

## DEBT #4 STOP MESSIN' WITH MY BLESSIN'

2Sa 23 <sup>11</sup> And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup> But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

Let's review the past 3 weeks. We started with the message "Calling all cards" in which learned the slavery and burden of debt. We then brought a message titled "How God will help get you out of debt". We learned with the miraculous power of God and our diligence to work He will help us. Last we preached on the subject of "Reaping a harvest that will pay the debt." We learned that we can be a bag giver (one that puts money in a bag with holes in it), a barrel giver (one that gives but lives with just enough for today), a basket giver (one that witnesses the multiplication of God that has more than enough, or a barn giver (one that has such a harvest he cannot receive it all).

### I. SATAN WILL ATTEMPT TO STEAL YOUR BLESSING OR HARVEST.

Shammah was a one of David's mighty men.

He had a piece of ground that he was about to harvest lintels from.

A. The attack of Satan comes when you **first sow** the seed.

Luke 8 <sup>12</sup> Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

B. When did Satan attack Jesus?

1. **At His birth-** having all Jewish males up to age 2 killed.

2. **At the beginning of his ministry-** Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness after John's baptism to be tempted of the devil at the end of a 40 day fast.

3. **At the time of harvest-** When Jesus was on the cross.

Mat 27 <sup>38</sup> Then were there **two thieves** crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. <sup>39</sup> And **they that passed by** reviled him, wagging their heads, <sup>40</sup> And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. <sup>41</sup> Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him* , with the

scribes and elders, said, <sup>42</sup> He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. <sup>43</sup> He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. <sup>44</sup> The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. <sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour **there was darkness over all the land** unto the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

It was during his public crucifixion that thieves, priests, scribes, elders, and experiencing 3 hours of darkness “Jesus cried with a loud voice “ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Satan attacks just before the harvest! Jesus was about to reap the salvation of a lost world!

Be alert when you see the harvest getting ripe. It is a prime time for the enemy to attack.

## **II. MEN WILL ATTEMPT TO STEAL YOUR BLESSING.**

Shammah grew tired of allowing the enemy to feed on his harvest. Shammah reached a point of standing for his ground. He had finally had enough. He reached the place of saying “stop messin’ with my blessin’”.

2Sam 23 <sup>12</sup> But **he stood** in the midst of the ground, and **defended it**, and **slew the Philistines**: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

A. You keep your harvest because you **take a stand**. You cannot allow yourself to sow and witness a harvest that is about to become your future blessing be snatched out of your hand.

Eph 6 <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The devil can only take ground that we surrender!  
It is time to tell the devil, “Stop messin with my blessin’”.  
When we stand we are not losing we are keeping, guarding, and maintaining that which God has given.

B. You keep your blessing by **defending it**.  
Just refuse to release it. Jesus endured the cross, despised the shame, for the joy that was set before him. He would not stop because the blessing was worth the battle.

**Men will covet your blessing.**

Mar 10<sup>30</sup> But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Men will covet it- Exo 20<sup>17</sup> Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's **house**, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's **wife**, nor his **manservant, nor his maidservant**, nor his **ox, nor his ass**, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

III. Jacob's coat of many colors that his father gave him created envy and anger from his brothers. God has you marked for blessing. Get ready people will covet your blessing.

Men will attempt to compromise it-

III. The king of Salem and the king of Sodom comes out to meet Abram after he has retrieved Lot others that were taken captive out of Sodom.

Melchizedek blesses Abram. The king of Sodom tells king Abram to let him have the people and he can keep the spoil.

Abram says in Gen 14<sup>21</sup> And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself. <sup>22</sup> And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

Don't be messin with my blessin!

C. You keep your blessing by **slaying your enemy**.  
Shammah slew the Philistines. What are you allowing to live that is a threat to the blessing being fully yours?

Saul lost ground with God because he allowed a king and oxen to live the God told him to destroy.

**III. WHAT YOU GAIN BY FAITH IS YOURS TO ENJOY.**

Shammah did not have to go hungry. He did not lose his harvest. Others fled but he fought and won the victory. He enjoyed the spoil.

### III. Abraham

Gen 13<sup>14</sup> **And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated** from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: <sup>15</sup> For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to **thy seed** for ever. <sup>16</sup> And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered. <sup>17</sup> Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Gen 15<sup>8</sup> And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

God tells him to **offer a sacrifice**. Watch how Abraham goes after the blessing of God.

Gen 15<sup>11</sup> And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram

He receives a son, a land, and a nation of people. They are still his today! He plays with son, walks through a land that will become his. What joy! The battle is worth it. Let's believe for the harvest.

III. Bryan Jared, "the sacrifice is worth the intimacy". He is giving up a year's salary in faith God will pay of one million dollars of church debt.