

The Testing of the Breastplate

A Journey Through the Heart to Defend Righteousness





“I have asked these two helpers to accompany you...
This is Chastity and the Spirit of Counsel. You will
need both to pass through the next chambers.”

Zeal is Not a Substitute for Training

Anna's heroic desire to immediately rescue others is wisely tempered by her guide, Ruach. She is reminded that even David, before facing his giant, was first tested and proven: "he had killed both the lion and the bear."

The journey's core purpose is then revealed, setting the stakes for the trials ahead. "The testing of the breastplate is crucial, for you must pass through the heart."

"Believe nothing the flesh suggests to you."



“Right in the center of all this excessive swirling (and almost hidden by it) was the word ‘Lust.’”



“Their eyes followed us as we passed, and they reached out in some desperate need to touch us.”

The Anatomy of Seduction

Goal: The whispers are not arguments; they are “**long, invisible fingers**” that slide directly into the heart, bypassing reason.

Effect: They coax, soothe, and make Anna “**less sensitive to being defiled**.” Her mind begins to entertain the compromise...

*I could go a little further just to see how it felt...
and then... pull back.*

*You want to
know how it
feels.*

It feels good...

Come on...

No one will know.

No one will see you.



I lifted the sword over my head.
The room flooded with light like the noonday.

This Body is a Temple

“This body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and you will not defile it! Leave me—in Jesus’ name.”

The body is not an
“amusement park”
for mankind.

It belongs to the Lord,
“bought... with His
blood.”

Because He owns it, it is
“encoded with His standards.”
To violate these standards is to
invite self-loathing.

The Enemy's Goal: Disqualification, Not Destruction

The enemy does not need to kill you if he can **disqualify** you. Guilt and shame render a soldier useless, making them “as good as dead before the fight.” A disqualified soldier hides, afraid to engage in the battle.

The Purpose of Righteousness

- The Breastplate of Righteousness is the primary defense, protecting the heart and conscience.
- It enables divine courage: “The righteous are bold as a lion.”
- Satan will permit a believer to be anything *but* truly holy, because true holiness is a prerequisite for battle: “The Lord needs holy warriors for a holy war.”

Welcome
Goat Ropers
Academy

The Academy of Judas Goats

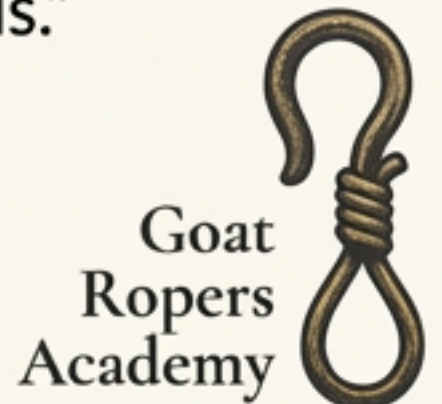
“This is an academy to train Judas goats to rope in the sheep.”

The Mission

The enemy finds these “goats”—believers who lead others astray—supremely useful. Their specific purpose: to lead their own friends to the slaughter.

The Psychology of Betrayal

How is this possible? Self-deception. “Most pretend not to know. The goats don’t want to know,” but they live with “a gnawing feeling in the back of their minds.”



Compromise: The Path to Slaughter

The Core Justification

They decide that getting along with mankind is more important than righteousness toward God.

Key Characteristics of a Judas Goat

- They prioritize avoiding conflict and “ruffling feathers.”
- They wrongly believe that if everything is “pleasant,” they have fulfilled the command of Christian love.
- They are intentionally “loving, agreeable—attractive even”—which is precisely why the enemy uses them as effective bait.

“To their spiritual death at times.”

—Spirit of Counsel





“They can only hear their goat, for the goat’s very presence makes everything seem alright.”

The Two Fronts of Righteousness

The Trial of Lust (The Internal Front)

- **Threat:** **Defilement** of the body, the holy temple of the Spirit.
- **Defense:** Acknowledging God's absolute ownership and wielding the **cleansing light** of His Word.

The Trial of Compromise (The External Front)

- **Threat:** Prioritizing **social acceptance** over divine truth, leading both self and others to **ruin**.
- **Defense:** **Unwavering integrity** and faithfulness to God, even at the cost of being seen as “unpleasant.”

Victory does not erase the weight of the battle. Anna is left “**saddened** by my struggle... and concerned,” a sober reminder of the cost of righteousness as she prepares to face the lower chamber of the heart.