

Answers and Comments Lesson 106

Compass	Prince	longsuffering	men	breaketh
Shield	life	forbearing	power	rock
Abram	salvation	above	God	pieces
I	Gentiles	all	truth	thus
Am	they	charity	erred	saith
Shield	will	faith	overthrow	Lord
Rock	be	faith	faith	God
Shield	hope	substance	erred	thus
Salvation	his	hoped	faith	saith
Tower	people	evidence	able	Lord
Refuge	strength	not	quench	God
Saviour	children	seen	fiery	
He	Israel	faith	darts	
Help	choice	hearing	wicked	
Shield	able	hearing	it	
Shield	war	word	is	
Truth	handle	God	written	
Shield	shield	staggered	it	
Buckler	handle	not	is	
Waters	shield	promise	written	
With	red	God	it	
Rivers	above	unbelief	is	
Overflow	all	strong	written	
Fire	mercies	faith	said	
Burned	kindness	fully	my	
Flame	humbleness	persuaded	word	
Kindle	mind	promised	fire	
Killed	meekness	wisdom	hammer	

Just as surely as Israel fell into apostasy and defeat when they abandoned their shield, so we too will be rendered ineffective, helpless and of no use to the cause of Christ if we forsake our shield of faith. God has provided a perfect piece of armor for the believer that is invincible! It is the Word of God! Handled properly, with full and complete reliance in it, the believer can stand with confidence against our most mighty foe, the devil.

Lesson 107 The Devil's Fiery Darts

Ephesians 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

The shield of faith will enable the believer to _____ fiery darts.

Quench – Num. 11:2 "And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the _____ was _____."

Quench – to suppress, to put an end to.

And what does the shield of faith quench? _____ the _____ of the wicked. Eph. 6:16

How many fiery darts? _____

We know that a warrior's physical shield was a valuable piece of armor that thwarted many fierce attacks, however, there were some blows that the shield failed to protect the warrior from. The consequences were costly.

We need not worry about failure with our shield of faith. It is able to quench all the fiery darts. The devil is a skilled archer. His fiery darts are not aimlessly fired. He has an organized plan to defeat the believer.

I find it interesting that the first time the word archer is found is in Gen. 21:20 "...and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an _____." This is of course referring to _____ according to Gen. 16:11. In Gen. 16:12 we see that Ishmael was a _____ man and "...his _____ will be _____ man..." We know also that in Gen. 25:27 _____ was a cunning _____..." Ishmael and Esau were skillful archers!

The devil is a skilled archer. With precision he shoots his fiery darts. Satan, from the beginning, has been engaged in attacking God's plan and people.

We find his fall in Ez. 28:12-19 vs. 15 "...til _____ was _____ in thee." Is. 14:12-17 vs. 13 "For thou hast said in thine heart, _____ ascend into _____, _____ exalt _____ above the _____ of God: _____ sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: vs. 14 _____ ascend above the heights of the clouds; _____ be _____ the most High."

Satan shows up in Gen. 3:1 with an attack on Eve. He uses fiery darts of pride, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes. Gen. 3:6 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for _____, and that it was _____ to the _____, and a tree to be desired to make one _____, she _____..." And the battle has been raging ever since. Satan gets enormous satisfaction in his assaults. He actively seeks out his prey.

I Pet. 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant: because _____ the _____, as a _____, _____ about, _____ whom he may _____."

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The devil devours his prey. The believer is an especially prized target. What are some of his fiery darts that he uses to defeat us? After all, Paul says that we should not be _____ of his _____ in II Cor. 2:11.

In this passage, II Cor. 2 we see that overmuch _____ in vs. 7 and having a unforgiving attitude in vs. 10 and also in vs 8 we see that with holding _____ can also be destructive and not being _____ in all things, in vs. 9 can be harmful. In II Cor. 11:3 we also see that he continues to use the same darts as he used in the garden, “But I fear, lest by _____, as the _____ Eve through his _____, so your _____ should be _____ from the _____ that is in Christ. This verse tells us many things. We see that satan will use _____ means, his focus is on corrupting our _____, wanting us to depart from the _____ that is in Christ. He uses a method that is subtle easily beguiling his prey. In vs. 4 we have further information as to just what he uses. “For if he that cometh preacheth _____, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive _____, which ye have not received, or _____, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”

Satan’s fiery dart of false doctrine have defeated many a believer. See also II Cor. 11:13-15. Do you remember how Satan desired Peter? Luke 22:31 “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, _____ hath _____ to have you, that he may _____ you as _____.” Peter’s pride, reliance on self, easily defeated him.

In Acts 5:3 we read, “But Peter said, Ananias, why hath _____ thine _____ to _____ to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?”

I Chron. 21:1 “And _____ stood up against _____, and _____ David to number Israel.”

I Cor. 7:5 “...that _____ you not for your incontinency.” Here we see the sexual darts that Satan uses.

In II Tim. 2:25 & 26 we read “In meekness instructing those that _____ themselves...” vs. 26 And that they may recover _____ out of the _____ of the _____, who are taken _____ by him at his will.” Standing in opposition to the truth, working to hinder the work of the Lord is a fiery dart that Satan has used extremely effectively.

All of these fiery darts of Satan can be quenched, disabled, put out by the _____ according to Eph. 6:16.

The sound doctrine of the word of God built up in the believers soul will quench all attacks!

Satan is a real being who wages an unrelenting warfare against the believer, not only in the realm of flesh and blood but in the realms of spiritual life. The shield of faith alone ensures our victory over the devil. Satan would cripple the believer with the fiery darts of indifference, denial, unsound doctrine, discouragement, opposing the work, pride, humanitarian good to name a few.

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II Thes. 2:4 tells us that the “man of sin” will express the desires the motive and the designs of Satan. As such he will “Who _____ and _____ himself above all that is _____, or that is _____; so that he as _____ sitteth in the _____ of _____, shewing himself that _____ is _____.”

Satan is already and has been at work in an effort to accomplish his purposes.

Paul’s revelation of the “mystery” has enraged Satan to a heated frenzy. The mystery reveals that Satan is a fool who could not uncover God’s “secret”.

II Cor. 2:7, 8 “Which none of the _____ of this _____ knew: for had they known it, they would _____ have _____ the Lord of glory.”

Satan never conceived of God’s plan to form a new people, the body of Christ! A heavenly people that will take over the heavenly places from which he operates in! In Col. 2:15 we see that “And having _____ and _____, he made a _____ of them openly, _____ over them in it. The cross was the crushing blow to Satan when Paul revealed God’s “hidden wisdom” to form a “new creature” to rule and reign in the heavenly places. Satan detests the “revelation of the mystery” and with heat seeking missiles (fiery darts) attempts to silence, humiliate, and bring reproach to the throne of God.

Only God’s shield of faith will keep the believer from being bewitched and beguiled by Satan’s “false gospel”.