

NOTHING SHALL HARM YOU

The promise for this month is:

“Nothing shall harm you.”

Luke 10:19

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19—I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Nothing can harm us. We are all caught up in fear. We are worried about what will happen to me and my family. This is the eighth month and the number “8” denotes a new beginning. The promise that God gives to you and your family this month is no harm shall come upon you. You will not be in want and you will not be attacked for the Lord is protecting you.

Four points have been mentioned in this verse. Nothing shall harm you is one of the four mentioned in the promise. The other three are:

- I have given you authority
- To trample scorpions and snakes
- To overcome the power of the enemy

God says that you will overcome this battle and nothing will harm you. If you try to trample a scorpion or a snake, it will bite us. Similarly, it will be a challenge when we face the enemy, but God is encouraging us saying that He has given us authority.

Story about a Lion, Eagle and a Bull

The Eagle boasted that it is the most powerful as it has sharp eyes. It can see the prey from whatever distance it is at, catch the prey and fly to a great height again. But the Lion denied this and said that it is the most powerful for it is strong, has strong legs and can run fast and also devour the prey. Then, came the Bull and said that it is more stronger and could pierce anybody with its strong and sharp horns, and hence, it is the most powerful. The argument continued between the three. Suddenly, a Bear came out of the forest, hit all three and ate them.

It doesn't matter if you just speak saying that you are powerful or strong. You need to believe in your power and act accordingly. They all spoke, but they did not believe in their own strength. Likewise, we Christians also speak a lot saying that the Lord will take care and will do it. We all speak but do we believe in these powerful words. The devil attacks and defeats us because these are only words. We don't believe what we say. But God is telling us that He has already given us the authority, believe that you will overcome and no harm shall come to you. All this while, the world has been dictating to us on what needs to be done and it is important that we take the authority and dictate and tell the world what needs to be done. God wants us to speak and make this world, this body and everything in it to listen to our voice. The problem is our inability to believe.

1. Authority

It is the power to give orders, to make decisions, to direct control. God has given this authority to us.

Job 22:28

28 — You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

What God says will only prevail and be established.

Matthew 18:18

18 — “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

God has given this authority. When the traffic police commands you to stop, we need to stop and we have to go when he tells us to go. It doesn't matter how the policeman is. As long as he wears the uniform, it is the authority given by the Government and we have to do as he commands. Whenever we have the authority, it is not about the person, but it is about the One who has given the authority to us. God has also given us such authority. We will command with authority at many things. We will not listen to what the others say, but we will use this authority to trample scorpions and snakes. And nothing will harm you. No matter what you are and who you are; it doesn't matter at all. It's all about the size of the Lord whom you serve and not about your size, for power and authority comes from the Lord.

2. To Trample on Scorpions and Snakes

Both are poisonous and leads to death. Scorpions and Snakes always denote death and sickness. In those days, in Palestine, Scorpions and snakes were in all places. There would be a scorpion even under a small stone. When people camp and fix their tent, they used to move each stone that they find around that place to make sure no scorpion is there. And God says, though you see so many scorpions and snakes, you will still trample them. Like how the scorpions were in Palestine, today, when we go out, we are scared about COVID-19, the virus and the poisonous people who are around us. But God says, even if they try to trouble and harm you, poison you, try to put you down, don't worry for you will trample them. Snakes are representatives of the devil and they worry us. But we don't need to be worried about them for God has given us the authority and we need to believe in that authority.

3. To Overcome all the Power of the Enemies

He gives power over all the power of the enemy — the devil. For our battle is not against the flesh but against all principalities and powers of darkness. The devil keeps coming at us in different forms to put us down. If you are able to stand on the authority God had given and with His spirit, it doesn't matter in which way the devil comes, God will give you the power to chase him out. God has given you the authority to handle any situation the devil is trying to bring against you.

If you are worried about what is going to happen as you are encountering certain situations because of which you are troubled, God says that you will overcome all those situations. God is giving you the authority to overcome in this month and in the days to come. It is not about the strength and the authority I have and own but it is about the power that the Spirit of the Lord gives us.

The reason why Samson failed was — the Word says that whenever the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, he had the power but one day, Samson lost the spirit of God and went by his strength and he lost everything. It doesn't matter how strong we are, who is with us, by His authority I will overcome.

4. Nothing will Harm You

Especially during this pandemic, when everything around us is increasing and people are dying, God says that you will come past all these. You and your family will be protected.

Stories

Be it the storm, be it the fire, nothing shall harm you.

Be it the storm

When Jesus got on to the boat with His disciples, He promised “Let us cross over to the other side.”
(Mark 4:35)

God promised them and He went along with His disciples. He was fast asleep but He had already given the authority. When the storm became fierce, they forgot the promise and the One who had promised.

When everything is calm, we remember everything. But when the storm comes in, we forget the promise and the promise giver. God promised and He did not leave them. He was with them. Doesn't He know what is happening there? He knew but He was waiting to see the faith in His disciples —did they trust in His word and His presence?

No matter how big the storm is, far or near, the Lord is there with you. He had given you the promise and His presence is there with you. We will cross over. God is with us amidst this pandemic and we will face the challenges and overcome them.

Be it the fire

Both the storm and fire destroy us. The similarity between these two is that the Lord is ever-present in the storm and the fire. Shadrach, Meshack and Abed Nego. They were thrown in the fiery furnace. But the verse says

(Daniel 3:17)

17 — If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us[c] from Your Majesty's hand.

They said that God will deliver us from this fire and from the King.

In Daniel 3: 25,

25 — He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

The king says that he sees four men loose walking in the fire and they are not hurt and the fourth man is like the son of God. They were happy walking in the fire. The Lord was there. Whether you are going through the fire or storm, God's promise and the presence of the Promisegiver is with us. God has given us authority. We need to use that authority in everything. God says that He has given you the authority over snakes, scorpions and the devil; to overcome them.

Story about a Grandfather and a Grand son:

The grandson went to his grandfather and told him that he wanted to be the most successful person as he grows and asked him what should he do to achieve that. The grandfather took him to the garden along with two plant saplings. He told his grandson that he is going to put one in the garden outside and the other one in a pot and keep it inside. And when his grandson was about to leave, he asked him which p of the two will be more successful and grow big. The grandson replied saying, "the plant on the inside will grow big as it is protected, it is inside the house and no harm will come as no one will walk over it." Saying this, the grandson left the house and came after many years back to the house. He went to his grandfather and asked "You still have not answered my question. How could I be more successful?" The grandfather took his grandson and asked him to take a look at the plant which was in the pot. It was a small plant. After that, he took outside and they stood under a tree. The grandson was searching for the plant. The grandfather said, "You are standing right where the sapling was planted and it has become a tree. The grandson asked how come this was possible as it was exposed to all kinds of dangers — air, rain and insects.

It was exposed to all kinds of dangers, but it grew strong though it was not in a comfort zone. It still had more place to grow below (rooted) and above. Nothing was restricting its growth. But the plant which was safely inside the house was protected and was not exposed to any kind of danger. It had grown very little. The more you are exposed to challenges, problems and fights against the pains in your life, you will grow stronger and higher. God will give you an exponential growth when you face the challenges and authority to face the challenges. To be victorious, successful and blessed in whatever we are doing, we will be exposed to the storm and the fire but God will give us the authority to overcome everything. This month we have the authority to trample and overcome everything, and nothing will harm us. Amen.