

# Faith - Part 2

## Know your Enemy

### 1: Knowing your Enemy

#### *Hierarchy of the Evil Side*

*Principalities*

*Powers*

*Rules of the Darkness of this world*

*Spiritual Wickedness in high places*

*[When someone responds to you in a sinful manner, it's the spirit behind them that wrestle with, not them]*

**Ephesians 6:12**

<sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

#### **He roars to see if you will accept fear**

**1 Peter 5:8**

<sup>8</sup>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

#### **When satan walks about – where does he go?**

*To and fro – up and down – Don't be the one he can devour – (Give no place to the devil)*

**Job 2:2**

<sup>2</sup>And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

#### **The Devil is full of Sin**

*The Devil sinned from the beginning*

**1 John 3:8**

<sup>8</sup>He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil**.

#### **The Devil is called the Wicked one**

*Wicked means twisted*

**1 John 3:12**

<sup>12</sup>Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

### ***The Devil is the father of lies***

*He was a murderer from the beginning*

1 John 3:12

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: **for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

### ***Satan as 3 modus operandi***

*Don't partner with the Devil because John 10:10 is his end game*

John 10:10

<sup>10</sup>The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...

*The Devil sets snares*

2 Timothy 2:26

<sup>26</sup>And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

### ***Are we able to resist all temptations?***

1 Corinthians 10:13

<sup>13</sup>There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

## **2: Don't give place to the Devil**

*Don't steal*

*Give to those in need – James 2:16-18*

*No corrupt communication*

*Don't grieve the Holy Spirit*

Ephesians 4:27-30

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

### 3: Using Faith as an Anchor for our soul

#### Nor height, nor depth

Nothing is able to separate us from the Love of God

Romans 8:38-39

<sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

<sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 4: Breaking the Spirit of heaviness

#### *The Garment of Praise – (An honorary member of the armor of God)*

*Praise will break the power of darkness on you*

Isaiah 61:3

<sup>3</sup> To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

### 3: The Devil is very subtil

#### *At times the devil will give you partial truth with a twist*

*Don't listen*

Genesis 3:1-15

<sup>3</sup> Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

<sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

<sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

<sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

#### 4: The fate of those who follow satan

##### *What the followers of the Devil will reap*

*Derision means – contemptuous ridicule or mockery*

##### Psalm 2

**2** Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup>Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

<sup>4</sup>He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: **the Lord shall have them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

<sup>6</sup>Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

<sup>7</sup>I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

<sup>9</sup>Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

<sup>10</sup>Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

#### 5: We are in a war – in a war you must fight

##### *We are instructed to fight the good fight of faith*

*Lay hold on Eternal Life*

##### 1 Timothy 6:12

**12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

##### *Is fighting the good fight of faith possible when we are fighting against evil spiritual beings?*

*Nothing shall by any means hurt you*

##### Luke 10:19

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

## ***A Warning to keep the correct spiritual perspective***

*Your name is written in the Lambs book of life*

**Luke 10:20**

<sup>20</sup> Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

## **6: To fight, you must have armor and weapons**

### ***The Armor of God***

*The helmet of Salvation – being born again – Romans 10:9-10*

*The breast plate of Righteousness - 2 Corinthians 5:21*

*The Sword of the Spirit – The word of God - Ephesians 6:17*

*The Shield of Faith – Ephesians 6:16*

*Have your loins girt about with truth – Ephesians 6:14*

*Feed Shod – Preparation of the Gospel of peace – Ephesians 6:15*

*Prayer and supplication in the spirit – Take action with prayer – Ephesians 6:18*

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

## 7: Using Faith in your daily life

### ***Don't throw in the towel before you start***

*Even grasshoppers can jump!*

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.

### ***Surely (meaning no doubt) he shall deliver...***

*God's watching out for you when you walk in the secret place of the most high*

Psalm 91:3

<sup>3</sup>Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

### ***Daily establish within yourself that Jesus made you the righteousness of God in Christ***

2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup>For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### ***What does being the righteousness of God in Christ mean?***

*This means we are in right standing with God*

### ***Cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God***

*Bring every thought into the obedience of Christ*

*If we stop the starting of point of sin in our mind, then it won't defile us when it comes out of our mouth*

2 Corinthians 10:5

<sup>5</sup>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 Christ;

### ***Use Spiritual Weapons – Not physical***

2 Corinthians 10:4

<sup>4</sup>(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

### ***The Sword of the Spirit***

Use the Sword of the Spirit – Your tongue – you do this by speaking the word of God

## 1 Corinthians 2:16

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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 Shield of Faith***

*Fiery darts can be blocked*

#### ***Ephesians 6:16***

<sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

### ***After you have used the sword of the spirit***

*Your tongue after speaking the word, produces a shield of faith*

#### ***Psalm 91:10***

<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

## **8: It is written! – How Jesus defeated the devil using the sword of the spirit and shield of faith**

### ***Submit yourself to God***

*Reist the Devil and he will flee*

#### ***2 Corinthians 5:21***

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### ***How do we submit ourselves to God?***

*Let's take a look at how Jesus did it. The devil would come with a temptation and Jesus would immediately respond with: It is Written: and then would speak the scripture out loud. By doing this Jesus submitted himself to God. Jesus was hungry! – Relating to make the stones in bread. In the second example: The devil is trying to get Jesus to achieve results with the word, without using this faith and tempting the father. It didn't work. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> example Satan tries to tempt Jesus to get all the kingdoms of the world without going to the cross.*

### ***Respond to the devil quickly with it is written - Example #1***

*It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone...*

#### ***Matthew 4:3-4***

<sup>3</sup>And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

<sup>4</sup>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.

### ***Respond to the devil quickly with it is written - Example #2***

It is written: He shall give his angels charge over thee...

*Matthew 4:5-7*

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth 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.

### ***Respond to the devil quickly with it is written - Example #3***

It is written: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve

*Matthew 4:5-7*

<sup>8</sup> 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;

<sup>9</sup> And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

## **9: It is written! – Everyday life examples**

### ***Everyday life examples #1***

When the devil tempts you with fear

*2 Timothy 1:7*

**[Say it is written!]** <sup>7</sup>For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

### ***Everyday life examples #2***

When the devil tries to tell you, that you are not smart enough

*1 Corinthians 2:16*

**[Say it is written!]** <sup>16</sup>...we have the mind of Christ.

### ***Everyday life examples #4***

*When you are in trouble with the authorities*

*Matthew 10:18–20*



<sup>18</sup> And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

**[Say it is written!]** <sup>19</sup> But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

<sup>20</sup> For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

#### **Everyday life examples #5**

*When you experience lack*

Philippians 4:19

**[Say it is written!]** 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

#### **Everyday life examples #6**

*When the devil says you will never get your healing*

Isaiah 53:5

**[Say it is written!]** <sup>5</sup> 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.

#### **Everyday life examples #7**

*When the devil says looks at that ugly thought and sin that you had and did yesterday!*

Psalms 103:12

**[Say it is written!]** <sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

### **Relevant Commercial(s)**

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#### **When you have done all to stand – (“Hold”) stand therefore!**

*When the devil tells you that you won't have enough money – Hold!*

*When the devil tells you that you will never receive your healing – Hold!!*

*When the devil says – remember that sin you did, you don't deserve it? Hold!!!*

*When the devil says there are wind and waves and you can't possibly walk on the walk – Hold!!!!*

*When the devil says, ye shall not surely die...Hold!!!!*

Psalms 103:12

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand.**

***Be fully persuaded!***

*Romans 4:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

<sup>21</sup> And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

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