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FOR

BATTLE

EVERYDAY BATTLES

In today's world, people find themselves fighting some type of battle everyday.

- ◉ **SOME ARE FIGHTING TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES TOGETHER**
- ◉ **SOME ARE FIGHTING TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN FROM DRINKING, DRUGS AND GANG VIOLENCE**
- ◉ **SOME ARE FIGHTING TO KEEP THEIR JOBS**
- ◉ **SOME ARE FIGHTING TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD**
- ◉ **But no matter what the battle is, WE ARE ALL IN A STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE AND HOPEFULLY WIN.**

SEEK INSTRUCTION FOR THE BATTLE

It's extremely important to seek instruction on how to remain strong in God, and how to protect and defend ourselves from the trickery and deceit of the devil. Always know that Satan will try to cause total confusion in our lives any way he possibly can.

- ⊙HE WILL USE PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY.
- ⊙HE WILL USE PEOPLE WITH POWER.
- ⊙HE WILL USE EVIL SPIRITS.
- ⊙HE WILL USE WHOEVER OR WHATEVER HE CAN TO DISTRACT YOU AND GAIN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE.
- ⊙If you let him SATAN WILL TURN YOU EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE.
- ⊙He will make you believe night is day, rich is poor, black is white, and good is bad.

**FOR THESE AND MANY OTHER REASONS
WE ALL MUST PREPARE TO FIGHT OUR BATTLES WITH THE DEVIL!**

CHRISTIANS MUST PREPARE FOR BATTLE

In order to be ready to battle the devil,
Christians must prepare themselves.

- They must prepare their minds by growing in the Knowledge of God's Word.
- They must prepare their bodies by eating of the Fruit of the TRUE VINE, who is JESUS.
- They must prepare their spirit by walking in the WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, which is CHRIST THE SAVIOR.

USE THE WEAPONS THAT GOD PROVIDES

Every Christian must understand that when in a fight with Satan **WE MUST USE THE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT THAT GOD GIVES US TO USE.** Consider this:

- A surgeon cannot operate without a scalpel.
- A carpenter cannot build a house without a hammer and nails.
- Most of all, **CHRISTIANS CANNOT OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION OF THE DEVIL WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE WORD OF GOD.**

WHAT SATAN USES IN THE BATTLE

Galatians 5:19-21, reveals **WHAT THE DEVIL WILL USE TO TRY TO TEMPT AND ATTACK GOD'S CHILDREN.**

- **“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;**
 - **adultery**
 - **fornication**
 - **uncleanness**
 - **lasciviousness**
 - **idolatry**
 - **witchcraft**
 - **hatred**
 - **variance**
 - **emulations**
 - **wrath**
 - **strife**
 - **seditions**
 - **heresies**
 - **envyings**
 - **murders**
 - **drunkenness**
 - **revellings, and such like:**
 - **OF THE WHICH I TELL YOU BEFORE, AS I HAVE ALSO TOLD YOU IN TIME PAST, THAT THEY WHICH DO SUCH THINGS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”**

SATAN IS A MASTER OF DISGUISE

The devil disguises and changes the words mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21 to trick people into committing sinful acts.

- ⦿ **SATAN SUGAR COATS EVIL TO MAKE IT SEEM OKAY AND TO MAKE SIN EASIER TO COMMIT.**
- ⦿ **SATAN WILL SAY OR DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET PEOPLE TO BREAK GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.**
 - > Satan will say: **Oh, you're not committing adultery, you're just having a little affair. BUT GOD SAID: "THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY."**
 - > Satan will say: **Your not committing idolatry, you're just taking out time to admire your gold, riches and possessions. BUT GOD SAYS: "THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."**
 - > Satan will say: **Oh, you're not guilty of hatred, you're just a little prejudiced or it's just a little racist. BUT JESUS SAYS: "THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THY SELF."**

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE IN THE BATTLE

Satan will try to convince you that God has left you to fight the battle alone. Always remember one very important fact: **“GOD WILL NEVER EVER ABANDON HIS CHILDREN.”**

- ⦿ Psalm 18:2-3 says: **“THE LORD IS MY ROCK, AND MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER; MY GOD, MY STRENGTH, IN WHOM I WILL TRUST; MY BUCKLER, AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION, AND MY HIGH TOWER. I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD, WHO IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED: SO SHALL I BE SAVED FROM MINE ENEMIES.”**
- ⦿ 2 Chronicles 20:15 reads; **“THUS SAYS THE LORD TO YOU: 'DO NOT BE AFRAID NOR DISMAYED BECAUSE OF THIS GREAT MULTITUDE, FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S.'”**
- ⦿ Hebrew 13:5 declares; **“FOR HE HIMSELF HAS SAID, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU.”**

HOW TO BE ARMED AND PROTECTED FOR BATTLE

In Ephesians 6:14-18, we are told how to arm and protect ourselves for battle with the devil. The scripture says this:

- ◉ Stand therefore,
- ◉ Having your loins girt about with truth,
- ◉ Having on the breastplate of righteousness; and
- ◉ Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- ◉ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith Ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- ◉ And take the helmet of salvation,
- ◉ And the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God:
- ◉ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and
- ◉ Watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE

YOU NEVER EVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF YOUR BATTLES WITH SATAN OR THE EVILS OF THIS WORLD.

- ⦿ **WHEN YOU CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH THE TRUTH OF JESUS**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH THE SALVATION OF CHRIST**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU ARM YOURSELF WITH THE WORD OF GOD**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU PRAY AND HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU KEEP DAILY WATCH**
- ⦿ **WHEN YOU DO ALL THESE THINGS THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY**

**BECAUSE THE BATTLE
AND
THE VICTORY ARE ALREADY WON.**

“AND WHEN THE THOUSAND YEARS ARE EXPIRED, SATAN SHALL BE LOOSED OUT OF HIS PRISON, AND SHALL GO OUT TO DECEIVE THE NATIONS WHICH ARE IN THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE EARTH, GOG AND MAGOG, TO GATHER THEM TOGETHER TO BATTLE: THE NUMBER OF WHOM IS AS THE SAND OF THE SEA. AND THEY WENT UP ON THE BREADTH OF THE EARTH, AND COMPASSED THE CAMP OF THE SAINTS ABOUT, AND THE BELOVED CITY: AND FIRE CAME DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, AND DEVOURED THEM. AND THE DEVIL THAT DECEIVED THEM WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHERE THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET ARE, AND SHALL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER.”

(Revelation 20:7-10)



I never said it would be easy...

I only said it would be worth it.

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