

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

How are you today? I want to read a poem that has been a real blessing to me. It is called *The Devil's Tactics* and actually we do not know who wrote it. It goes like this -

*I had a battle fierce today within my house of prayer;  
I went to meet and talk with God, but I found Satan there!  
He whispered, "You can't really pray; you lost out long ago;  
You might say words while on your knees, but you can't pray,  
you know! "*

*So then I pulled my helmet down, way down upon my ears,  
And found it helped to still his voice; it helped allay my fears!  
I checked my other armor, too; my feet in peace were shod,  
My loins with Truth were girt about; my sword: the Word of God!  
My righteous breastplate still was on; my heart's love to protect,  
My shield of faith was all intact; his fiery darts bounced back !  
I called on God in Jesus' Name, and pled the precious Blood;  
As Satan sneaked away in shame, I met and talked with God!*

Are you willing to talk with God today? Are you willing to see that it has been Satan that has kept you from coming to the Lord? Are you

willing to come just as you are and in the sufficiency of Jesus Christ — ask Him to cleanse your heart and talk with Him right now? Are you willing to understand that this armor, discussed in this little poem, speaks about how we can have defensive weaponry, but also that we can have offensive weaponry? In the Name of the Lord Jesus, we can come against this attack, which is keeping us from the Lord Himself. Will you say, *Lord, I am coming and I am claiming that by Your precious Blood , I am coming right into Your presence, I am coming right now to say Yes, I want to talk with You.*

Could you imagine having a wonderful child you dearly loved, but the child never spoke to you? Could you imagine having a one-way conversation with a little grand-daughter? Could you imagine your husband coming in and not a word being said? What a strange relationship! Did you know that the purpose of you being saved is that you might have fellowship with God? Did you know that your heavenly Father longs for you to talk to Him? He does not just want to hear all your shopping lists, but He wants you to share how much you love Him. He wants you to come with praise and adoration and a song in your heart. In fact, whether you can sing well or not, who cares? He wants you to come singing in His presence. He wants you to come to Him. Do you realize that for many days, He has longed to talk with you, and He has longed to hear from you, but you have not been willing. You have just been too busy or perhaps too ashamed. What

about making this right today? What about understanding what that fellowship means for you to talk to Him?

I have found that, during the day, it is very essential to have the Word of God to hand. Something happens in a day and it is as if it brings a cleansing, just to turn and read a few verses. You feel clean; you feel you can just talk to the Lord. And in the little things, I have learned to say, *Thank You, Lord. You are going to do this.* But as I thank Him and talk to Him, I have learned that it is very essential to remember always to give Him the praise. It does not matter what you do; it does not matter what happens, praise the Lord; give Him the credit. Start communing with Him about the little things. Yes, the thing that goes wrong in the kitchen; the thing that did not happen the way you felt it would about your husband's job. Instead of keep saying, *Please, please,* would you start to say, *Lord, I praise you; I thank You; I worship You. You have the best for us. You and You alone are our only Help and Provider. And I love You. You are my heavenly Father. In Jesus' Name.* Start doing that today, and the Lord will bless you.

*God bless you.*

