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The gospel of Luke tells us of a father who brought his demon-possessed son to Jesus. Christ told the father, "Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet a-coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him" (Luke 9:41-42). The word tare means to violently convulse, to terribly shake.

This young man came to Christ and was about to be set free, translated out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. The devil saw he was about to lose another victim, so in a rage, he threw the young man to the ground in one last, violent attack. He wanted to kill him and take his soul before Jesus could deliver him.

Satan will try to do the same thing to you today. The moment you move toward Christ, he will attempt one last devouring attack. He will put before your eyes the most alluring temptations. He will try to cast you down with lies, telling you that you will never be free from sin and lust. He will try to convince you you'll always be his, not God's!

But let me remind you: The instant you move toward Jesus, the devil is rendered helpless. He cannot stop anyone who is headed to Christ! He could not keep the demon-possessed young man from reaching Jesus. All Christ had to do was say a word: "And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father" (verse 42).

James tells us, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). So, how do you resist the enemy? You do it by faith alone! Simply come to Jesus, trusting that He will rescue you from Satan's clutches. "Whom resist steadfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:9).

You can be free today. You can say to Satan, "When I finish reading this message, I'm going to be a free person. Jesus is going to deliver me from every lust and ungodly passion. It's all going to go because He said so."

The times ahead may get hard for you. But the Father's glorious, blazing sun will shine ever brighter for you!

**Re: STEADFAST IN THE FAITH by David Wilkerson - posted by wombat1 (), on: 2014/1/10 14:47**

I would have gathered you as a hen gathers her chickens but you would not. How many of us want to hear that? The Lord of Glory has made a way for us but we consistently refuse the invitation. I believe we are in the end times and the Lord is calling us to separate ourselves from the world and worldly thinking and sinful actions.

I had a real revelation the other day or should I say a moment of clarity. I heard "root and fruit". Often we look at the fruit of sin and not deal with the root. God wants us to actually be holy and he wants it to start today. Let us not try to deal with the fruit like I got drunk today but let us deal with the root. We need to bring it to the Lord who is calling us. Confess our faults one to another. Bring light in. Then as David said the battle begins at the source, whether it can have a place in our lives anymore. With the root cause dealt with we can be nestled under his wings. And this happens as we determine today to answer the call and allow the holy spirit convict us of our sin. If in 2014 we are to be taken on eagle wing power across the desert it means it means making a decision to answer the call to be gathered. Let us pray for each other on sermon index as I have no doubt the call is going forward and you have been hearing what I have been hearing.

It was a sermon from David Wilkerson who encouraged us to immediately respond to the call to "come ye out from among them". My first Pastor would say we need to filter what we look at and to start to take control of our thought life.

Blessings Oskar.