

**Faith-Rest Drill: The Lord's Authority over Both Elect & Fallen Angels; The Fall of Adam & Ishah; The Redemption Solution**

- o. From this passage we can see that the power and authority granted to demons is compared with that which scorpions have over man.
- p. Verses 3, 5, and 10 indicate that the sting of the scorpion is much like torture but it rarely kills which the demons are restrained from doing according to verse 5.
- q. Now let's go back and take a look at the promise our Lord gave the Seventy in:

**Luke 10:19 -** "Behold I give you [ **the Seventy** ] authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

**v 20 -** "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits [ **fallen angels** ] are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

- r. Jesus Christ is the One who grants certain powers to demons in every dispensation as Lord of the Armies.
- s. But there are restraints placed on them regarding the extent to which they may use these powers.
- t. In every dispensation, believers are protected from demonic attack by means of grace and compliance with the spiritual life of that dispensation.
- u. Believers of the Tribulation were protected from direct assault by the demon armies of Revelation, for example the 144,000 Jewish evangelists mentioned in Revelation 9:4.
- v. The Lord grants power to the Seventy to figuratively "tread upon serpents and scorpions."
- w. Unfortunately, those who do not observe the context of this passage and further, take the treading on serpents and scorpions literally, get involved in weird activities such as "snake handling."
- x. What such people do is give permission for demonic intrusion into what they contend is an expression of divine power and protection.
- y. First of all, the promise does not grant power over venomous reptiles and arachnids but over Satan and his demons.
- z. The real power over Satan and his demons is found in the gospel. An excellent summary of Luke 10:19-20 was written by:

Thieme, R. B., Jr. *Satan and Demonism*. 3d ed. Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 1996; p. 57:

Why were the disciples told to rejoice in the security of their salvation rather than in their power over demons? Salvation liberates the believer from the authority of the devil. Every believer has the means of overcoming the wicked one: the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine. But doctrine that remains on the pages of the Bible is of little value to the believer. The Holy Spirit works only with doctrine resident in the soul to accomplish God's plan in the believer's life. Until the believer is filled with the Holy Spirit and advancing in his understanding and application of doctrine, he will lack correct motivation, stability, and power. The believer can love and serve his Lord only to the extent that he metabolizes God's Word.

- 11) The impact that the unseen angelic forces have on the human race is little known by unbelievers and rarely understood by believers. But the believer has the power to insulate himself from the forces of evil that are generated by the fallen angels known in Scripture as demons.
- 12) The events that led to the division of the angelic creation into two camps, the Elect and the Fallen, constitute the cause that led to a monumental effect, the creation of the human race.
- 13) The original creation of man was performed in two stages: (1) man, named Adam, followed by (2) woman, named Ishah.
- 14) Ultimately, both the man and the woman fell, meaning that they violated a specific mandate issued by God. This fall was into a permanent status of total depravity caused by negative volition.
- 15) Violation of the divine mandate is classified as the original sin and was tantamount to rebellion against the divine will thus causing a separation between God and his two created beings.
- 16) Several things had to occur before this broken association could resume: (1) sin must be judged, (2) Adam and Ishah must be brought back into conformity with the divine standard, and (3) God must be ultimately satisfied with the process and procedure that accomplishes both.
- 17) The judgement of our sins is the work of Christ on the cross, called redemption. Restored conformity with the divine standard is the result of the Lord's work removing the barrier between our original parents and God, called reconciliation. The fact that God is satisfied with the work of Christ as the vicarious substitute and His efficacious work regarding sin is called propitiation.
- 18) But if man was created to resolve the conflict that was created by the division of the angelic creation into two camps, Elect and fallen, what was it that caused this conflict to occur?
- 19) The answer if discovered by noting the decision of one angel who did not violate any specific mandate but rather, motivated by arrogance, sought to supercede and replace God as ruler of the angelic creation.
- 20) This is the Luciferian Revolution recorded in Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:11-19.