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THE LAST WATCH

Last Sunday, we studied "Standing Firm for Spiritual Freedom" from (Gal.5:1). We learned that the Greek word for **standing firm** was (steko/ p.a.impv.2pl) which came from the military concept of standing your ground under assault.

Paul used it this way in (Eph.6:10-17) [Full Armor of God passage] (Eph.6:11-14).

We illustrated the doctrinal application of the military concept with the Exodus and the Israelites caught between the Red Sea and the powerful chariot army of Egypt in Ex.14.

When the Israelites realized their predicament, they panicked and fear replaced faith.

- They believed they had to fight the Egyptians in the flesh!
 - An Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) lie! (Eph.6:10-12; 2 Cor.10:2-5)
 - Rather than believing, as we do in the Church Age, the New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) Truth of God's Promises.
- They believed they were brick masons not soldiers
 - (OMCD lie)
 - (NMDV) (2 Tim.2:3; Phil.2:25).

This lesson will study four aspects of victory in the Last Watch of the day.

1. Moses gave the Israelites great counsel in the midst of panic of soul where fear is operating in place of faith (Ex.14:13-14).

Fear Stop being afraid and be silent (reverse concentration to NMDV)

Faith Stand firm in faith – stand your ground under assault

Future See the deliverance of the Lord – see victory before it happens – you will never see these Egyptians again

Fight Surely the Lord will fight and bring victory where and while you stand firm in your faith

2. The Lord's deliverance came at the Last Watch of the day.

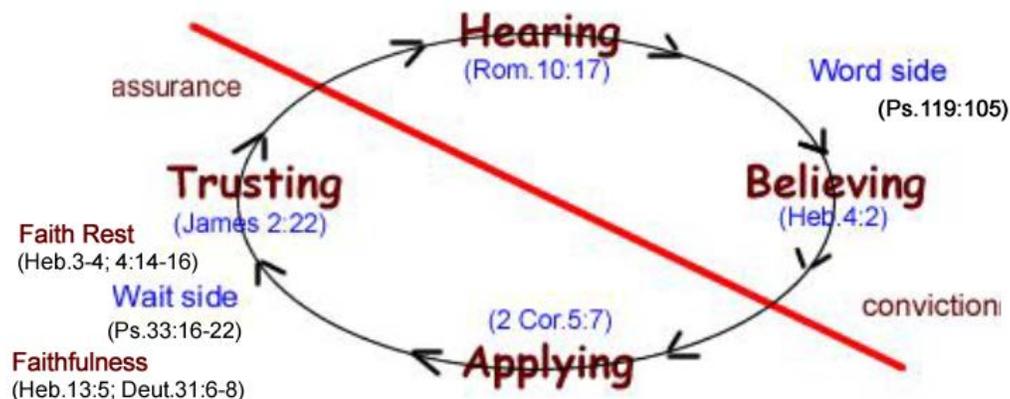
(Ex.14:24) "At the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion."

The first 12 hours of the Jewish day was divided into three military watches (ashemoreth)

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| • First watch | (beginning) | Sunset (6pm) to 10pm | (Lam.2:19) |
| • Second watch | (middle) | 10pm to 2am | (Judges 7:19) |
| • Third watch | (last or morning) | 2am to sunrise (6am) | (Ex.14:24) |

3. We have learned how important it is to God for believers stand firm in faith and stand their ground under assault.

The question is how do we do it? **Faith Cycle is the answer.** We want to focus on the waiting side of it.



HOME STUDY

4. In Christ (8 positional truths), we are always superior to what we are in conflict with in the world.

“This is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev.19:11-19) – soldiers (2 Tim.2:3; Phil.2:25); citizens (Phil.3:20-21; Eph.2:19); ambassadors (2 Cor.5:18-21).

Head and Savior of body (Eph.5:23; Eph.1:20-23) – members of His body (1 Cor.12:12-27)

Chief Shepherd (1 Pet.5:4) – sheep (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet.2:25; John 10:1-21)

Advocate (1 John 2:1) – defendants in AC (Job 1:6-8; 2:1-3; Rev.12:10/ accuser)

High priest (Heb.7-8; 8:1-2) – priesthood (1 Pet.2:5, 9)

Heir/ inheritance (Matt.21:38; Heb.1:2) – joint-heirs (Rom.8:17; Gal.3:27-29; 4:7)

Mediator of new covenant (Heb.8:6; 9:15; 12:24) – new covenant believers (1 Tim.2:4-6; 1 Cor.11:24-25; Luke 22:19-22)

Great physician (Luke 4:23) – sick (John 11:4, 14, 40-42; Matt.8:14-17; 9:11-12; Isa.53:4; Hos.6:6)