

Intro: Cultivated spiritual muscles in the face of relentless spiritual opposition  
XXV. Fundamental Attitudes of a Christian Mind - Part 2

- A. Submission - vs 5a
- B. Humility - vs 5b-6
- C. Trust - vs 7
- D. Self Control - vs 8a
- E. Vigilance - vs 8b

1. be vigilant; - Mt 26:11 watch and pray
  - a. **gregoreuo** - to keep awake, watch:--be vigilant, wake, (be) watch(-ful).
  - b. Spiritual Assaults
    - i. Direct - Gen 3:1-7; Mk 1:13; 2 Co 12:7; 1 Th 2:18
    - ii. Indirect - 2 Co 11:4 ..Satan ... transforms himself into an angel of light.
2. because your adversary the devil
  - a. your adversary
    - i. your = personal - Job 1:6-8; 2:1-6; Zec 3:1
    - ii. **antidikos** - a legal opponent; any kind of opponent that is serious and aggressively hostile, adversary.
  - b. **diabolos** - a traducer (slanderer); false accuser, devil, slanderer.
    - i. called the ruler of this world - Jo 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
    - ii. Shows the platform from which he launches his attacks
    - iii. commands a demonic realm and administrates the fallen world system
3. walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
  - a. imagery from OT -
    - i. Ps 7:2 tears in pieces
    - ii. Ps 10:9-10 lies in wait .... He catches ... when he draws him into his net.
    - iii. Ps 17:12 lurking in secret places
    - iv. Ps 22:13-21 a raging and roaring lion
    - v. Ps 35:17 Rescue ....., My precious life from the lions.
    - vi. Ps 58:6 O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions
    - vii. Ps 104:21 The young lions roar after their prey
    - viii. Eze 22:25 like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people
  - b. **katapino** - to drink down, gulp entire:--devour, drown, swallow (up).
    - i. emphasizing the final objective, not to wound, but to destroy
    - ii. How he works
      - might attack directly - Job
      - through human relations - 1 Co 7:3-5
      - attacks with-in the church - 1 Tim 3:1-7
4. Those that would be enemies of Christians are the physical manifestations of his hatred for us and for God - 1Ti 4:1-2; 2 Pet 2; Jd 3-16
  - a. Rev 12:4 - the dragon stood before the woman to devour her Child as soon as it was born - was wanting to kill the Christ child through Herod
  - b. He has repeatedly tried to destroy the nation of Israel - Est 3:1-4:3 thru Haman
  - c. Will oppose the Holy angels - **Re 12:7** And war broke out in heaven
  - d. Believers are his target
    - i. Through Rome in the first century

- ii. Through a variety of dictators, religious views since
- iii. Through the antichrist during the tribulation - Rev 12:17

#### F. Fortitude - vs 9

1. Resist him,
  - a. **anthistemi** - to stand against, oppose:--resist, withstand.
  - b. by remaining steadfast in the faith,
    - i. **stereos** - stiff, solid, stable:--steadfast, strong, sure.
    - ii. In the faith - biblical revelation, the whole body of revealed truth contained in scripture
  - c. and he will flee from you - Jas 4:7
2. Jesus' example in Mt 4:3-11
3. remembering that they are not alone - knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

#### G. Hope - vs 10

1. But may the God of all grace,
  - a. similar to Paul's 2 Co 1:3 the God of all comfort
  - b. already promised grace for eternity, but provides grace for the present
2. who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus,
  - a. called us - the ones who are truly saved
  - b. His eternal glory **Php 3:11-14; 1 Jo 3:2-3**
3. after you have suffered a while,
  - a. all human caused suffering is temporary
  - b. We need to remember
    - i. God's purpose in allowing it - Ro 8:36; Ps 44:22
    - ii. nothing separates us from the love of God - Ro 8:31-39
    - iii. to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord - 2 Co 5:9
2. What He will do
  - a. perfect - to bring to wholeness - Phil 1:6; Heb 2:10; 10:1; Jas 1:4
  - b. establish - to set fast - Ps 90:17; 119:106; Ro 15:8; 1 Co 1:8
  - c. strengthen - to make sturdy - Lk 22:32; 1 Th 3:2; 2 Th 2:17; 3:3; Jas 5:8
  - d. settle you - to lay as a foundation - Ps 7:9; 89:2; Isa 9:7; Ro 16:25; 1 Th 3:13

#### H. Worship - vs 11

1. B/c of the afore mentioned grace - To Him be the glory
2. and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
  - a. **kratos** - vigor ("great"):--dominion, might(-ily), power, **strength**.
  - b. the framing of the Christian mind includes

#### I. Faithfulness - vs 12

1. By Silvanus (Silas), I have written to you briefly,
  - a. our faithful brother - the model of fidelity
  - b. as I consider him, - personal regard
2. exhorting and testifying - methodology of his letter
  - a. that this is the true grace of God - in contrast to what others might offer
  - b. in which you stand. - his determination of their salvation

#### J. Love - vs 13-14

1. She who is in Babylon,
  - a. Babylon - remembering our intro - probably code for Rome, church location
  - b. elect together with you, - true of all believers
2. greets you; and so does Mark my son. - Gospel of Mark, probably info given by Peter
3. Greet one another with a kiss of love. - an outward sign of affection
4. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.