

General Discourage

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“Beelzebub” (The prince of the devils) hated “Christian” because “Christian” followed “God’s Way” and not “The World’s Way”. “Beelzebub”, with his great army, was always trying to destroy “Christian”. (For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph 6:12)

This time “Beelzebub” decided to use “Company Discourage” to hinder “Christian”. “General Discourage” commanded “Company Discourage” and his mission was to make “Christian” so discouraged that he would turn from “God’s Way”. (And the cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of the other things entering in, choked the word and it became unfruitful. Mark 4:19) “General Discourage” decided to attach “Christian” on the day that “Christian” would be the happiest, “Christian’s” birthday.

“Christian” started his birthday by rejoicing and praising God because it was God that gave him his life and the one to come. So “Christian” was not going to live his life in vain, but to live it for the glory of God, who loves him. Today, his birthday “Christian” was extra happy and thankful because he had found the real joy of living, through Jesus Christ.

The clever “General Discourage” knew all of “Christian’s” weak and strong points. So “General Discourage” picked the precise time and place when “Christian” would be totally off guard to attack.

The innocent “Christian” with a big smile on his face and a rejoicing heart, walked right in front of the camouflaged “General Discourage”. “General Discourage” knew that this was the moment he had waited for. So he took careful aim and shot his “Fiery Dart of Discouragement” right into “Christian’s” heart.

The poison from the “Fiery Dart of Discouragement” soon reached “Christian’s” heart and changed the great happiness, which was once there, into “Christian”. The poison brought thoughts of his past into his mind:

It seemed that no matter what he did, it always failed. He could never do anything right. He could never please anyone, because they always seemed to be criticizing him. Because of the poison “Christian” never thought of the good things of his life. For “Christian” might of been a failure in human eyes, but in God’s eyes “Christian” was very successful. With God’s help “Christian” could succeed in anything. (For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37)

Woe is “Christian”. Because of “The Great Discouragement” in his heart, he could not enjoy the gifts, the cards and the great happiness of his birthday. “Christian” was so discouraged that night. He fell to the ground and cried to “The Almighty God” for help. (Arise O Lord, save me O my God..PS 3:7)

“General Discourage” stood there laughing at “Christian”. “Beelzebub” was rejoicing greatly for he had finally stopped “Christian”. “Beelzebub” was going to have a great ball in hour of “General Discourage”. “Beelzebub” planned to give one third of his kingdom to “General Discourage” for his great achievement. (Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall I shall arise. Mic 7:8)

The next day a great trumpet sounded and “The Almighty God”, riding a white horse, with “The Army of Heaven” behind Him, came to “Christian’s” rescue. “The Army of Heaven” had the best archers, the best spearman

and the best horseman, all dressed in white! (And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon the white horse clothed in fine linen white and clean. And He had on His vesture and on His thigh a name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Rev 19:11, 12, 14, 16)

A great battle followed, against "The Army of Heaven: and "Company Discourage". It was a bloody battle, but "General Discourage" and his men were hopelessly over powered. Soon "Company Discourage" was totally over powered! (And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast.. and them that had received the mark of the beast.. were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant was slain with the sword of Him, that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. Rev14:19-21)

Then, with loving hands, "The Almighty God" picked "Christian" up out of the mud and held him, in His arms like a baby. He then wiped "The Tears of Discouragement" out of "Christian's" eyes and took "Christian's" great discouraged heart and replaced it with His Own Heart! (That is might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness. Matt 8:17)

"The Tears of Thankfulness" Began to run down "Christian's" cheeks. Praise the Lord was the only thing "Christian" could say. Then "Christian" fell to his knees and worshiped "The Almighty God" for saving his soul from "General Discourage" and "The Eternal Fire".

But because "The Almighty God" really loved "Christian", He told "Christian" to arise, so He could have better fellowship with "Christian". Then "The Almighty God" reached in His pocket and pulled out an envelope addressed to "Christian". Contained within the envelope was a "Birthday Card". "The Almighty God" instructed "Christian" to read "The Birthday Card":

My Prayer on Your Birthday

This birthday message

Brings a quiet prayer

That God may bless you


And keep you in His care.

Always remember prayers changes things!

God loves you and I love you too!

Happy Birthday

Jesus

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