

The Holy War



Week 14

The introduction of Mr. Prywell

to

The imprisonment of Mr. Anything and
Loose-Foot

Goals

- To gain a greater understanding of the **spiritual warfare** in which we are engaged.
- To develop a greater awareness of the **methods employed by Satan**.
- To deepen our appreciation for the **grace of God** in saving sinners.
- To learn more about ourselves through empathizing with Mansoul (**Mansoul = me**)

Synopsis

Still weak, but now spiritually alert, the town of Mansoul experiences some spiritual victories over Diabolus who has renewed his efforts to take the town.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

But now, as Shaddai would have it,
there was one whose name was
Mr. Prywell...

Mr. Prywell

- At the start of our reading we have various descriptions of the character of Mr. Prywell. Describe him.
 - His presence in Mansoul was “as Shaddai would have it.”
 - He was a great lover of Mansoul.
 - He would go listening up and down in the town for any design against it.
 - He was a sober and judicious man.
 - He did not raise false reports, but spoke with “very solid arguments.”
 - He loved to “look into the very bottom of matters”

Discovery

- While walking up and down in the town one night, Mr. Prywell overhears something at Vilehill. What does he overhear?
 - One affirming that it was not long until Diabolus would retake the town
 - He says that the Diabolonians would put all of the Mansoulians to the sword.
- Prywell alerts the leaders of the town
- They call the townsmen together and deliver the news.
- What character helps Prywell convince the town?
 - Mr. Conscience (the subordinate preacher) as the Lord Secretary was ill at ease.
 - He exhorts the townsmen to watchfulness
 - He explains that it is totally rational for the Diabolonians to be plotting their ruin given the town's present weakened condition.

Reaction and Resolve

- **What is the immediate reaction of the town to this news?**
 - They lift up their voices and weep
 - They double their petitions to Shaddai
 - They entreat the captains to be ready for battle
- **What 6-part plan do the captains agree to put into place?**
 1. To shut and lock the town gates and to examine all who pass
 2. To begin a search of every house to find those in the plot
 3. That whoever was harboring any Diabolonians would be shamed by doing public penance
 4. To proclaim a public fast and day of humiliation
 5. To renew their humiliation for sin and petitions to Shaddai and also send news of their discovery to the Court
 6. To make Mr. Prywell scout-master-general in thanks for his diligent effort in seeking the welfare of the town

Scouting

- Mr. Prywell gives himself whole-heartedly to his new position and begins to scout outside the town as well. Where does he go, and what does he discover?
 - He goes toward Hell-Gate Hill into the country of the Doubters.
 - He hears the following:
 - That Diabolous was almost ready to march
 - That Mr. Incredulity had been made general of Diabolus' army
 - That the army consisted of 20,000+ Doubters
 - That the leaders of the black den would be coming along as well
- Why did Diabolus choose Mr. Incredulity as his general?
 - There was none truer than him to Diabolus.
 - He had an "implacable spite against the welfare of the town."
 - He wanted revenge for the "affronts" of the town against him.
 - He could beleaguer the town more efficiently than any other.

Changes

- What further change does the news brought back from Prywell's scouting make in the town?
 - They search out Prudent-Thrifty (Lord Covetousness) and Harmless-Mirth (Mr. Lasciviousness).
 - Mr. Trueman locks them up in the jail where they die of consumption.
 - Lord Willbewill and Mr. Mind are made to do public penance.
 - "Open confession of their faults"
 - "Strict amendment of their lives"
 - They begin to rule over the Diabolonians so strictly that:
 - They have to operate in private and at night.
 - They count the Mansouliaus as deadly enemies.

Difficulty

- What difficulty do the townsmen discover in rounding up the Diabolonians?
 - They could plainly follow their smell and tracks to discover their holds
 - But they could not always take them, hold them, and do justice to them because:
 - Their ways were so crooked
 - Their holds were so strong
 - They were quick to take sanctuary

Diabolus' 9 Captains

Captain	Color	Scutcheon	Charge	Standard Bearer
Rage	Red	Great red dragon	Election Doubters	Mr. Destructive
Fury	Pale	Fiery flying serpent	Vocation Doubters	Mr. Darkness
Damnation	Red	The black den	Grace Doubters	Mr. No-Life
Insatiable	Red	The yawning jaws	Faith Doubters	Mr. Devourer
Brimstone	Red	The blue and stinking flame	Perseverance Doubters	Mr. Burning
Torment	Pale	The black worm	Resurrection Doubters	Mr. Gnaw
No-Ease	Red	The ghastly picture of death	Salvation Doubters	Mr. Restless
Sepulchre	Pale	A skull and dead man's bones	Glory Doubters	Mr. Corruption
Past-Hope	Red	A hot iron and a hard heart	Felicity Doubters	Mr. Despair

Superior Captains

- Diabolus' had 7 superior captains:
 - Lord Beelzebub
 - Lord Lucifer
 - Lord Legion
 - Lord Apollyon
 - Lord Python
 - Lord Cerberus
 - Lord Belial

Battle!

- **Where did Diabolus' begin his assault on the town and why?**
 - At ear gate
 - Because he wanted to rouse the Diablonians inside the town
- **In what ways did the town surprise Diablous by being more prepared for the assault than he had anticipated?**
 - They had doubled their guards.
 - They had mounted their slings in good places and manned them such that Diabolus' forces were "warmly attended" with stones.
 - They had put down the Diablonians so well that Diabolus was missing the help that he expected from inside the town.
 - They were able to beat back his first assault so that he had to retreat.

What strategies did Diabolus use in assaulting the town?

Parley? Sepulchre

They made no answer for "They remembered what at first it cost them to hear him a few words"



- Open the gates and admit Diabolus or we will swallow you up.
- Diabolus is your prince and lord as you have formerly owned.
- The "dishonorable" treatment Diabolus received from Emmanuel does not annul his right to the town.



Captain Sepulchre



The Lord High Secretary

- The town renews their efforts to seek counsel from the Lord High Secretary. What 3 requests do they make?
 - A change in His demeanor toward them and a hearing to explain their situation
 - His advice on their situation
 - His help to frame a petition to Shaddai and Emmanuel
- What answers do they receive?
 - He was still “ill at ease” and could not do as He had formerly.
 - “You must look to the law of the Prince, and there see what is laid upon you to do.”
 - They had offended and grieved Emmanuel and must “as yet partake of their own devices.”

Enigma

- **What effect did the High Secretary's words have on the town?**
 - At first His answers "fell like a millstone upon them"
 - But then Lord Understanding began to "pick and pick" at the words until he had "picked comfort out of that seemingly bitter saying"
 - Then the captains "began to take some courage unto them" and repelled Diablolus' next attack
 - They sent thanks to the Lord High Secretary for the encouragement of His words.

Casualties

Townsmen:

Lord Reason	In the head
Lord Understanding	In the eye
Mr. Mind	In the stomach
Mr. Conscience (subordinate preacher)	Near the heart
Many commoners	Wounded or slain

Diabolus' forces:

Captain Rage	Wounded
Captain Cruel	Wounded
Captain Damnation	Made to retreat
Diabolus' standard	Beaten down
Captain Much-Hurt (standard bearer)	Brains beat out with a sling stone
Many Doubters	Slain
Mr. Anything and Loose-Foot	Captured and put in prison to be crucified later

Parallels

The Holy War	The Christian Life
Mr. Prywell	
Reaction of the town to the news of the plot	
6 part plan of the captains	
"General" Incredulity	in unbelief (Gen. 3:1) indeed has God said (2:17)
Forces of Diabolus	(Eph. 6:12) IS 14:5-7, 28)
Army of Doubters	indulging in sin.

I Corinthians 10:12

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

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Extra Slides

Assault

What strategies did Diabolus use in assaulting the town?

- He set up four mounts against the town
 - Mount Diabolus (north side)
 - Mount Alecto
 - Mount Megara
 - Mount Tisiphone
- He set up his standard on Mount Diabolus: a fearful flaming flame with a picture of Mansoul burning within it.
- He had his drummer beat his drum to cause consternation within the town
- He sent several times to parley with them for surrender

Parley?

What captain did Diabolus send to parley with the town and what was his message?

- Captain Sepulchre
- Open the gates and admit Diabolus or we will swallow you up.
- Diabolus is your prince and lord as you have formerly owned.
- The “dishonorable” treatment Diabolus received from Emmanuel does not annul his right to the town.

Throughout all of the attempts at parley, what was the town’s consistent response and why?

- They made no answer for . . .
- “They remembered what at first it cost them to hear him a few words”

New Tactics

What new strategy did Diabolus employ at this point?

- **Fawning and flattery**

What claims does Diabolus' make in his lying speech to counterfeit the virtuous tactics of Emmanuel?

- They never lacked for anything when they were with him
- They did not have such dark and troublesome times with him
- He would enlarge their old charter
- Their offenses against him would be forgiven
- The Diabolonians would be their servants
- He would have them by peace or war
- He had a "stout and valiant" army

What response does he get from Lord Understanding?

- "We are rather ready to die by thy hand, than to fall in with thy flattering and lying deceits."

Hellish Rage

Upon hearing the answer of the town, Diabolus fell into a hellish rage and had his captains surround the town.

Gate	Attack	Note
Feel-gate	Capt. Cruel Capt. Torment Capt. No-Ease (backup)	
Nose-gate	Capt. Brimstone Capt. Sepulchre	
Eye-gate	Capt. Past-Hope	
Mouth-gate	Tried to land it up with dirt	The sally port of the town Source of petitions Slings mounted here
	Capt. Insatiable	In charge of the carriages In charge of captives and booty

Defiance

What happened within the town that greatly encouraged the Mansoulans and discouraged the forces of Diabolus?

- Lord Willbewill put to death the two sons of Harmless-Mirth
 - Jolly
 - Griggish
- Mr. Mind put to death the two sons of Prudent-Thrifty
 - Gripe
 - Rake-All
- They hung them up on very high crosses at Eye-gate

What contrasting sounds were heard from the 2 opposing forces?

- Diabolus' camp: Horrible rage and blasphemy
- Mansoul: Good words, prayer, and singing of Psalms