent no time considering the word of God. You see, if you meditate in the word of God, and I'm showing you how to have a victorious mind, this is an unbelievable hour. You see, your mind's under attack in every area of society.

How are you going to face what's happening in our schools and our colleges and with our governments and with the UN and the World Economic Forum? How are you going to manage when food supplies get cut off? How are you going to manage when there's an economic crash? How are you going to manage when they start putting pressure on you in your workplace? You better have a victorious mind. Saints, I'm giving you the secret. If you meditate on the word of God day and night, if you consider it, think on it, maybe a scripture, maybe a few verses, maybe an entire chapter or an entire book of the Bible, but you're meditating upon it.

You know what? You're not only going to speak it, but that thou mayest observe to do according to it. Some of you are not obeying the word of God because you don't meditate in the word of God. If you meditated in it, you would observe it.

In other words, it would become your lifestyle. Your mind would be renewed. This is the secret to renewing your mind.

You think biblically. How do you think biblically? How do you get a mind that's molded by the word of God? You've got to meditate in it. This word meditate is so important and it's very important in this message tonight.

You see, God didn't put a physical metal or iron sword in Joshua's hand. God's word wasn't to him. Here's a sword.

He's a soldier that's going into physical real battles. What does God give him? Meditate on the word of God. Do you hear me tonight? If you forget everything else, hear this for a moment.

When you're going to face, when Joshua's going to face great armies, seven great nations within the land, and he's going to have terrible battles for the rest of his life, year in, year out, many impossibilities, great chance, great cities, how is he going to do it? This is the secret, saints. I'm giving you the secret to defeat every jam, to bring down the walls of every city, to clear out every valley, to reach every mountain top, to defeat every enemy. This is the secret.

It is to meditate on the word of God day and night. Do you remember what the word meditate actually means? This word is used 20 times in our Bible, 15 times in the Psalms, and seven times just in Psalm 119. The word meditate or meditation, this is what it means.

It means to ponder, to go over, not just once. In other words, you get a verse or you get a chapter like Romans chapter 6 and you go over it and over it and over it, or you have a verse. It's the answer to your battle, to your mind battle, to your discouragement, and you know what? You go over and over and over.

The word meditate here means to think upon, to utter it, to speak to yourself in your heart, to hold a conversation with yourself. It means the practice of remembering, pondering, considering, reflecting upon the word of God. It's something you do inwardly.

It's the inward chewing of the word of God. It's chewing the cud. You hear preaching Sunday.

Most Christians by Sunday night can't tell you what was preached Sunday morning, but I assure you those victorious Christians, they take the word of God, they eat it, they meditate upon it, they're digesting it. You see, it's one thing to eat, but when you regurgitate and chew the cud, you bring it back, you chew it, you swallow it, you bring it back, you chew it, you swallow it. The same verses, the same messages.

It's the digesting. It's how you feed on Christ. It's how you become the truth of God.

Do you merely want to hear the word of God? Maybe quote the word of God? Share a verse here and there, but it's not you. Meditating on the word of God makes you an observer of the word of God. You remember what the Latin meaning of the word meditate means? It's medicine.

Medicalis. Medicine. The same word medicine comes from meditate, and I can assure you when you get medicine, you'll take it three times a day.

When you're a little boy or girl, your mommy would come with that bottle. It tasted horrible. They make it a nice flavor nowadays, but here's the answer to your sickness.

The medicine three times a day. Why not meditate on the word of God? Think about it as you drive in the car. Play it as you as you shave.

Play it as you're out in the garden. Whatever you're doing, snatch little bits of time. Think upon the word of God.

Meditate therein day and night. I'm telling you about how to be victorious. What does it say? As a victorious thinker, meditating on the word of God, every place the soul of your foot shall tread.

That have I given you. As I said unto Moses, he goes further and he says be strong and have a good courage. Three days time you're going to face the enemy.

You're going to embark on a battle that's going to last the rest of your life. Some people draw back. They dread it, but I want to tell you this is God's will for us.

I've waited for this hour in church history. I've waited for this last hour. I've prepared all my days.

I've studied that Daniel series. I studied 25 years. Studied Daniel 25 years.

Never preached on Daniel, but I did this year. You see this is an hour. This is what all the preparation has been for.

This is it saints. This is the time. You've got three days to get ready because we're going over and we're going to face some of the greatest enemies any generation have faced.

And do you know what? If you're a meditator on the word of God, if you've got your thinking, if you've become a biblical thinker, this entire series is about the mind. The renewal of the mind. The mind of Christ.

We're going to look at having a sanctified mind next week, but it's the victorious mind. In other words, you've won battles. If you allow this word of God to renew your mind, to wash your mind, to change your mind, how you think can be changed.

But if you don't activate the word of God, if you don't feed on the word of God, if you don't meditate on the word of God, your thinking is not going to change. Therefore your speaking will not change. Therefore your action will not change.

Therefore you're going to be terrified of these enemies. I can't wait saints. I can't wait.

This is our hour. I don't know what's going to happen. It is a fearful hour, but I want to tell you, there's an excitement in my heart.

It's very serious. People will lose their lives in the hour ahead, but it's a very exciting time. Be strong.

Do you know all the days of your life, no man will stand before you. I'll never forsake you, God says. I'll never forsake you.

I'll never fail you. Be strong and of good courage. How are you going to be strong in this hour? How are you going to be of good courage? By meditating on the word of God.

Let me go to my third and final point here. The enemies in the battle. The enemies in the battle.

Turn in your Bible to Joshua chapter 3 and verse 10. Do you realize the enemies I'm about to mention, they go all the way back to Genesis chapter 10. They've been there before Abraham was.

There's no new enemies, I want to tell you. Other generations have fought them, but now it's our hour. As soon as we cross the river Jordan, there's going to be seven different nations in the land of Canaan.

They are where we need to be. Since if you don't meditate on the word of God, you'll never face these enemies. You won't have the courage to.

You won't have the strength to fight them or to engage them in battle. You know what? You're going to stay out of the land. You'll be scared of defeat.

As we read Joshua 3 verse 10, there's seven nations mentioned here. Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will with out fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Gerasites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. There are seven nations.

Do you realize many times Moses had said to the people of Israel, he mentioned these peoples and others by name, and he says you're going to go in and possess the land, but you'll never do it unless you win the battle against these seven enemies. Here tonight, I believe that meditating with your mind, having your mind renewed to think like Christ will give you the victory over these seven enemies. These are the seven enemies we as the church are going to face now in church history.

It is our time. A generation has died. It's a new era.

It's a new hour of battle. It's a new fulfilling of the will of God. It's our time to fight these seven enemies.

I'm going to cover this briefly, but there's so much here. I need to preach seven messages on these to be honest, because there's seven enemies for this hour. Listen carefully if I can summarize and simplify that, and explain who these enemies are to us in this hour, and you know what? You're not going to conquer them by wisdom, or riches, or technology, or numbers.

You're not going to do it. It's only by meditating on the word of God. This is your answer to conquer these seven enemies.

Number one, the Canaanites. We're dealing with these seven enemies in the land, the Canaanites. Now the Canaanites is a term that covers all seven, and you're going to see why, but yet there was a specific

people called the Canaanites.

The land is called the land of Canaan. All seven of these people are Canaanites, but one of them is specifically called the Canaanites. Who are the Canaanites? If you go back to the book of Genesis, chapter 9 and chapter 10, you read about these various peoples, these enemies.

Who was Canaan? He was Ham's fourth son. Canaan actually had 11 sons, but here's Ham. He had four sons, and Canaan was his fourth son.

Then listen, Canaan went on and had 11 different sons, and out of those 11 sons came these other nations. They all came forth out of this people. Some of those, or most of those we're going to deal with, all descended from Canaan.

He is one of those tribes, but all of the rest come out of him. It goes back to Ham. Do you remember in Genesis chapter 9, we read about how Ham went in and saw the nakedness of Noah.

He became drunk, and as he was drunk, he was uncovered. Ham went into the tent, and he came out and shared with his two brothers, Shem and Japheth, laughed about this. You know what? Those two other honorable brothers went in backwards and covered the nakedness of their father.

When he came to and realized what had happened, he didn't curse his son, Ham. He actually cursed his grandson, Canaan. The curse fell on Canaan.

I believe this was a prophecy. I actually believe that Canaan had an influence on his father. It's a terrible thing when children can affect and infect their parents instead of the other way around.

A godly parent ought to affect the children. Those children shouldn't rule the home. They shouldn't be rebels.

Yet here is Canaan has such an influence on his father that that father despises the nakedness of his own father, of comes out gossiping, talking. Be very careful what you build in that home. Your children may rise up to be a curse unto you and bring forth a curse to God's people.

I don't want children that are half-baked, half-breeds, that are cursed children. I don't want that. I don't want us to raise up new converts in this church that are false converts.

I don't want that. You know what? It's going to depend on God's dealing with your hearts in a very real way. Well, the name Canaan means humiliated or disgraced.

It actually means more than that. It means to be a traitor or a merchant. So when you take the name Canaan, it is one who has acted in a way that's humiliating and disgraceful.

Very bad. This son Canaan, I believe Noah could see in there's bad fruit. And that grandson, there's going to be no good in it.

I read once, I heard about one of the Roman emperors, I believe it was Augustus, that his son, he knew Augustus Caesar knew he was going to die. And before he died, he knew I've got two sons. One of them is going to reign after me.

But he could discern one of those sons is bad. And once he died, that son would cause trouble for the other son. Do you know what he'd done? Before he died, he was on his deathbed, but he made one last journey to see his son.

He thought maybe there's hope. And he went in there to study that son. But it was hopeless.

He saw he's a reprobate and he had him killed. And then Augustus went back to his deathbed and died, going the kingdom is going to be in peace. You know what? You better raise up godly children.

You better raise up converts that know the Lord Jesus Christ, or we're going to have problems in the day ahead. Who is this Canaan? What does he represent to us? Joshua going in, meditating on the word of God. What do the Canaanites in the land of Canaan represent? They're one of the seven enemies.

Do you know what they represent? I mean, we're facing it now in our generation, in the church and out of the church. What is this enemy that you and I are going to have to face? It is disrespect. No fear of God.

It's a type of person, a type of society. It's the 21st generation. We're living in utter disrespect, no fear of God, no honor for parents, a young generation rejecting authority, rebels, non conformists, throwing out anything of biblical authority.

Do you know who these Canaanites are? They're the immoral, the idolatrous. They are barbarous. The experts in culture tell us that the Canaanites in the land of Canaan were the most immoral, immoral, despicable people that you had ever met.

I mean all of these seven peoples, but specifically the Canaanites. When the Bible talks about the high places, you know what they found? The little bones of babies up there. They sacrificed on the high places of the mountains of Canaan.

The little bodies of babies. The New Zealand Prime Minister just recently pushed through the law that even when a baby survives an abortion, it's to be left. It happened the past week.

A baby was left in a hospital in New Zealand to die for an hour. It survived an abortion, but the Prime Minister of New Zealand is so wicked and evil. She is a new young political generation.

All over the world, abortion is coming in. You know what it is? It's Canaanite-ism. That's what it is.

The idolatrous, the barbarity of it. They disrespect, no fear. They mock God.

Do you know where these Canaanites dwelt? In the lowlands, in the plains of Israel. They also dwelt near the sea, near the Jordan. They couldn't be bothered climbing hills.

They liked to relax beside the Mediterranean Sea. That's the sort of generation they are. It says that Joshua went in and drove them out of a place called Gizar.

It was one of the 10 cities then given to the Levites. Do you realize the strongholds where this is? If Joshua goes in and gains a victory, we will take back these disrespectful, non-authority, no fear of God. We will begin to raise up Levites in their place.

I mean, as the inheritance of God. The places that were strongholds for the Canaanites. If we meditate, as the secret saints, we will do this if we meditate on the Word of God.

Do you know the only reason this church is touching people in other nations? We preach the Word of God. Entertainment wouldn't have done that. Nice worship wouldn't have done that.

A nice program wouldn't have done that. I assure you, we preach the Word and that's what's affected people. It's come out of this and now we're fighting battles to the end of the world.

We're going to take back some Canaanite strongholds. We are going to fight, saints. We are going to fight.

But do you know what's sad to say that as the people of Israel went in, it says in chapter 17 of Joshua, yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. Yet it came to pass when the children of Israel were waxed strong that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but they did not utterly drive them out. We've got to drive these Canaanites out.

This attitude of rebellion against biblical authority, God's authority, saints, we need to stand against it. We're dealing with Canaanitism. It is evil.

It is wicked. It is utterly reprobate. We need to fight this.

We only get one chance. Do you know who came out of this Canaanite religion? Rahab. She was the only one that was saved with her family out of that city.

You see, if we fight this battle, go get the Canaanites. Bring them into the kingdom of God. We want to evangelize them.

They don't fear God. They mock God. Let's go preach to them.

Let's pray for them. Do you know in that first Canaanite city, God's people triumphed and they got a Rahab out of that city. She was a prostitute, an immoral woman, an idolatrous woman, but you know what she heard about the people of God? She heard the report.

No one can stand before them. There's many out in this world. They grew up in a Canaanite environment, but they need God.

She got saved by that scarlet thread in her window. Do you know what's beautiful? She actually, her son was Boaz, who married Ruth in the book of Ruth, of the line of David. David came out of her family.

Jesus came out of her family. Isn't it amazing? This is the battle from meditating. Joshua, meditating on the word of God, brought out a Rahab who was in the lineage in the New Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, who died for you and I. Don't tell me that meditating on the word of God can't accomplish things.

I promise you, if each of you become a meditator on the word of God, you're going to have a victorious mind. The second enemy, the Hittites. The Hittites.

Canaan's second son was called Heth. Out of Heth came the Hittites. That's the second one.

They were Canaanites in all. These Hittites, this people spread and grew very strong in the nation of Turkey. They become one of the three superpowers of many generations.

They spread their power. They were a military power, an economic power. They owned much land and spread themselves over many other nations.

Do you remember that when Abraham first come to the land and Sarah died in the land of Canaan? He bought a cave at Hebron, the only bit of land he ever owned. He bought that cave off a Hittite. It was a Hittite who owned the land at Mount Hebron.

Do you remember how Esau, Abraham's grandson, Esau married two Hittite women. He was a carnal man, a worldly man. Esau was a very hard worker.

You know what? He married two Hittite wives. You see, he was looking for success. What do the Hittites represent? They represent this 21st generation, the financial system, the political system, the system of success, the fourth industrial revolution, the new political system that's coming out, the new financial system, how you operate in the workplace, how you become successful, influential, how you gain a future through marrying the right person or being in the right place.

Do you remember that Hittite wanted to give the ground to Abraham? He said, no way, I'm going to pay for the ground. I know you give it to me, you respect me, but I'm going to pay for that. You see, I believe we're going to face this enemy, not only the immoral abortion society, that's the Canaanites, who are the Hittites.

It is this whole political economic system that are coming in. Do you know what? Joshua, through meditating on the word of God, triumphed over these Hittites. Many battles engaged them in battle.

You know what? He made them wood gatherers and water carriers for the temple. He raised up servants, real servants. Can you imagine that? The greatest political leaders, the billionaires of this generation, could you imagine them getting converted? Could you imagine one of these great leaders, owners of Amazon or Google or who knows who else? Maybe there's one of these great men that's going to get converted, or maybe one of our new political leaders who is promoting the fourth industrial revolution.

Maybe through meditating on the word of God, we can reach one of them. You know what? They'll become a servant. They'll become a humble gatherer of wood and water for the house of God to make sure the church functions, that the church never lacks anything.

Can you imagine that? Let me mention just one of these Hittites to you who became a great soldier, Uriah the Hittite. You remember David stole his wife and had him killed. But I believe in the Bible, one of the greatest soldiers apart from Joshua is Uriah the Hittite.

You know what? He got regenerate. He got religion. He came into Israel.

He become a leader, a soldier, a remarkable disciplined man. I so long to preach on Uriah the Hittite one of these days. An amazing man.

Why don't we go looking for converts out of this new economic, financial, successful, young businessmen? Why shouldn't they get born again? The third one, the Hivites. The Hivites. The Hivites.

Hivite was the sixth son of Canaan. The Hivites took over the central area of Canaan. They were the heart of the nation.

They went and stood on the middle ground. Now, who are these Hivites? You say, I don't know who they are. Oh, you will in a minute.

In Joshua chapter nine, it talks about the Gibeonites. They were Hivites. That's who you're dealing with, the Gibeonites.

Now, I don't have much time to go on. I'm going to cut across the field, but I just want to give you the core of each one of these. What do the Hivites represent? They represent deception.

Deception. Do you know who these Gibeonites were? They lived in a particular city, but the inhabitants there were Hivites. They don't want to fight.

They hear about the battle. They're peace loving. They're easygoing.

They believe in live and let live. I don't have anything against you Christians, against the church. I just go with every wind of doctrine.

Whatever is happening, I just go with the flow. Who are these Gibeonites? They realize who the church is. They really realize if atheism is triumphant, they'll be in that camp.

If the church is triumphant, they want to come in and be a part of it. Let a revival break out, and you're going to get the Hivites. We're going to have to face the Hivites.

Do you know what they do? If you know the story of the Gibeonites, they prepared some men, put old clothes on them, old musty bread, put old shoes on their feet, and they sent them to meet Joshua. You see, they were scared of the Hivite. They knew they can't defeat real spiritual people, so they said, let's deceive the people of God.

Let's say we want to enter covenant with them. We want to join with them, be in unity with them. We believe what you believe.

They wanted to look like they've been on a long journey. They've been on a hard way, and we want to enter covenant with you. We do want to be in relationship with you.

Do you know what it was? It was deception, and because Joshua didn't pray and didn't test them by the word of God, he went with his eyes. He went with his ears. He was deceived.

This is an hour of deception. People may want to join in covenant with us, and they say, oh look at our old clothes. We've walked with God many years.

Look at our old moldy bread. We've been on a long journey. You're a deceiver.

Do you know some years ago, I told you about it many times, a man came to deceive the school of Christ. A man gave a million dollars gift, and he was using that, saying I've been on a long journey. I'm like brother Clendenin.

I've been on this journey. I'm a man of God. He came as a deceiver to take over the whole thing.

Well, God warned me. God spoke to me, and he said, I'm going to show you the first morning of school of Christ. I got up, was reading Joshua 9, and God spoke to me and said, I'm going to show you the next battle you're going to face.

We were only three days out of the battle. I didn't want to hear that. It's the first day, the first morning of school of Christ.

I didn't want to hear that, but God spoke to me and said, it's going to come, and he said, if you don't pray and you don't watch, you're going to be deceived, since I'm telling you about who the Hittites are. They're

embodied in the Gibeonites. They come to deceive.

This is an hour of deception. Be careful who you unify with. Fourth of all, the Perizzites.

Who are they? Are they back in Genesis? Are they one of the children of Canaan? We do not read of their genealogy. No genealogy. We can't trace them back, and yet we read about them from the days of Abraham all the way through to Ezra and Nehemiah.

In Ezra's day, they began to intermarry with the people of God and begin to birth children that destroyed the language of God in the church of their generation. Their name Perizzites means village dwellers, and they're noted for living in the open countryside. In Abraham's day, we're told about when Abraham and Lot, their herdsmen, were disputing and were going to have to separate, that living in that area, in that very area, were the Perizzites living, watching.

This dispute between Abraham and Lot, the Perizzites were watching on, and Abraham knew that. He said, we are brothers. Lot, we are brothers.

We need to go different ways. Not fight, because the Perizzites and the Canaanites will see it. Do you remember then in Jacob's day that his sons rose up and that awful crime of Shechem killed the men of Shechem? Well, Jacob reprovved his sons, and do you know what he said? He said because he was scared or afraid of the Perizzites and the Canaanites.

Who do the Perizzites represent in our generation? The skeptics, the atheists, the scorners, the mockers. It's actually those who are looking on at the people of God. We have disputes, church splits.

We bicker amongst ourselves. We are arguing over land, over ministry, over preaching positions, and you know what? The Perizzites are there. If you're a godly person like Joshua or Abraham or Jacob, you're aware of the Perizzites.

The Perizzites are watching. Who are they in our day? They're the atheists, the evolutionists. They are those that believe in evolution and teach it.

They're looking towards transhumanism and making the next step of evolution. They threw God out, and a long time ago they are scorners and mockers. They don't like to see division in the body of Christ, and do you know what? They actually live on hills.

They live on hills. They want high places. They've got a good view of things.

They dwell in Judah and Ephraim. I'm telling you, we're going to have to get victory. How do we get the victory? By meditating on the word of God.

Fifth of all is the Girgashites. The Girgashites, who are they? The fifth son of Canaan. Now we're not, in all of the book of Joshua, as Joshua goes in to rout these seven peoples, to put them out of the land, we don't read of this people again.

We read that Joshua is going to put them out, but we don't read that they live in any specific place. There's no specific battle with them. There is no city that they live in.

They have no specific physical area. Do you know what Girgashites actually means? It means clay soil. In other words, man.

These people are embodied by what is flesh, what is carnal, what is natural of the natural man. Now the old Jews said that these Gergashites, you can't find them because they fled out of the land. As soon as they heard of Israel coming, they fled out of that land to North Africa without a fight.

In other words, they fled without fighting. They have no physical dwelling place in the land, and yet they're a real people. Now other scholars actually say that they're connected to the Gadarean, the area of Galilee, or Gergenzis.

That's where this name. Some of them believe that these people settled in around the Sea of Galilee, that this area of Galilee was named after this people, that they dwelt there. Do you know what we find at the Sea of Galilee when Jesus and the disciples get off the boat? You find two demonized men, men of the clay, men of the flesh, men of this world who have been demon possessed.

We read in one of the Gospels of just one of these men, he had a legion of demons. I believe these gurgashites represent the unseen warfare against powers and principalities, demonic strongholds. It is men and women who become demonized.

Isn't this a demonized generation? People are involved in drugs. They're going back to the occult, the new age. This is a demonized hour.

I believe the gurgashites represent men and women who have been demonized. It is the demonic power of hell embodied in individual men and women, cutting themselves, destroying themselves, making ravage of their own life. I believe that's what they represent.

We need to face a suicidal generation. We need to face a generation that has experienced the demonic realm. They are experiencing the supernatural.

If we meditate on the word of God, we'll be able to deliver them. Remember that woman who Paul cast Python out of her. She was prophesied by supernatural power.

That's the generation we are in. It's not a natural generation. It's a supernatural spiritual generation.

Sixth of all is the Amorites. This was Canaan's fourth son. We read who the Amorites were.

We read in the days of Moses, just before Moses died, about the two kings of the Amorites. They were Sion and Og. They were defeated by Israel while Moses was still alive.

In Joshua 10, we read about the five Amorite kings that the people of Israel defeated. Who are these Amorites? The name means mountaineer, or to speak against others, to batter others down, or to batter the people of God by speaking words. Who were these Amorites? We read about King Og of Bashan, who remained of the remnant of the giants.

Among these Amorites, we get giants, the Nephilim. These are men of great stature. This King Og, who was an Amorite, the Bible says that his bed was nine cubits by four cubits.

In other words, it was 13 and a half feet long and six feet wide. He slept on that bed. Who do the Amorites represent in this hour? I believe the Amorites represent what is utterly impossible in this generation.

It is the spirit of intimidation, of power, strength, of great armies, giant armies of something that has been bred, brought to bear in our generation, birthed by the influence of fallen angels. That's what I believe

these Amorites are. They've raised up giants, and the giants were always placed in places to stop the people of God coming.

They were placed there to represent the enemy as a great stronghold. It's very intimidating. You know, cancer can terrify people when they hear it.

Facing this generation, some of you are scared about your children. It's a giant. There's an Amorite.

The Amorites are taking over the education system. They're taking over the workplace. They're taking over YouTube.

They want to take over the internet. Do you know how to overcome that? Do you know you can overcome that like Joshua the first time? Oh yes, there's chance in the land, but we are well able to go in and possess the land. Joshua had done that 40 years ago.

Now here he is again. Let's go in and defeat the kings of the Amorites. They're tall.

They're intimidating. They're powerful. How did Joshua stir up the people of God to say, let's go defeat them? You know how? By meditating on the word of God.

That's how we're going to do it. These Amorites had a connection always to Mesopotamia and Babylon. It's a Babylonian system.

We need to go invade it. Seventh and lastly, as I close here, were the Jebusites. The Jebusites came from Canaan's third son.

At the time when Joshua's invasion took place, when Joshua began to go into the land, the Jebusites had Jerusalem. It was their capital. They called it Jebus.

Do you know what? They had a king called Donai Zedek. Now this city had once been ruled by Melchizedek in the days of Abraham. Remember, Melchizedek was the king of Jerusalem, of Jebus.

That was his headquarters, which he called Salem. But here is another people come in and replace the line of Melchizedek. They've taken over Jerusalem.

They actually organized a confederacy with other armies and peoples against Joshua. They're going to stand. They want Jerusalem.

They know God's plan for Jerusalem. They know that God has a plan to reign, to rule, to take dominion, to establish his kingdom, that righteousness, peace, and joy will come. You know, Jerusalem is God's city.

God chose it. There's many prophecies over it. God has plans.

Who are these Jebusites? They are those that are trying to stop the prophetic purpose of God coming about. They know God's plan. They know what the headquarters are, and they take over Jerusalem.

They want to make it their own city. They know about the blessings of God, but they take over this religious city and make it their own. When King David came to the city, they challenged David.

They were against David getting into the city of Jebus. They'd done everything in their power. They mocked him, ridiculed him, and they were going to try and hold it because they knew what was coming.

If David gets into this city, he's going to clear the land of them. Well, as soon as David got in and took over Jebus and renamed it Jerusalem and renamed it the city of David, you know what he done? He drove out all the Jebusites from the surrounding mountains. Who do the Jebusites represent? They know Bible prophecy.

They know what the Bible says. Do you know there's people in this world who know what the church is? They want to destroy the church. They want to stop the church evangelizing.

They don't want prophecies to come to pass. They don't want it to regain its position. Isn't that all around us? Church, I'm closing here this message, and one of these days we'll preach more thoroughly on these seven enemies, but my message tonight is a victorious mind.

How did Joshua and Israel, you know what God said, you're going into land and the enemy is far stronger than you. They're greater than you. They're bigger than you.

They're better than you. Their arms are better. You cannot match them.

How are you going to get the victory through this? If I win the battle of my mind, I can win a victory in each of these seven enemies. Church, I'm telling you how to go through the 2020s of the 21st century. We are the church.

We have been chosen. We are chosen people like Joshua. We've been chosen for this hour.

You, every one of you, if you're born again, you've been chosen and prepared for this hour. This is our hour, and you know what? It's time for you to get prepared. Three days and we're going to cross the river.

Three days. Time to get ready, saints. It is time for you to realize I better be in the right place.

I better have my Bible dusted down. I better seek the Lord while there is yet time because we're going to face these seven enemies. I serve notice on each of you that these seven enemies, we're going to face them in three days time.

They're all over our world. They're joining together and they're bracing themselves because they know this is the last church age. This hour is going to decide whether Canaan is ours or not.

Whether we're going to enter into conformity to Christ, fulfill the will of God for this generation, or be defeated by the enemy in this hour. Will you pray for me? Will you pray with me as we close here tonight? Father, I pray for my friends. Lord God, in this church, wherever we are, whatever nation, whatever country, whatever place, will you prepare us to meditate, to take the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God? Would you renew our mind? Would you make us Christians that think biblically, that are going to speak according to the Word of God, and walk according to the Word of God, and act according to the Word of God? We want a victory in these minds, a victorious mind.

We want to defeat these seven enemies that are trying to brainwash us, that are planting their own agenda in this hour. They are coming to brainwash the church, but I'm asking you that we defeat every one of them as we, the church, encounter these seven enemies that come for our mind, to steal our minds, to brainwash us, to steal our children, that we're going to rise up because we meditate on the Word of God, and gain a victory. Father, I pray, bless my friends.

Sanctify their minds. Give them victories in their mind, that we might reign and rule, and see the prophetic purpose for Zion fulfilled in this hour, and in this generation. In Jesus' mighty name.

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