

The Holy War



Week 17

Diabolus raises another army

to

Further renewal of effort to rid the town
of the remaining Diabolonians

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

Continuing in the strength and wisdom of Emmanuel, the town succeeds against its enemies--both those from without and those from within.

Another Army

- Diabolus and Incredulity decide to raise another army to seek revenge. What is the makeup of this new army?
 - 10,000 doubters + 15,000 blood-men led by General Incredulity
- Describe the character of the blood-men.
 - They were all rugged villains from the province of Loath-good
 - Their name derived from the malignity of their nature. They must have blood or they die.
 - Their "sword did seldom return empty"
 - They "like mastiffs, would fasten upon any; upon father, mother, brother, sister, prince, or governor, yea upon the Prince of princes."
 - They once forced Emmanuel out of the kingdom of Universe, so why might they not also drive him from Mansoul?

Siege

- Mr. Prywell, spied the coming army and prepared the town's defenses. Describe Diabolus' strategy:
 - The doubters were again placed at Feel-gate
 - The blood-men were placed at Ear-gate and Eye-gate
- With the town surrounded, Incredulity sent a summons that they would burn Mansoul down with fire.
- What did the townsmen do with the summons?
 - They brought it to Prince Emmanuel and they wrote at the bottom "Lord, save Mansoul from bloody men!"

Psalm 59:1-2

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men

Defense

- How did Emmanuel assign his men to defend against the attack?

Leader(s)	Task

Defense

- **Describe Captain Self-Denial:**
 - He was young but stout, a native of Mansoul.
 - He was made captain over 1,000 Mansoulians at Emmanuel's return.
 - He was hardy, of great courage, and willing to "venture himself for the good of the town."
 - He would now and then sally out upon the blood-men.
 - He had many brushes with danger and carried in his face and other parts of his body several marks inflicted by the blood-men.
 - He bore the brunt of the attack through Ear and Eye-gates and inflicted the most damage.

Offense

- After a time Emmanuel divided his men into 2 companies with what special instructions?
 - Those against the doubters:
 - Kill as many as you can.
 - Those against the blood-men:
 - Kill none of them but instead to take them alive.
(Matt 5:44; Prov. 25:21-22)
- Describe the outcome of these maneuvers:
 - The doubters recalled the townsmen's prior success and fled.
 - The townsmen pursued them and slew as many as they could.
 - Some doubters escaped in small bands and enslaved the peoples in the surrounding country.
 - They also appeared occasionally outside the town only to flee when they saw one of the captains.
 - The captains surrounded the blood-men and captured them all.
 - They were brought before Emmanuel for examination.

Mercy

- The examination of the blood-men before Emmanuel:

County	Reason	Reaction	Number that Repented

- For those that asked for mercy, Emmanuel touched their lips with His golden scepter.
- For those that did not, He ensured that they would be at trial in the great criminal court that He would hold in the future.

Prize Catch

- At this time, four doubters secretly returned to the town. In whose house did they find harbor?
 - Evil-Questioning
- Evil-Questioning's conversation with the doubters is overheard by what faithful soldier?
 - Mr. Diligence (II Peter 1:5-11)
- Willbewill and Mr. Diligence capture Evil-Questioning and the doubters and they are brought to trial.
- Why did Willbewill decide to try them publically instead of executing them immediately?
 - For the honor of the Prince
 - For the comfort of the town
 - For the discouragement of the enemy

The Last Trials: Evil-Questioning

- **Charge:** Harboring the King's enemies and questioning the truth of mansoul's doctrine.
- **Pleads:** Not guilty. He argued the accuracy of his name, asserting that his name was "Honest-Inquiry"
- **Witnesses:** Lord Willbewill, Mr. Diligence
- **Examination:**
 - Lord Willbewill: I have known him for over 30 years and used to talk with him in the same way he is being accused of.
 - Mr. Diligence testifies that he overheard Evil-Questioning:
 - Receive and nourish the doubters
 - Wish he were the head of an army of 10,000 doubters attacking Mansoul
 - Advise the doubters to hide so as not to be taken by the King's soldiers
 - Lord Understanding: "Though it was a virtue to entertain strangers, yet it was treason to entertain the King's enemies."
- **Application:**
 - Questioning that harbors doubts and causes mistrust of God's promises is not honest spiritual inquiry but is fleshly and should be put to death.

The Last Trials: Other Doubters

Doubter	Charge	Plea

- They hanged Evil-Questioning at the top of Bad Street.
- They hanged the others where Diabolus had drawn up his last army against Mansoul.

Other Diablonians

At this point the town, led by Willbewill and Mr. Diligence, began to search out and destroy the remaining Diablonians:

Diablonian	Demise

Other Diablonians

Diablonian	Demise

The Final State of the Town

“[Unbelief] and some few more of the subtlest of the Diabolonian tribe, did yet remain in Mansoul, to the time that Mansoul left off to dwell any longer in the Kingdom of Universe.

But they kept them to their dens and holes: if one of them did appear, or happen to be seen in any of the streets of the town of Mansoul, the whole town would be up in arms after them; yea, the very children in Mansoul would cry out after them as after a thief, and would wish that they might stone them to death with stones.

And now did Mansoul arrive to some good degree of peace and quiet; her Prince also did abide within her borders; her captains, also, and her soldiers did their duties; and Mansoul minded her trade that she had with the country that was afar off; also she was busy in her manufacture.”

Parallels

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The Christian Life

Gen 3:1-6)

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