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# Open Windows, Part 6 (Rebuking The Devourer)

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Open Visions, Open Doors, and  
Open Windows

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***Sermon: Open Visions, Open Doors, and Open Windows: Open Windows, Part 6 (Rebuking The Devourer)***

***Lesson Text***

Malachi 3:10–12 (AV)<sup>10</sup> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.* <sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

***Introduction***

Two weeks ago, I challenged us to “Don’t Get Robbed in the Wealthy Place (Presence, House, and Blessings).”

Last week I challenged us to “Don’t Get Robbed of Our Time (Chronos, Kairos, Perception).”

Let’s now complete this series on Open Vision, Open Doors, and Open Windows by looking at the Power of Rebuking!

Although the primary definition of Rebuke is to express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone because of their behavior or action; it is the secondary definition that we want to explore today which is To Check, To Turnback, and To Keep Down!

Malachi 3: <sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...

Devour (Devourer – noun) is defined as Eat (food or prey) hungrily or quickly; to destroy completely (of fire or a similar force).

In biblical times the devourer of the land was the locust; a creature that had a ravenous and insatiable appetite. They would destroy all the vegetation and fruit before it could produce.

When we fail to have the devourer rebuked, he will completely devour, destroy, and consume our hopes, our dreams, and our fruit.

Because of the lack of faith and disobedience, the modern church has lost both its legitimacy and its power to rebuke.

Matthew 17: <sup>14</sup> And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying, <sup>15</sup> Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. <sup>16</sup> And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, **O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.** <sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

But when we get to the Wealthy Place of the Open Windows we must make sure that the Devourer is Rebuked! And we do this through the power of our obedience!

Isaiah 1: <sup>19</sup> If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Deuteronomy 28: <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

***Series and Sermon: Open Visions, Open Doors, and Open Windows: Open Windows, Part 6 (Rebuking The Devourer)***

“Rebuking The Attacks, Rebuking The Miscarriage, Rebuking The Curse”

### ***I. Rebuking The Attacks of the Devourer***

Malachi 3: <sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; ...

One of the first things that must be rebuked is the attacks of the devourer when we get to the Open Windows of the Wealthy Place.

It's not that we don't have access to the blessings, they are just under constant attack before we can enjoy them.

Numbers 13: <sup>27</sup> And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it. <sup>28</sup> Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

Numbers 13: <sup>32</sup> And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

Haggai 1: <sup>6</sup> Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.

When we are obedient to the things of God we have the power to rebuke the attacker of our blessings.

Check The Attacker: 1 John 4: <sup>4</sup> Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Turn Back The Attacker: James 4: <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Keep Down The Attacker: Luke 10: <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

## ***II. Rebuking The Miscarriage of the Devourer***

Malachi 3: <sup>11</sup> ... neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

The second thing that must be rebuked is the miscarriages that result from the attacks of the devourer.

A miscarriage is the expulsion of a fetus from the womb before it is able to survive independently, especially spontaneously or as the result of accident.

When the devourer attacks us, he can cause us to abort the blessings and promises of God before they are matured.

But many people have aborted their promises and blessings after succumbing to the attacks of the devourer.

But when we are obedient, we rebuke the Miscarriage and stop the Abortion of God's Promises.

Check the Miscarriage of God's Promises: 2 Corinthians 1: <sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Turnback the Miscarriage of God's Promises: Matthew 24: <sup>35</sup> **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

Keep Down the Miscarriage of God's Promises: Jeremiah 29: <sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

## ***III. Rebuking The Curse of the Devourer***

Malachi 3: <sup>9</sup> Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

Malachi 3: <sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

- The Attacks of the Devourer are rebuked because Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the World.
- The Miscarriage of the Devourer is rebuked because All the Promises of God are yea and amen.
- The Curse of the Devourer is rebuked because the blessings of the Lord break the curse.

The Devourer has cursed our land, cursed our nature, and cursed our nurture.

Psalms 51: <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Deuteronomy 5: <sup>9</sup> ... for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

But when we are obedient, we rebuke all the curses of the devourer.

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Check The Curse: Deuteronomy 28: <sup>1</sup> And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. <sup>3</sup> Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. <sup>4</sup> Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. <sup>5</sup> Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store. <sup>6</sup> Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

Turn Back the Curse: Psalm 1: <sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Hold Down the Curse: Proverbs 10: <sup>22</sup> The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Malachi 3: <sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Open Windows, Part 6 (Rebuking The Devourer))**

**Lesson Text**

- Malachi 3:10–12

**Sermon Outline (Notes)**

- I. *Rebuking The Attacks of the Devourer***
- II. *Rebuking The Miscarriage of the Devourer***
- III. *Rebuking The Curse of the Devourer***

**Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)**

**I. Getting to Know "Me"**

1. What do you like best and least about summer?
2. Solve these brain teaser puzzles with your group by telling what common phrases are represented by the following:  
(a) JOBINJOB                      (b) TRY STAND

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Solution to last week's brain teasers: a) space invaders b) noon tea c) win with ease

**II. Into the Bible**

1. The Apostle Paul lists seven pieces of armor in Ephesians 6:10-18. Explain the function of each piece of armor and why it is beneficial to the believer: a) belt of truth; b) breastplate of righteousness; c) sandals of gospel of peace; d) shield of faith; e) helmet of salvation; f) sword of the Spirit; g) prayer.

**III. Life Application**

1. James 4:7, tells us that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. Give three strategies that you can use to resist the devil.
2. One of the wiles of the devil is to attack our minds during times of crises. 2 Corinthians 10:5 commands us to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Prepare a statement of declaration to proclaim to yourself the next time your mind is under attack.