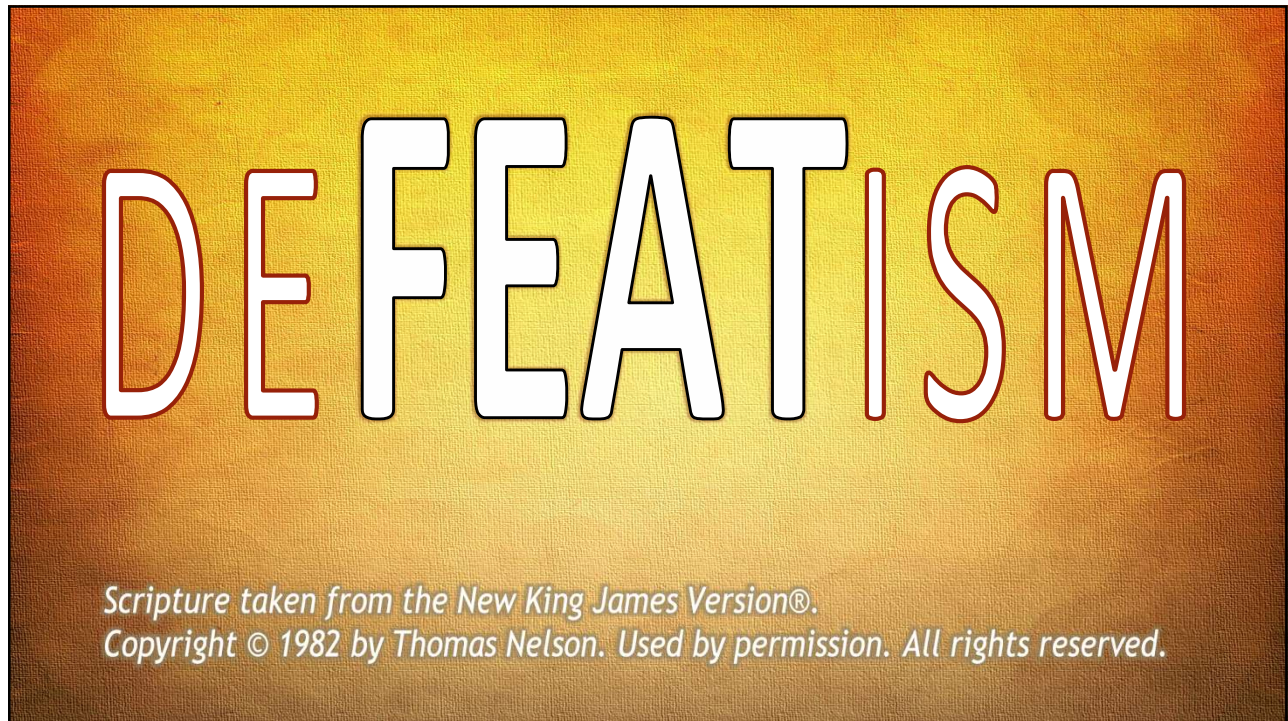
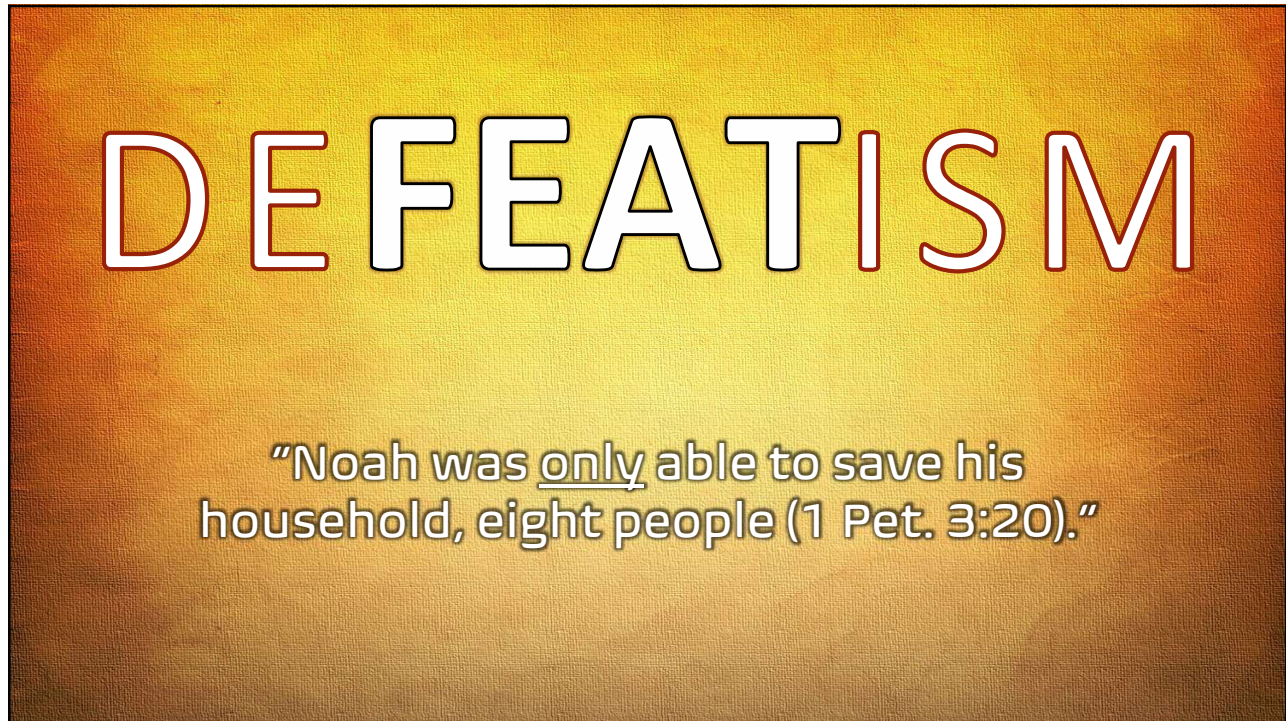




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Defeatism Defined

- an attitude of accepting, expecting, or being resigned to defeat
- a way of thinking in which a person expects to lose or fail

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DEFEATISM

1. Defeatism in Scripture
2. Defeating Attitudes
3. Dangers of Defeatism
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Defeatism In Scripture

Numbers
13:26-33
10 Spies



Matthew
25:14-30
One Talent



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Defeating Attitudes Today

- **Fatalism:** "Nothing will work out, and nothing we do will make any difference."
- **Suspicion:** "Everyone is against me!"
- **Self-pity:** "Woe is me!"
- **Hypercriticism** of leadership
- **Cynicism:** prevailing blindness to what is positive
- **General skepticism:**
 - No one is interested. Don't get your hopes up.



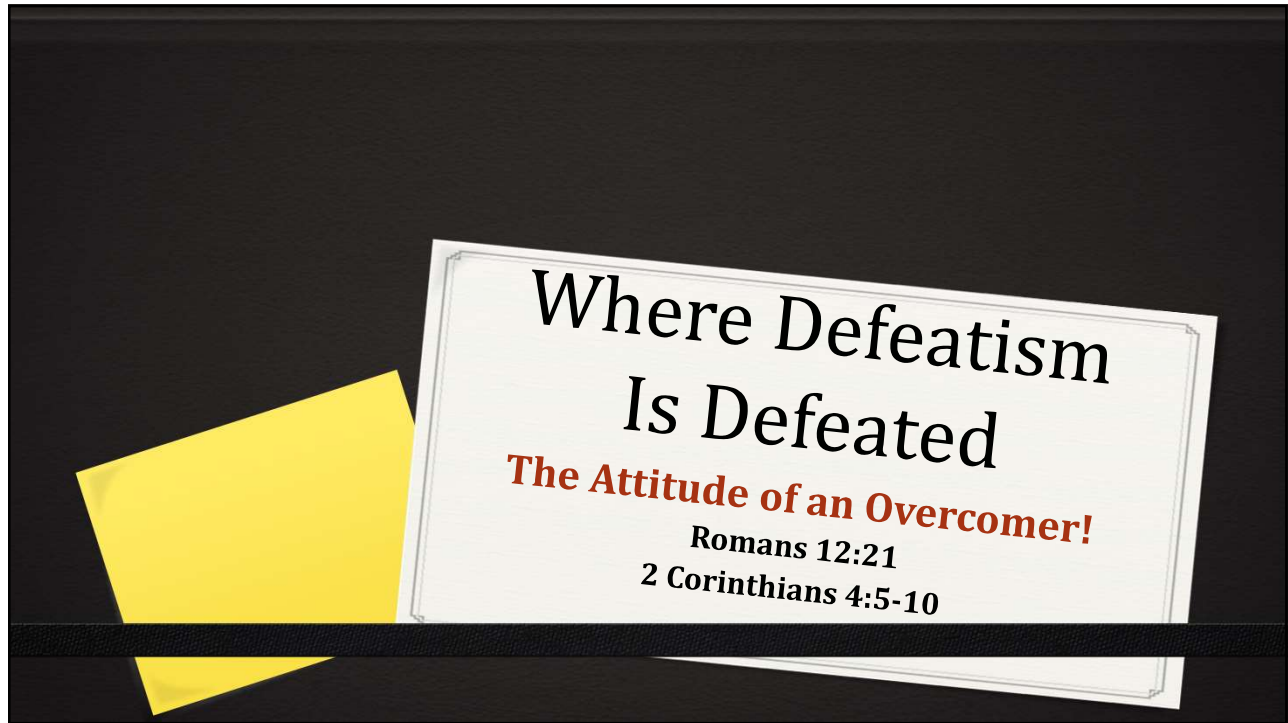
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Dangers of DEFEATISM

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A contagion
> Deut. 20:8 ▪ Exaggeration
> Num. 13:33 ▪ Overreaction
> Josh. 7:5-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faithlessness and rebellion
> Deut. 1:26-33 ▪ Loss of reward
> Deut. 1:34-36
> Matt. 25:30 |
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"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9)

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Where Defeatism Is Defeated

- 1. Inward Renewal**
 - ❖ 2 Cor. 4:16
 - ❖ Eph. 4:23, 24; 1 Jn. 5:4
- 2. Outward Regard**
 - ❖ 2 Cor. 4:17, 18
 - ❖ 1 Jn. 2:15-17

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Where Defeatism Is Defeated

3. Inward Resolve, "I can"

- ❖ Numbers 13:30; Phil. 4:13
- ❖ "Teach me to do your will" (Ps. 143.10)
- ❖ 1 Cor. 15:58

4. Upward Reliance, "If the Lord wills"

- ❖ Num. 14:6-9; Jas. 4:15
- ❖ 1 Tim. 1:12; Rom. 8:31; 1 Cor. 15:57

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Where Defeatism Is Defeated

5. Inner Peace From Upward Relief

- ❖ Phil. 4:6, 7
- ❖ Isaiah 26:3, "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."
- ❖ 1 Pet. 5:6, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

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God's Plan of Salvation Through the Christ

- Hear Him – Matt. 17:5
- Believe Him – Jn. 8:24
- Repent toward Him – Acts 3:19; 26:20
- Confess Him – Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10
- Be immersed with Him – Rom. 6:3, 4
- Live faithfully to Him – Rev. 2:10