

When the Lord brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, into the promised land, there were three testimonies that are noteworthy:

1. God's testimony. God's testimony is always sure.
2. The testimony of the God's people. This is the testimony of God's people towards themselves.
3. The testimony of the adversary. This was testimony of all those who hated the children of Israel.

The Testimony of God

Moses was a type of Jesus Christ and Joshua is a shadow of the church. The Lord said to His church in Joshua 1, greater works shall you do, because Jesus is in you. God's testimony was this:

Joshua 1:1-5 KJVS

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

[2] Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

[3] Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

[4] From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

[5] There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

God's testimony is that as He was on Jesus while on earth, so there is power of the enemy that you can withstand you. This is another testimony of God.

Joshua 21:43-45 KJVS

And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

[44] And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

[45] There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

The Lord gave them all the land. They had peace all around. The same is His testimony for us. His testimony is sure and ALL has and will come to pass.

The Testimony of God's People

God's testimony was that everywhere their feet touched, they possessed. Joshua then sent spies to examine the land that they will possess. As God had his own testimony, the Israelies had their own testimony.

Numbers 13:27-33 KJVS

And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

[28] Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

[29] The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

[30] And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

[31] But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

[32] And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

[33] And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Unfortunately, the people of God had an opposite testimony to God's. They did not believe the words of God. Unbelief is a serious matter. Recall how Jarius's daughter died. Jesus told Jarius that his daughter slept but was not dead. The people laughed him to scorn. Jesus drove them out of the unbelief by asking the people to leave so he can resurrect the girl (Luke 8:54; Mark 5:41). This is how we should handle unbelief.

Caleb and Joshua gave a different testimony from the people. They gave God's testimony. The rest of the Israelites were in so much unbelief that they began imagining themselves as grasshoppers. An evil report is anything that is contrary to the word of God. If the doctor gives you a diagnostic that is contrary to the Word of God, it is an evil report. It is contrary to the Word of God. God gave a testimony regarding two people, Joshua and Caleb. Why? Because they partnered with Him.

The Testimony of the Adversary

Having examined the testimony of the God's people, let's see what the enemy's report actually was. Jericho was the most fortified city that the children of Israel defeated. Their walls were huge and there were giants in the land. The two spies encountered Jericho and they met a prostitute called Rehab. She brought them in and kept them. She gave a testimony of the city which was and is the testimony of the enemy.

Joshua 2:9-11 KJVS *And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.*

[10] For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

[11] And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

The adversary is afraid of a believer. They faint in fear of you, because of the testimony of God. However, they want us to disbelieve the testimony of God. There were some believers who went for a deliverance session. The spirits were charging at some believers that were unsure of themselves and they ran. The demons then began to laugh and said "Look at them, they do not know who they are. I wish they knew that fire was beaming from their eyes and who they really were". The bible says the devils know that there is a God and they tremble (James 2:19).

As soon as they heard that the children of Israel were coming towards Jericho, their hearts began to faint. When the enemy hears your name. He is terrorized. What he can do is to try to make you disbelieve the word of God. One of the games the devil plays is false intimidation. He even came to Jesus, just to check. Satan never assumes. He is audacious. God had just said to Jesus, You are my beloved son. Satan came to him to ask "If you are the son of God". He always comes to check. Jesus did not bring an accusation of insult on the devil. He simply said "it is written". Recall what Satan did to Gabriel when he was asked to take the body of Moses, in Jude 1:9. Gabriel simply rebuked him in the name of the Lord. This was the testimony given of Satan. Pharaoh symbolizes Satan. Upon the crown of Israel is the serpent.

Jeremiah 46:17 KJVS They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

Jeremiah 46:17 CEV Give the king of Egypt this new name, "Talks-Big-Does-Nothing." Jeremiah 46:17 NLT There they will say, 'Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, is a loudmouth who missed his opportunity!'

Satan is simply a noise maker. He talks big things, coming to your dream to project lies. Yet he can do nothing.

Isaiah 14:13-19 KJVS - For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

[14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. [15] Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

[16] They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

[17] That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

[18] All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

[19] But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Satan is fallen.

1 John 3:8 KJVS - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

This means the reason why Jesus was manifest was to destroy the works of the devil. He went to the very hell and all the devils thought they could trap him. Not so. He destroyed them and walked up to Satan and demanded the keys of death and hell. Colossians 2:13-15.

Now that satan is destroyed, what does he do now?

1. Deceive
 2. Accuse
- Deceive: The adversaries strength is in His deception and the strength of His deception is in how void you are in the Word of God. Anything that is contrary to God's word, spoken to you, even if it is glaring in your face is a lie. Revelations 12:9-10.
 - Accuser: Revelations 12:9-10. His job is to accuse and make you feel filthy.

How Do We Overcome?

Revelation 12:10-11 KJVS

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

[11] And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. The bible says "Let the redeemed of the Lord say SO." (Psams 107:2) Say it! God's testimony is true and it is sure. Satan operates on the earth. He cannot operate in the heavens because he has been cast down. You are in the heavens and so His schemes cannot affect you. You must cooperate with God's testimony, no matter what.