

The Attackers: Review of Col 2:8: Despoiling the Soul: Passages Containing Warnings About the Attackers: Eph 4:17b; 5:6; 6:12; 1 Tim 4:1-2; 2 Tim 4:3-4; Jas 3:5-6; Rom 12:2; 61:17; 2 Cor 11:13; Eph 4:31-32

32. We are the last hope for this country. If we fail at the task of doing our duty before God, we will be dealt with accordingly:

Luke 12:48b - From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. (NASB)

V. Review of Colossians 2:8:

1. The verse begins with the progressive present active imperative of prohibition of the verb βλέπω (*blérō*), a command to be alert to some danger that may present itself. It indicates vulnerability. "Constantly be alert! Constantly be on guard!"
2. This is followed by the negative conjunction μή (*mé*) translated "lest" which warns of impending danger. It refers to those who will co-opt you into their way of thinking if you do not have the doctrine to identify the lie and reject it.
3. This is followed by the indefinite pronoun τις (*tis*): "anyone." This makes reference to any individual or group that has designs on capturing your soul inventory.
4. The verb is the present active participle συλαγωγέω (*sulagōgéō*): "to despoil."
5. *Sulagōgéō* is a compound made up of σύλη (*súlē*): "booty, spoil," and ἄγω (*ágō*): to lead away captive in warfare. It is used in Colossians 2:8 metaphorically to capture the thinking of a person through propaganda.
6. The concept contained in this verse presents the soul of an individual as the container of one's conscience which is developed by standards learned from the laws of divine establishment and, if a believer, doctrines from the Word of God.

7. This inventory is regarded as potential booty, or “spoils of victory,” if the soul can be compromised or conquered.
8. If a person’s soul can be conquered and consequently its standards altered, that person can be led away as captive in the Invisible War.
9. Once compromised, the person’s worldview, mind-set, and inventory can be molded to comply with the ideology of the captors.
10. When this assault is accomplished the target’s soul has been despoiled.
11. This process is how Progressive ideology has been intensively and successfully indoctrinated into the souls of innocent children for the past fifty years and in general for the past century.
12. The Bible warns us to be aware of these attackers and to prepare our souls to reject their advances:

Ephesians 4:17b - ... walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind.

Ephesians 5:6 - Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 6:12 - Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1 Timothy 4:1 - The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

v. 2 - by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.

2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

v. 4 - and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

James 3:5 - The tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

v. 6 - And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 16:17 - Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

2 Corinthians 11:13 - Such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

Ephesians 4:31 - Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

v. 32 - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

13. The invasion of the soul by the propaganda of the Dark Side is designed to despoil the individual's inventory of ideas.