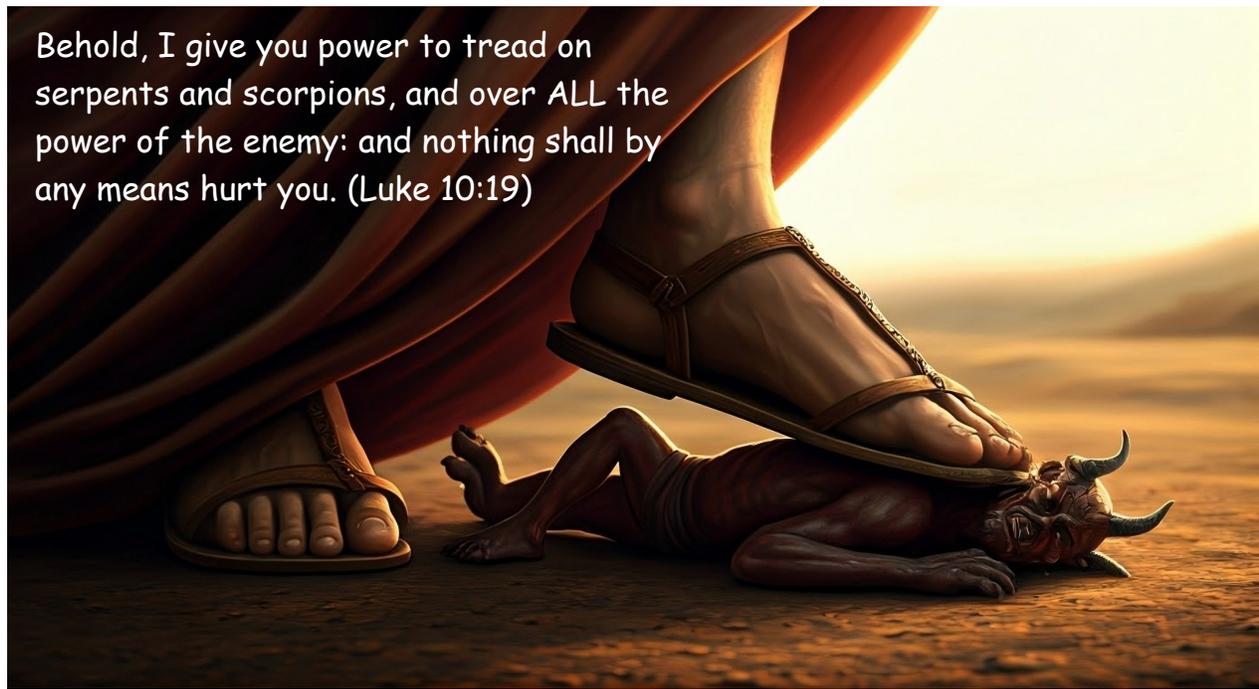


HOW TO FIGHT SATAN / THE - WICKED ONE



WARNING...This information is for true followers of the LORD JESUS ONLY!!!...This information will not work for you if do not have a true relationship with the LORD JESUS! (Acts 19:15-17) And the evil spirit answered and said, JESUS I know, and Paul I know; but who are you? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the LORD JESUS was magnified.

Do you open the door to anyone who knocks on it? Or do you just let anyone move in with you, and live with you? I can safely say in both instances, the answer is No! So why would you let satan, the wicked one into your spiritual house and move in? You wouldn't!Or would you?... Everyday we hear the enemy knocking on our spiritual door in the form of fear, doubt, worry, unbelief, lust, lying, sickness, disease, temptation, financial difficulties, negative thoughts, deception, distractions...the list goes on and on... but I'm sure you get the idea! And what do we do most of the time? We just let him right on in, thinking we are defenseless, because well, we just have to let anyone and everyone into our house that knocks on our door...Right?...Wrong!

Everything begins, with a thought... "a knock", if you will, on our spiritual door. So discern first... who are those knocks coming from, a friend, (JESUS) or an enemy, (the wicked evil one), before you decide to open up the door.

So let's put that into a visual perspective...someone knocks on your physical door, you look through the peephole and it's your good friend that you've known for 20 years, always happy, always upbeat, in fact you can see they have a present in their arms for you. So you happily open the door, receive their gift and let them in right? Right!

Now the same scenario, but a little bit different...someone knocks on your physical door, you look through the peephole and this person has a ski mask on, but he says he is your friend, then you notice he also has a package for you, but along with that he has a knife in his hands dripping with blood. What are you going to do? Answer the door, and let him in? Nope! Not in a million years....you act quickly, look around and grab the nearest object to protect yourself with, while you call the police!

Spiritually speaking...the friend in the first scenario knocking on your door is JESUS, he gives you nice things, (nice presents) **love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)** to name a few. (JESUS speaking) **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)** You can, and should always open up the door for JESUS!

However, in the second scenario, that is satan, the devil, the wicked one, he comes in the form of deception...he looks like a friend (remember the mask), but he's not, he comes with a package too, but he only has bad things to give you... sickness, pain, negative thoughts, accusations, distractions, fear, doubt, worry, unbelief, lust, lying, temptation, deception, etc... **The thief (satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.... (John 10:10)** The same verse, but different outcomes...So...what do we do?

(1) STOP THE KNOCK - "THE THOUGHT!"

You deal with the thought, "the knock" first (**2 Corinthians 10:4-5**)....**casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of GOD, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of JESUS CHRIST...** In other words....Put the breaks on at that very first negative thought! Take every thought captive! "Nip the thought in the bud"...which means, to stop a problem or issue before it has a chance to grow or become worse. (The phrase originates from gardening, where it refers to removing a bud to prevent it from blooming, and stopping something before it has a chance to develop or become a larger problem). So, don't let your mind run wild with imaginations and marinate on that original thought and build upon it with more thoughts...and become bigger, and bigger...because remember, satan's goal is getting his foot in the door with the first

“knock = thought” and then pushing himself all the way in through the door, then once he is in your house, he doesn’t want to leave, so better to stop him completely from entering in the first place...understand?

(2) PULL OUT YOUR SWORD AND USE IT! - SCRIPTURE

It’s good that we stop him at the door, but it’s not enough to hold him off. He must know you are armed and dangerous and you mean business! Just as an intruder would think twice about entering if he knows you have a gun and can kill him. The intruder would rather pick a house where the people are not armed; he’s looking for an easy target! **(2 Corinthians 10:4-5)For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, (meaning physical) **but mighty through GOD to the pulling down of strong holds**. So what are we learning? That this fight is a spiritual battle; so no guns, knives or weapons of this physical world are going to work in this case. So what is our weapon? **Ephesians 6:17 "And take ...the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD of GOD."** It’s scripture - the BIBLE! So use it!

(3) YOU WILL NEED FAITH, BELIEF & TRUST

It is one thing to quote the word (scripture) but if you have no faith, belief & trust in the WORD, (GOD’S WORD) You, my friend will get no where! This is the way the system works with GOD, LORD JESUS & the HOLY SPIRIT **(I John 5:7) ...These three are one!** You must have faith to overcome. **Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to GOD must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.** So if you want to please GOD, LORD JESUS and the HOLY SPIRIT - You must have **FAITH!**

I want you to think of Joshua in the BIBLE when Moses sent out twelve spies (including Joshua and Caleb) to spy out the promised land for 40 days. They all came back with a report, that the land was flowing with milk and honey and brought back large fruits, as proof. They also, all reported that there were Giants in the land. However the main differences were in the interpretation of what they saw and what they believed to be true!....Two, Joshua & Caleb had faith in GOD’S WORD and believed and trusted the promise of GOD and gave a good report. **Numbers 13:30 - Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.** Joshua & Caleb viewed themselves as overcomers and conquerors. While in contrast the remaining ten spies gave an evil report, and didn’t believe the promise of GOD, they were moved with doubt, fear, and unbelief. They viewed themselves as conquered and defeated. **Numbers 13:31-33 (31) But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.**

(32) And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. (33) And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Also, think of David and Goliath, yes, I know you know the story very well, but stay with me, I have a point. I want you to take notice of David's attitude...in the natural, he was against all odds, he was a youth, not a soldier...Goliath had taunted the armies of Israel "soldiers" 40 days morning and night, I Samuel 17:11- When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine (Goliath), they were greatly afraid. I Samuel 17:24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. But...with David there was a difference, he saw and heard the same things Saul and the armies of Israel heard and saw, but there was a difference in the interpretation of what he saw and heard! David chose to believe that GOD was with him and with the LORD's help he would overcome and conquer! I Samuel 17: 45-47 - (45) Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the GOD of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. (46) This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a GOD in Israel. (47) And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. Wow! What a statement, no cowering down there! What made the difference? Faith, Trust and Belief in GOD! Whereas Saul & the armies of Israel were looking in the natural, (the physical) with their human eye and understanding and chose to believe in a lost battle and defeat before they even fought!

There are so many more stories, Daniel in the Lion's Den, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego...and more...what do all these stories have in common, a belief, a trust, and faith in GOD. You will need belief, faith and trust as well, to overcome the enemy. You will need to be like a Joshua, Caleb, David and more....all men of faith!

So what am I saying? What's my point? That after you stop the enemy at the door, and you don't let the thought turn into deeper imaginations and get worse thoughts, and after you quote the appropriate scripture for the thought (knock), then you must believe more in GOD's word, than in what the devil, satan is saying to you. You must look beyond what you are seeing and hearing with your natural eyes as Joshua & Caleb & David did and Believe and Trust and have Faith in GOD'S WORD (scripture). The WORD of GOD is not dead it is ALIVE! **Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of GOD is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** The term "quick" means living or alive.

(4) RESIST / STAND / CAST OUT

(James 4:7) - Submit yourselves therefore to GOD. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Once you have done all the other 3 steps listed, then be prepared to resist. What does that mean? The wicked one, satan may not want to leave that easily, he knows you have a weapon (the WORD, scripture) but he may want to call your bluff and see if you will use it! For instance he can be knocking, with pain, sickness disease, financial difficulty or any other myriad of issues, you have used the WORD (the appropriate scripture - to be discussed shortly) and he's still knocking saying don't forget about me, knock, knock, knock, I have a package for you, here it is, take it, take it, take it! That is where you say in the name of JESUS, be gone lucifer, satan, devil, I am not taking this symptom, or whatever evil thing you are trying to give me, be gone in JESUS' mighty name! And you have to have the belief in JESUS and in his WORD more than the devil's word. You must actively oppose and stand against the temptations and influences of the devil to give in and take his package. That is what we call **(2 Corinthians 5:7) Walking by faith and not by sight.** Also, you can actively use this scripture and quote and believe and say out loud if you want "The word says in James 4:7, if I submit to GOD and resist the devil, that he will flee, so I believe GOD's WORD that he is gone! Be gone in JESUS' mighty name! He is gone!

Whether you know it or not, what you have just read is a practical example on how to apply the armor of GOD (Ephesians 6:13-17) and how to fight your enemy (The wicked one, satan, the devil). Also, notice to fight, **you need the whole armor that GOD has given you**, not bits and pieces, you can't have any holes or gaps in your armor where the enemy can get through, all of these key points were practically applied.

Ephesians 6:13-17

(13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of GOD, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (16) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of GOD.

You've heard the saying....What did JESUS do, right? HE, (JESUS) is by far our best example! It is what JESUS did when the enemy was knocking on his door. 1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because JESUS CHRIST also suffered for us, *leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.*" And also it says...in 1 John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as HE (JESUS) walked". Keep in mind, there is so much more wisdom in these verses than will be discussed here fully, but to keep this as concise as possible, we will only be looking at what JESUS did regarding putting satan in his place.

Matthew 4:1-11 (Also Mark 1:12-13 / Luke 4:1-13)

(1st Temptation)

(1) Then was JESUS led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. (3) And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of GOD, command that these stones be made bread. (4) But he answered and said, *It is written*, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of GOD.

(2nd Temptation)

(5) Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and seth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (6) And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of GOD, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (7) JESUS said unto him, *It is written* again, Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy GOD.

(3rd Temptation)

(8) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

(10) Then saith JESUS unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for *it is written*, Thou shalt worship the LORD thy GOD, and him only shalt thou serve. (11) Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Let me ask you a question, when do you get ready for a fight? Before or After? Let's say you are a boxer, but you are out of shape, never train, not quite sure how to throw punches, don't feel you need gloves, feel mental preparation is useless and a waste of time, you heard of shadow boxing but feel that it's just extra work, and your focus and rhythm is off, but hey, you think what's the big deal, I can win! Oh really? You feel you can fight a professional boxer? If you approach a fight like that, you are going to get pummeled and knocked out for the count every time! It's the same way with fighting the enemy, you need to be prepared and ready. How do we do that? And what can we learn from what JESUS did and how he fought satan?

- **ABR - Always be Ready** - JESUS was always ready for the enemy, weather it was in the form of the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, or satan himself. How was JESUS always ready?
- **FASTING** - Think about his for a moment - JESUS fasted! What does that say about us? If he fasted, we must pay attention to this and realize it must be important - and, it is! **(Matthew 17:21) Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.** (Side note: That verse is missing from NIV, NASV, NCV, NRSV, RSV versions of the Bible) - What does that tell you about how bad the enemy wants it removed and doesn't want you to know about it! It is another weapon to use!
- In the context of that verse - JESUS was explaining to his disciples why they were unable to cast out a demon from a boy. So you can see when you combine fasting with prayer, which is spending time with your HEAVENLY FATHER, LORD JESUS & THE HOLY SPIRIT it is a powerhouse! Fasting strengthens your faith and reliance on GOD while simultaneously squashing your earthly fleshly human desires under the feet of your spiritual man! You may not need to fast in every instance, but if you are having extreme difficulty in an area (some attack) you should fast to get a breakthrough! Also note: Fasting without prayer is just loosing weight! Fasting must be combined with prayer to be effective spiritually!
- **RELATIONSHIP (PRAYER)** - We must be in active communication with the FATHER, we witnessed in the BIBLE how JESUS would go off to pray.....some key verses, just to name a few...**Luke 3:21, John 11:41-42, Matthew 26:39, Luke 6:12, Luke 9:18, Luke 9:29, Luke 11:1, Luke 23:34** (Feel free to look them up) there are so many more verses. If JESUS prayed and had a relationship with his FATHER, what do you think about us? We should do even more! What is prayer for? So many things.... praise, guidance, direction, communication a relationship with your

HEAVENLY FATHER and so much more! What prayer is NOT? A genie in a bottle waiting to grant your earthly wishes (that is not prayer - that's I Dream of Jeannie!) If you want more information on prayer - see topic (HEARING YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S VOICE)

- **NO FEAR / ONLY FAITH** - JESUS didn't run and hide in fear when he saw the devil or satan the wicked one, he faced him head on directly, with faith and the WORD of GOD. JESUS knew and knows who he is and you have to know who you are too - YOU are a child of the living GOD, don't let the devil intimidate you! If he tries to remind you of your past, you remind him of his future!
- **IT IS WRITTEN** - If you will notice in all 3 temptations, the LORD JESUS pulled out his sword, when he said, *it is written*. Even JESUS used the WORD of GOD! **John 1:14** says...**And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us....** JESUS is the WORD (the BIBLE!) So how do we fight satan?... Again, with the WORD of GOD!!! What is your sword? Your offensive weapon? Scripture, The BIBLE! **Ephesians 6:17** "**And take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD of GOD.**" **Now that! My friends, is how you fight the devil, satan, the wicked one....every time... with scripture!!**). **But...you have to know it, to use it! So get to know it in your heart. Ask the LORD JESUS to lay his word upon your heart by chapter and by verse, put in the time and effort!**
- **APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURE:** If you will notice JESUS used appropriate scriptures for the battle - example: (1st temptation) **Matthew 4:1-11 (Also Mark 1:12-13 / Luke 4:1-13)And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of GOD, command that these stones be made bread. (4) But he answered and said, *it is written*, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of GOD. (2nd temptation)And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of GOD, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (7) JESUS said unto him, *it is written* again, Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy GOD. (3rd temptation) (9)And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (10) Then saith JESUS unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for *it is written*, Thou shalt worship the LORD thy GOD and him only shalt thou serve. (11) Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.**

So as you can see the scripture (sword) used was appropriate for the fight. For instance if you have sickness or disease, you find healing scriptures, if you have fear, you find scriptures on faith. Here are just a few examples, listed below:

FOR SICKNESS:

- But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)
- Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

DISEASE:

- And JESUS went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (Matthew 4:23)
- And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the LORD shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:15)
- And JESUS went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (Matthew 9:35)

FEAR:

- For GOD hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

For every attack there is a scripture to proclaim and use and stand on! The Bible is full of ammo - so use it!

Now that you know how to fight the enemy - DO IT! Don't let him take any thing or any one or any ground from you, in fact, you take ground from him, use your SWORD! Also don't forget to use all the other armor of GOD! (Ephesians 6:13-17)

NEVER back down! And **NEVER** give in! Who lives inside you? **JESUS!** **JESUS** won! So that means **YOU WIN TOO!** You are more than a conqueror, and victorious **(Romans 8:37) In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. And you are a winner! (I John 5:4) For whatsoever is born of GOD overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."**



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