

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 8 – Thursday

Rev. 12:10-11 – Footnotes 10¹, 10², 11², 11³, 11⁴

You have the potential to have a bigger shield after this meeting; not because of my speaking but because we are presenting the word of God. The word brings faith. That is also why we need to read the word every day. Don't think, "Oh, I don't understand; oh it's a little stale, it's a little boring. I like it when there are the stories. Many of us are studying Leviticus in these days. We have heard many testimonies: "Genesis I can take and I can take half of Exodus, up to chapter 20. After that it is really hard. Leviticus—Ohhh, can I skip to Numbers. Aren't there stories in Numbers somewhere?" If you read Leviticus, your shield gets bigger. Read any book and your shield gets bigger. Satan attacks us with temptations, proposals, doubts, questions, and lies. Sometimes—I don't know if this ever happened to you—you would just get a thought, "Why doesn't that brother like me?" It is not that that brother does not like me. What happened? Maybe in the meeting I was standing there and he walked by another brother and greeted him. Then when I walked by, he did not say anything. I nodded to him and he didn't say anything. I was not expecting a hug; I was not expecting "Hello" but at least a little smile. It could be that just at that moment he got something in his eye and he didn't see me when I walked by. Then the next morning: "Oh Lord, I love You. Lord, You are the author of faith... That brother, I don't know what is wrong with him. I don't know why he doesn't like me. What did I ever do to him?" Is this a joke? Did this never happen to you? The enemy lies about the brothers and sisters. This morning we sang these wonderful hymns saying that we are one. We are eating; we are drinking; we are testifying of our oneness. Is this true or not? It is true! We love one another! But the enemy comes with suggestions. We need a bigger shield of faith.

What should we have faith in? I would like to give seven points. Firstly, we should have faith in God, that He is real, living, present, and He is for us. He is real; He is living; He is present; and He is for us. Because He is for us, He is available. Sometimes in my younger Christian life I would pray and I would feel like, "God, where are You?" Did you never feel this way? You feel, "Oh Lord, where are You? Two weeks ago when I called, even two days ago, when I called, it was so rich. Today, I feel like 'Where are You? I can't touch You.'" Then it is possible that right there a thought comes: "God doesn't love you. God loves him a lot. God loves that family but not my family. We suffer all the time. We can't get a break. We finish one problem and boom, another problem. Even we don't finish the second problem when third and fourth problems come." God is available. Don't trust your feelings. God is present; He is living and He is for us.