

## Lesson 8

# He Came to Destroy the Works of the Enemy

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### VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. Sickness and disease are a work of the Enemy. Jesus has come and overcame so that you don't have to live with the works of the Enemy anymore.

*And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."*

Revelation 12:7-12

- A. We can overcome Satan by what Jesus has already done for us on the cross and by what we say about what Jesus has already done for us on the cross.
  - B. The deceiver's time on the earth is short.
  - C. The deceiver is on the earth trying to deceive you into sickness and disease, and he's mad. He's mad at you because you're made in the image of Christ.
- II. The salvation, the power, the kingdom, and the authority of Christ has come (Rev. 12:10).
    - A. "Salvation" comes from the Greek word *soteria*, meaning deliverance, salvation, and health.

B. *Strength* comes from the Greek word *dunamis*, meaning *miracle-working power*.

C. *Authority* comes from the Greek word *exousia*, meaning *the right to have jurisdiction and authority, and physical and mental power to possess*.

III. We need to know and recognize the works of the Enemy, because we have power and authority over them.

A. Many times, when we're dealing with chronic sickness and disease, we're just happy to get through the day. But Jesus talks about a life that goes way beyond just surviving and ultimately making it to heaven.

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

John 10:10

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B. Sickness and disease are listed among the curses in Deuteronomy 28. The good news for us today is that Jesus changed everything because He fulfilled the curse of the Law. So, now only the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 apply to us.

*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").*

Galatians 3:13

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C. God will bring good out of a bad situation, but He never, ever puts sickness and disease on people to teach them something. God is a good and loving God, and all perfect gifts come from Him.

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

James 1:17

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D. Bondage and fear are nothing more than organized torment. But Jesus came to torment the tormenters!

*And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"*

Matthew 8:29

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- E. The lies of the Enemy start in the mind. Many times, people think healing starts in the flesh, but it doesn't. It always starts in the mind.

*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

James 4:7

- IV. The Enemy is trying to challenge you and steal from you because he knows you already have it; he cannot steal what you don't already have!

- A. The Enemy comes to deceive you—to get you to believe more in his works (lies) than in the Word of God (truth). He knows that when you know the truth, the truth will set you free.

*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

John 8:32

- B. The thief comes to steal our identity. When we start to identify as children of the Most High God, we start to walk around like kings and priests, like children of God who are blessed.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*

Ephesians 1:3

- C. Sickness and disease want to isolate you, but Jesus always wants us to be in fellowship and relationship.

*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.*

1 John 4:18-19

- V. Jesus came to destroy the works of the Enemy.

- A. The grave did not have the power to hold Jesus, and it cannot hold you either.

*And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*

Acts 2:21–24

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- B. Fear holds people in bondage, and the fear of sickness and disease can just be as just as tormenting as the sickness and disease itself.

*Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Hebrews 2:14–15

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- C. Fear does not have a place in your life anymore. Start to walk in peace and confidence.

*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33

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- VI. Sometimes, we place more attention on the lies of the Enemy than we do on the words of Jesus.

*Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."*

Genesis 3:4

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- A. Fear will turn into unbelief and hinder us from receiving everything God has for us.
- VII. Condemnation is another work of the Enemy. If we can accept salvation based on what Jesus has done for us, why would we say that receiving healing is based on our actions or worthiness?
- VIII. Jesus has come to set you free from the lies of the Enemy that have held you in bondage.