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Isaiah 20:1-6

In the year that **Tartan** came to **Ashdod**, when **Sargon** the king of Assyria sent him, (722-715 bc.) and he fought against Ashdod and took it, **2** at the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "**Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet.**" And he did so, walking **naked** and **barefoot**.

:3 Then the LORD said, "Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, 4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5 Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. 6 And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, "Surely such is our expectation, wherever (where can) we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?"

Isaiah chapter 20 serves as a Parable. And what's with Isaiah's Birthday Suit?

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to the shame of Egypt.

The Call of a Biblical Prophet

"Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body"

This is a shocking thing to have been told to do by God. It was a lonely and isolated calling. It was a self-abasing calling. It was a graphic calling. It was most often a fatal calling. – very few of God's prophets survived their ministry.

A biblical prophet is;

a walking, living, breathing parable, graphically announcing the coming acts of God, what is the will of God, and His plan for the Future.

"Speak only that which I tell you to say"

"Hold back nothing of what I tell you to say."

"Be silent when I am not speaking to you."

The Biblical Prophets of God are people that are

preoccupied with the holiness of God. They, by nature of their calling,

they have seen the heart of God, becoming possessed by it.

The Bible – God's Revealed Will & Plan & Message to Mankind;

Ezekiel 3:3

And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

Revelation 10:10c The word became sour in my stomach.

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

DISARMING THE POWER OF SIN

1.) The Origin of Sin

The Final word on the origin of "Sin" comes from Jesus Himself;

John 8:44b

44b You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (or lies)

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" :2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' ":4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

The Great Lies of Satan

- #1 Are you sure Eve / Sowing Seeds of Doubt. Has God indeed said?
- #2 False Prophet / Sowing Deceptive, False Doctrine. "You will not surely die"
- #3 Attack the character of God God knows
- #4 Insecure God / you will be like God
- #5 A limited God / you will be like God, knowing good and evil." = shame

Genesis 3:9-11a

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" :10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." :11a And God said, "Who told you that you were naked?

WE CAN DISARM THE POWER OF SIN'S ORIGIN BY; OBEYING & FIGHTING

Romans 6:12-14

Therefore **DO NOT LET sin reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its **lusts** (it's unbridled, passionate demands). **13** And **DO NOT PRESENT** (place, parade, yield your private parts to their wants) **your members** as instruments of <u>unrighteousness to sin</u>, **BUT PRESENT YOURSELVES** to God as being alive from the dead, and <u>your members as instruments of righteousness to God</u>. **14** For sin **shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law (powerless law) but under grace. (powerful grace)

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2.) The Nature of Sin

James 1:14-16

But each one is **tempted** when he is (1) drawn away by his own desires and (2) enticed. 15 Then, (3) when desire has conceived, it (4) gives birth to sin; and (5) sin, when it is full-grown, (6) brings forth death. :16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

And We Ended Last Week Here...

DISARMING THE POWER OF SIN Understanding The Nature of Sin and Attacking It

1 John 1:6-19

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.7 But If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we

have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. :8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Steps we must take against sin's attack.

#1 Be Honest with Yourself by Identifying the Sin in your life.

Honesty before God is a requirement. There can never be victory so long as you avoid the confrontation. He knows what' s up.

No more dressing it up or hiding it / No more excuses for it or explaining it away.

"Get alone with God first (Alone). Then, out loud, with your voice, tell Him about it. This causes the sin to appear as it is – a terrible and offensive and deadly thing."

Steps we must take against sin's attack. #2 Be Decisive against that specific Sin by viewing it as an alien invader.

Next, determine to go on the "Military Offensive" against that sin. You' re at war and it' s unlike anything you have ever experienced before. So fight it.

"There is within you a God-given power to choose. It's a power no force in the universe can prevail against. Satan himself, and all his unholy angels, cannot make a man or woman sin <u>when your will has decided not to</u>."

Romans 6:9-11

Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. (true or false?) 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.
(true or false?) 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, (because Jesus died, I'm dead. Because Jesus is risen, I'm risen) but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:22-23

So that you **put off**, (shove away from or as it arrives you deflect it) concerning your former conduct, **the old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be **renewed** (ananeoo, an-an-neh-o⁻-o = renovate, remake, make over) in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you **put on** (to sink into or to adorn yourself with new clothing. A new look, new everything) **the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Example: Does wearing certain clothes influence your conduct?

Steps we must take against sin's attack.

#3 Be Receptive to the Lord as He walks you out and away from that Sin.

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

John 10:3-4

To Him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

DISARMING THE POWER OF SIN

3.) The Presences of Sin

<mark>generically</mark> – sin is <mark>universal</mark>

Because sins' origins are rooted in the spiritual realm, sin has attributes that are often viewed as mystical, meaning – of a supernatural manner in the negative.

We must be "On Guard" against sins advancements.

Sin's Generic Advancements Look Like This Worlds Agendas.

This Worlds Agendas

<mark>specifically</mark> – sin is <mark>personal</mark>

Because sins' origin is manifested in the physical realm, sin is always needing to be expected and resisted like an invader.

We must be "On Guard" against the sin of any form because of its power to take over a life and the lives that are affected by it.

BUT WE CAN DISARM THE POWER OF SIN'S PRESENCE BY; CONFRONTATION

1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; **but God is faithful**, who **will not allow** you **to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation <u>will also make the way of</u> **escape**, that you may be able to **bear** it.

Look for the **Escape** Route // **Flee** from the Power of it.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also **youthful lusts**;

youthful

first time curiosities, alluring, a new or fresh awakened desire.

lusts

untimely, unsanctioned, forbidden desires, unauthorized passions.

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4.) The Effects of Sin

The "Effects" of Sin are Almost Endless.

Reality #1:

When a man or woman breaks the vows of marriage – that sin sets in motion the wheels of a thousand other sins. If the marriage breaks up and there are children involved, the child's faith in God will be damaged. They and their children will suffer deep emotional scars and soul trauma, they will find that in the future it becomes hard if not impossible to fully trust human beings again. When the opportunity comes for them to establish a real and "meaningful" relationship with someone that they love, they will be less successful at the duration of that relationship because of the painful baggage and fears they bring into what could have been a beautiful, powerful and productive marital relationship.

Reality #2:

When we sin we do so against God, others and ourselves. Sin, if left unchecked can cause spiritual blindness within our hearts and minds which hides God's goodness and favor and blessings from us – the Bible becomes unimportant and we slowly, silently begin to drift away from God and the fellowship of His family, The church.

Reality #3:

When we sin and allow the effects of sin to hang around, we then begin to strive with God and justify our situation, Second, we begin to actually war against others around us because we are at war with God. Pride seeps in and **self** begins to divide the family, friends, fellowship - -

If the Effects of Sin Could Talk – What Would they Say? "I don't care what you think" // "I deserve this"

"Why cant I have some fun" // "don't worry, you' ll survive"

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

WE CAN DISARM THE POWER OF SIN'S EFFECT BY;

#1 - Recognizing that the "Other you" isn' t you

anymore.

We have to reckon our old life dead daily.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

#2 - This Must Be Acted Out Tonight & Everyday.

We must "seize" the promises of God.

2 Peter 1:5-9

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

#3 – Don't feed the animals. We cannot keep feeding the

old nature and think we belong.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

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5.) The Results of Sin

Look Around at Our World.

It's littered with the results of sin. Sin leaves in its path - a swath of

devastation and destruction like a tornado!

Sin's results are literally never, and I mean never reserved for the one who

is sinning. It affects others and most often -

the ones you love the most.

Physical Death and/or Spiritual Death

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death,

WE CAN DISARM THE POWER OF SIN'S RESULTS BY;

By appreciating & applying this fact;

Romans 5:20b Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more !

DISARMING THE POWER OF SIN

End of Study

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