

SERMON: The Battle Goes On

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:1-17

Introduction: The oldest of all battles is one that goes on and on. It is the battles of the flesh and Spirit or between natural and spiritual. They both exist in what might be called the Two Orders of Life.

1. THE UNIVERSAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO ORDERS

- a. The first account of this battle is in the story of Adam and Eve.
- b. We see this conflict throughout the Bible:
 - i. Moses fought this battle and slayed the Egyptian.
 - ii. Kings Saul and David are examples
 - iii. Samson and his encounter with Delilah is an example
 - iv. The Apostle Paul faced this battle. (Romans 7:15-24)
- c. Jesus was certainly aware of these two orders of life. He spoke of the “Spirit being willing, but the flesh weak.” (Matthew 26:41) Also: Note the Mount of Temptation.
- d. Even those referred to as Brethren still had difficulty with calamity (I Cor. 3:1-4; 2:14)

2. OH WRETCHED MAN! WHAT SHALL I DO

- a. Remember, what God did for us (Romans 8:3)
- b. Walk not after the flesh (8:4)
- c. Have the indwelling Spirit of God. (8:9)
- d. Be led by the Holy Spirit (8:14)
- e. Watch and pray. (Matthew 26:41)
- f. Put on the whole armour of God (Ephesians 6:11-18)

Conclusion: We must learn that Satan attacks us in the area where he is most effective; in the flesh. Victory comes to the believer only through Jesus Christ. So long as we try to win this battle by our own efforts we will fail. Our strength comes in recognizing our own personal weakness.