

**Victory Over Our Enemy**  
**Psalm 138 (NIV)**  
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Who is your enemy? We often are facing and fighting the wrong enemy. The world tells us to keep our friends close and our enemies closer. Someone said that your friends will change, but your enemies remain the same. However, the Word of God let's us know that our enemy is one and he never changes. Therefore, to have victory over the enemy, ensure we define him and are in the right fight.

Webster –

1. a person who hates another : a person who attacks or tries to harm another.
2. a country or group of people with which another country or group is at war or a person belonging to such a country or group.
3. An **enemy** is a person who actively opposes someone or something. The Latin word inimicus, meaning "hostile, **unfriendly**," is the root of enemy, and it comes from the prefix in-, or "not," and amicus, "friend:" **an enemy is "not a friend."** When two armies fight each other, they both think of the opposing army as the enemy.

David turned his enemy over to God - Psa 35 (NLT)

How are we to treat our enemies?

1. We don't rejoice when our enemies fall - Pro 24:17 (ESV)
2. We don't demand stuff back from our enemies - Luke 6:27-36 (ESV)
3. We don't take revenge on our enemies - Rom 12:18-20 (AMP, MSG)

Rom 8:17-19 (MSG) - Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

20-21 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

4. We let the Lord rescue us from our enemies - Psa 138:7 (ESV, NLT)

Psalm 138:7 (NLT) 7 Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will protect me from the anger of my enemies. You reach out your hand, and the power of your right hand saves me.

Notice what Jesus did when he faced His enemies. 1 Peter 2:22–23 (KJV). He left them in the hands of the father.

Who is our Enemy?

5. We have but one enemy, the devil – Eph 6:12 (NLT), 1 Peter 5:6-9 (NIV)
  - a. We are to resist him – James 4:7 (KJV)
  - b. We are to stand in faith against him - Eph 6:13-14a (NIV)
  - c. We are to know that every believer is facing the same test/enemy