

Isa 9: 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Israel was outnumbered 135,000 to 32,000

That is a ratio of 4:1

22,000 fearful left 135,000 to 10,000

That is a ratio of 13.5:1

300 lapped like dogs & stayed 135,000 to 300

That is a ratio of 450:1

Lessons ~ The Day of Midian

- 1. We can never win the battle on our own strength
- 2. Victory is ONLY because of Him
- 3. The Day of Midian shows the power of the LORD through a total defeat of the enemy

One Reason Jesus Came to Earth

1Jn 3:8-9 ESV ... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

The Work of Jesus Act 10:38 ESV how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Luk 4:17-21 ESV [Jesus read from the scroll]..... "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim *liberty* to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at *liberty* those who are oppressed,

When John the Baptist had doubts...

Luk 7:21-23 ESV 21 In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. 22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.

Col 2:13-15 ESV And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him [by the cross].

Col 1:13-14 ESV He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

We Have Authority Over Satan

Luke 17:19 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Don't Surrender Your Authority

Jas 4:7 ESV <u>Submit</u> yourselves therefore to God. <u>Resist</u> the devil, and he will flee from you.

Eph 4:26-27 ESV Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Live in the Word, and Let the Word live in You

Rom 8:31-32 "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Isa 61:1-3 ESV The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the **brokenhearted**, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion---

to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.