

Victory Through Watching

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Let The watchman on the Tower Keep His Post With Sleepless Eyes.....

There Can Be No Sleeping Soldiers in the Army of the Lord.

From the Hymn: God is Marshaling His Army

1 Thessalonians 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others: **but let us watch and be sober.**

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ

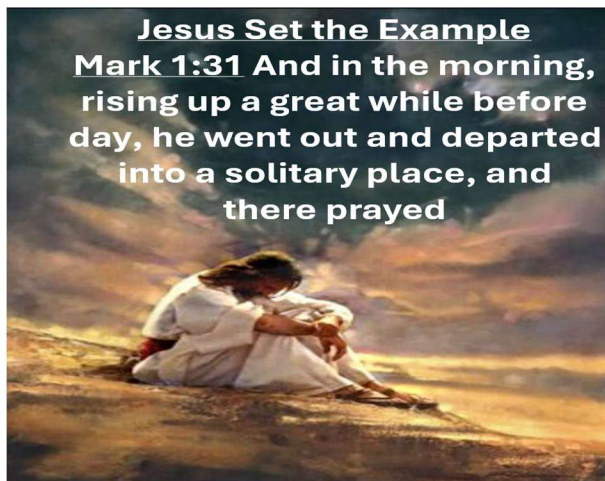
But let us, who are of the day, be sober

Sober = in Greek = it conveys being calm, self-controlled. It emphasizes being alert and watchful, having presence of mind enabling clear judgment, a readiness, vigilant, Being prepared for battle. (all these speak of a soldier's duty)

God is Marshaling His Army = Are You Ready to Be All You Can Be?



In God's Army We Are Encouraged to Arise Early and Go to Work



Alma 16:219.....cry unto him in your houses, yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening; yea, cry unto him against the power of your enemies; yea, cry unto him against the devil, who is an enemy to all righteousness.

Psalms 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice

Martin Luther = Rose early for prayer and Scripture. Famously said he needed three hours of prayer on busy days

John Calvin = Advocated morning prayer as part of daily discipline

John Wesley (Methodist founder) = Rose for prayer every day at 4-5 a.m.

To Arise and Pray, We Need to Wake Up

Luke 22:46 And he said unto them, Why sleep ye? **rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.**

Matthew 13:22 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field;

23 But while he slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.



Satan Wants You Inactive, Couch Potato's Asleep, Not Growing Spiritually



Speaking of the Devil, Nephi says

II Nephi 12: 25 And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well;

26 And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

Don't be Lazy!

"How long will thou sleep. o sluggard? When will thou arise out of thy sleep?"

Proverbs 6:9

God Calls Us to Be All We Can Be = Awake, Arise, Grow in Knowledge, Grace, Gifts of the Spirit

DC 85:21b And I give unto you a commandment, **that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom; teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that is expedient for you to understand;**

21c of things both in heaven, and in earth, and under the earth; things which have been; things which are; things which must shortly come to pass.

DC 50:8d Behold, ye are little children, and ye cannot bear all things now; **ye must grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.**

DC 46:5b for there are many gifts, **and to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God.**

Mosiah 2:23 **And ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of him that created you, or in the knowledge of that which is just and true.**

We Need to Be Anxiously Engaged in God's Work

DC 58:6d Verily I say, **Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;** for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves.

James 2:8 Therefore wilt thou know, O vain man, **that faith without works is dead and cannot save you?**

19 Thou believest there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble; thou hast made thyself like unto them, not being justified.

II Nephi 13:27 And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this strait and narrow path, I would ask, if all is done?

28 Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save;

29 Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.

30 Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.



We Are Daughters of the Kingdom With Gifts and Callings

Given to Emma Smith

D 24:1a Hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, while I speak unto thee, Emma Smith, my daughter, for verily I say unto thee, **All those who receive my gospel are sons and daughters in my kingdom.**

1b A revelation I give unto thee concerning my will.....**2a** And the office of thy calling shall be for a **comfort unto my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., thy husband**..... **2b** And thou shalt go with him at the time of his going, **and be unto him for a scribe, while there is no one to be a scribe for him,**

2c And thou shalt be ordained under his hand **to expound Scriptures, and to exhort the church, according as it shall be given thee by my Spirit;** for he shall lay his hands upon thee, and thou shalt receive the Holy Ghost, **and thy time shall be given to writing, and to learning much**..... **3b** And it shall be given thee, also, **to make a selection of sacred hymns, as it shall be given thee,** which is pleasing unto me, to be had in my church.

Note = In the research notes by Thelona Stevens she says: "While Emma was commanded to 'be Ordained' this was not to the priesthood, but she was set apart by the laying on of hands, for a special work in the church."

We Are to Grow in Knowledge and Grace

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

All Down Through Time Followers of Jesus Are Called Soldiers

2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore **endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him **who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

Philemon 1:2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus **our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house.**

3 Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labor, **and fellow soldier.**



In Our Day and Time = Last Days

- **God speaks of the three witnesses of the Book of Mormon and then He says:**
DC 5:3d “ I will give them power that they may behold and view these things as they are; and to none else will I grant this power, to receive this same testimony, **among this generation, in this, the beginning of the rising up, and the coming forth of my church out of the wilderness; clear as the moon and fair as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.”**

- **This was given at Fishing River 1834, at Zion’s Camp**

DC 102:9a **But firstly, let my army become very great, and let it be sanctified before me, that it may become fair as the sun, and clear as the moon, and that her banners may be terrible unto all nations;**

9b **that the kingdoms of this world may be constrained to acknowledge that the kingdom of Zion is in very deed the kingdom of our God and his Christ; therefore, let us become subject unto her laws. (The Church Triumphant)**

As Believers and Followers of Christ, We Are Already Enlisted in God’s Army. Our Job is to Become Prepared for Battle and Fight Against Wrong as Well as Bring Forth Zion = Church Triumphant

From the Dedication Prayer for the Kirtland Temple

"Remember all thy church, O Lord, with all their families, and all their immediate connections, with all their sick and afflicted ones, with all the poor and meek of the earth, that the kingdom which thou hast set up without hands may become a great mountain and fill the whole earth, **that thy church may come forth out of the wilderness of darkness and shine forth fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners, and be adorned as a bride for that day when thou shalt unveil the heavens and cause the mountains to flow down at thy presence, and the valleys to be exalted, the rough places made smooth, that thy glory may fill the earth.**"

Church History = Vol #2 p.44



Army With Banners

- **An army with banners** symbolizes unity, power, and the ability to inspire fear and admiration.
- **A bannered army was not just a military formation;** it was a visible embodiment of a unit's spirit and identity. **In the scriptures God's banner is a declaration they belong to God and He is their strength.**
- To be **"terrible as an army with banners"** meant to be imposing, unified, and inspiring awe — To Be a well-organized, battle-ready force.

The name Jehovah-Nissi translates to **"The Lord is my Banner"**. In ancient warfare, a banner or standard symbolized leadership, identity, and rallying point for troops.

By naming the altar this way, Moses publicly declared that God was the rallying point and source of strength for Israel, emphasizing that their success came from divine support rather than human effort.

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The Church Militant Refers to Christians on Earth Engaged in Spiritual Warfare Against Sin, the Devil, and Worldly Evil, but it Also Means Sanctification & Zion

The term "Church Militant" (Latin: *Ecclesia Militans*) describes the Christian community on earth actively striving to live in faith and resist spiritual and moral evils. Members of the Church Militant are considered **"soldiers of Christ," engaged in a continuous battle against sin, the flesh, and the powers of evil, with the goal of ultimately attaining salvation and joining the Church Triumphant in heaven** (Merriam-Webster)



Their Warfare is Like No Other

Ray Zinser in, *The Words of Christ*, said: Splitting the atom created consequences far beyond the immediate objective of the scientist. **Even more powerful is the element of love in the universe. As Love is shared or "split off" it produces power that has no equal in the universe.**

Jesus desires that we receive His love and that we share it with all we come in contact with. He taught the principle of Love/Charity when He said: **A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another**

(John 13:34-35).

**The Power of Love =
Atomic Spiritual
Warfare**



Moroni said concerning charity: **And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all.**

DC 11:4 and no one can assist in this work, except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, being temperate in all things whatsoever shall be entrusted to his care

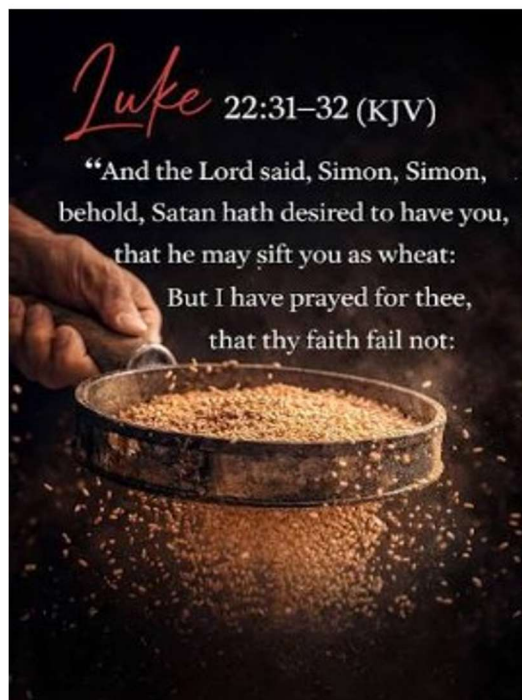
Mark 12:35 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. 36 This is the first commandment. And the second is like this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Luke 6: 27 But I say unto you who hear my words, Love your enemies, do good to them who hate you. 28 Bless them who curse you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you. 29 And unto him who smiteth thee on the cheek, offer also the other; or, in other words, it is better to offer the other, than to revile again. And him who taketh away thy cloak, forbid not to take thy coat also. 30 For it is better that thou suffer thine enemy to take these things, than to contend with him.

Alma 14:12 **They did lay down the weapons of their rebellion, that they did not fight against God any more, neither against any of their brethren . . .** 51 Now when the Lamanites saw that their brethren would not flee from the sword . . . now when the Lamanites saw this, they did forbear from slaying them. . . . **53 And it came to pass that they threw down their weapons of war.** 54 And it came to pass that the people of God were joined that day by more than the number who had been slain.

Speaking of the Anti-Nephi-Lehis: 118 For behold, they had rather sacrifice their lives than even to take the life of their enemy; and they have buried their weapons of war deep in the earth, **because of their love towards their brethren.** 119 **And now behold I say unto you, Has there been so great love in all the land?** 120 Behold, I say unto you, Nay, there has not, even among the Nephites.

We Are In Spiritual Warfare



Luke 22:31–32 (KJV)

“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:

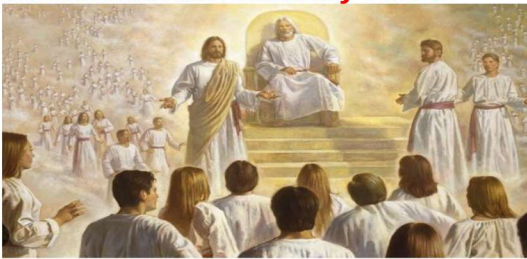
DC 3:1e but be diligent unto the end; **pray always, that you may come off conqueror; yea, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan, that do uphold his work.**



War In Heaven over Agency

Genesis 3:4 Wherefore, because that Satan rebelled against me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him; **and also that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten I caused that he should be cast down; and he became Satan.**

5 Yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive, and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not hearken unto my voice.



Revelation 12:6 And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought against Michael



Revelations 12 continued

Revelation 12:7 **And the dragon prevailed not against Michael.....**

Revelation 12:8 Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out; **that old serpent called the devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him.....**



Revelation 12:17

Therefore, the dragon was wroth with the woman, **(church) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**



Least We Forget, Now is Our Opportunity = Our Days of Probation

1 Nephi 4:52 For the day should come that **they must be judged of their works, yea, even the works which were done by the temporal body in their days of probation.**

2 Nephi 1:105 And after Adam and Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit, they were driven out of the garden of Eden, to till the earth.

106 And they have brought forth children; yea, even the family of all the earth.

107 And the days of the children of men were prolonged, according to the will of God, that they might repent while in the flesh;

108 Wherefore, their state became a state of probation, and their time was lengthened, according to the commandments which the Lord God gave unto the children of men.

109 For he gave commandment that all men must repent.

2 Nephi 6:56 But wo unto him that has the law given; yea, that has all the commandments of God, like unto us, **and that transgresseth them, and that wasteth the days of his probation; for awful is his state!**

Alma 9:41 Therefore this life became a probationary state; a time to prepare to meet God; a time to prepare for that endless state, which has been spoken of by us, which is after the resurrection of the dead.....

46 after death, they must come to judgment; even that same judgment of which we have spoken, which is the end.



The Great Battle for Our Souls

Alma 16:228 For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God: yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.

229 And now as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore I beseech of you, that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end;

230 For after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness, wherein there can be no labor performed.

231 Ye can not say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God.

232 Nay, ye can not say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will

have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

233 For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance, even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his.



Moroni Leaves Us This Message

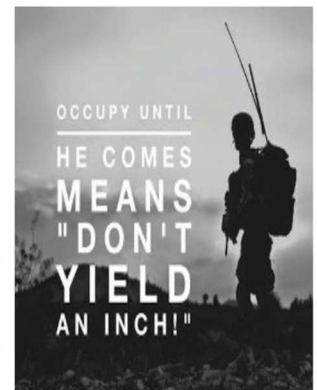
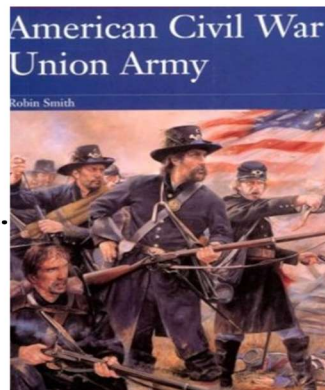
Mormon 4:94 Be wise in the days of your probation; strip yourselves of all uncleanness; ask not, that ye may consume it on your lusts, but ask with a firmness unshaken, **that ye will yield to no temptation, but that ye will serve the true and living God.**

The Rallying cry of the Union Army in the Civil War Was "Don't Yield an Inch"

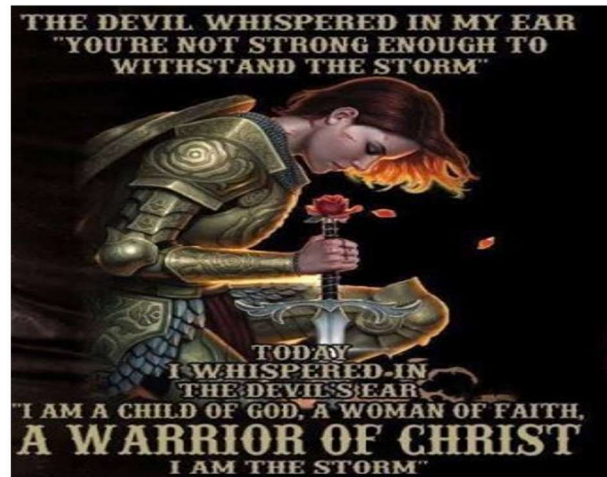
The famous Civil War rallying cry "Don't yield an inch" is most often associated with Colonel Strong Vincent, a young Union brigade commander during the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863.

He told his troops to not give an inch and they held the line and won the battle.

We need to take this up as our battle cry, not to give an inch to Satan in the spiritual battle we are engaged in upon this earth.



Don't Yield = Don't Give an Inch



We need to Come together = Soldiers Who Fight Together Against the Enemy Become True Brothers, Comrades and Partners

1 Thessalonians 5:27 I charge you by the Lord, that this epistle be read unto **all the holy brethren.**

Word = **"Brethren"** = In the Greek: 1. born from the same womb = Related by the blood of Jesus Christ, and members of the same spiritual family.

2. It was also used to describe faithful soldiers = These fighting men were considered true brothers, comrades and partners, who were united to fight the same fight, handle the same weapons and win the same wars!

So, when Paul called his fellow Christians "Brothers" = he was telling them "In addition to being blood brothers, we are all in a similar fight, slugging it out against the same enemy—and this common fight makes us comrades...."

Sparkling Gems by Rick Renner=p.35

Sometimes we think a fellow member is an enemy because we disagree but that is not true, Satan is our enemy.



To Stand Against the Devil's Wiles We Need to Know Our Enemy

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 **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.

Greek for Wrestle = "Pale" = Hand to hand combat.

Also = Name for **Palastra** = Huge arena for all kinds of sports

Three kinds of sports held there, Boxing, Wrestling, and Pankration = No rules.

Not Like Today's Sports!!

1. **Boxing** = Extremely violent, had to wear helmets, boxing gloves were ribbed with steel and spiked with nails. At times wrapped with serrated steel around the edges. Artist drawing of that time show boxers with noses missing & disfigured etc. Many died in the ring.

2. **Wrestling** = Also very deadly, most chose to fight to the death. Choking one's opponent to death was normal. Breaking of finger bones, gouging out eyes all acceptable. It was a violent bitter struggle to the end.

3. **Pankration** = Most violent = No part of the human body was off limits. Allowed to kick, punch, bite, break legs, ribs etc. They could do any horrible thing they wanted to, no rules.

Paul Was Telling Us How dangerous Satan And His Demons Are

In Paul's day the people would understand exactly what Paul was telling them, and that is, Satan is serious, his goal is to destroy us by any means he can use. No part of our lives is off limits to him.

When you're down and out, he will move in for the kill!

Today too often we view Satan as a cartoon character, not too dangerous, nothing to worry about but Paul is telling us differently.

Paul is telling us here in Eph. 6 = **To not minimize Satan's power and underestimate him. He is powerful and extremely dangerous.**

Satan is no cartoon character, he is evil and he fights dirty and he desires your soul and the souls of your children and loved ones. We need to be prepared to stand against him.

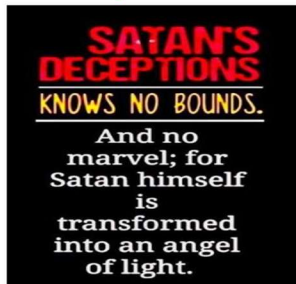
We need to grow strong in the Lord and have His powerful Holy Spirit indwelling within us, so we can withstand the attacks of the adversary!

Satan is Not a Cartoon



By Using the Word Wrestle = Greek Word "Pale" = Paul Was Telling Us What a Terrible Battle We Are Involved In

Satan wants you spiritually dead and will use any means to do it. **He is serious in his desire to completely destroy you.**



Satan is Powerful = John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you; for the prince of darkness, who is of this world, cometh, but hath no power over me, but he hath power over you.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

1 Nephi 3:125 And the mists of darkness are the temptations of the devil, which blindeth the eyes, and hardeneth the hearts of the children of men, and leadeth them away into broad roads, that they may perish, and are lost

Satan Can Appear as an Angel of Light

Story of Korihor = Struck Dumb

Korihor Wrote: Alma 16:67 But, behold the devil hath deceived me; for he appeared unto me in the form of an angel, and said unto me, Go and reclaim this people, for they have all gone astray after an unknown God.

68 And he said unto me, There is no God; yea, and he taught me that which I should say. And I have taught his words; and I taught them, because they were pleasing unto the carnal mind..... 70 Now when he had said this, he besought that Alma should pray unto God, that the curse might be taken from him.

71 But Alma said unto him, If this curse should be taken from thee, thou wouldst again lead away the hearts of this people; therefore, it shall be unto thee, even as the Lord will.....76 he was run upon, and trodden down, even until he was dead....77 thus we see that the devil will not support his children at the last day, but doth speedily drag them down to hell.

Satan's Strategies

2 Nephi 12:24-39

1. 24 For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good;

2. 25 And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well;

3. 26 And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

4. 27 And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them, I am no devil, for there is none: (He is a Lier)

Satan is "the accuser of the brethren," and it is his spirit that inspires men to watch for the errors and defects of the Lord's people, and to hold them up to notice, while their good deeds are passed by without a mention.

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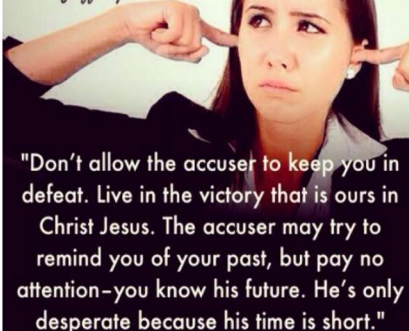


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Satan is Also the Accuser

THE ACCUSER

--Jeff Syverson



"Don't allow the accuser to keep you in defeat. Live in the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus. The accuser may try to remind you of your past, but pay no attention--you know his future. He's only desperate because his time is short."

Facts about Satan (Con't)

He is called the devil. From *diabolos*, meaning an accuser; a slanderer.

- He accused God to man, Genesis 3:1-5.
- He accused man to God, Job 1:6-11; Revelation 12:10.
- Note word "slanderers," 1 Timothy 3:11.

He is an Actor, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

He is a Liar and a Murderer, John 8:44.

Satan Attacks Our Minds = Most Warfare Starts in Our Minds

- Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God is.

Stay Focused on Christ Through

- Prayer & Fasting
- Reading His Word
- Praise and Thanksgiving
- Hymn & Praise Music
- Think on What is Beautiful and True, of Good Report

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.**

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.



True faith is keeping your eyes on Jesus when the world around is falling apart.

Speaking of overcoming our stumbling blocks: Max Lucado says: "Every level of inheritance requires a disinheritance from the devil. Satan must be moved off before the saint can move in." Joshua told his people to "go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess" Josh. 1:11 The verb translation possess means "to occupy" (By driving out the previous tenants, and possessing in their place)

Satan won't leave without a fight. He will resist. He will push back. But he will not win. Why? Because God has already declared that you are the victor. Satan defanged and defeated at Calvary; he has no authority over you..... God's word to Joshua is God's word to us: **Joshua 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.**

From, Max Lucado's Book, "He Fights For You": "God says, do not heed your fear, Do not cower before your woes. Take the land God has given you to possess.....Remember you are a coheir with Christ. Every attribute of Jesus is at your disposal. **God has already promised victory. And He has provided weapons for the fight.....**but wait a minute. No war cry? No hand-to-hand combat? No flashing swords, flying spears, battering rams, or catapults? Just priest, rams' horns, marching and silence? Joshua has at least 40 thousand soldiers at his command, and he tells them to be quiet and watch?



Spiritual warfare. Every battle, ultimately, is a spiritual battle. Every conflict is a contest with Satan and his forces.

In Eph. 6 :11 Paul urged us to stand "against the wiles of the devil"Satan is active and deceptive. He has designs, and strategies. Consequently, we need strategy as well. For that reason, **2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh; 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) 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 Christ.**

Just as Jericho was a stronghold in Canaan, we have strongholds in our lives. The apostle Paul used the term to describe a mind-set or attitude. **The apostle defined a stronghold as an argument or high thing that "exalts itself against the knowledge of God" It is a conviction , or outlook or belief that attempts to interfere with truth.....**

Do You Have Strongholds?

God could never forgive me = **stronghold of guilt**

I can't forgive that person = **stronghold of resentment**

Bad things always happen to me = **self-pity**

I don't deserve to be loved = **stronghold of rejection**

I'll never recover = **stronghold of defeat**

I must be good or God will reject me = **Stronghold of Performance**

I'm only as good as I look = **Stronghold of Appearance**

My value equals my possessions = **stronghold of materialism**

Most Christians don't recognize strongholds.

They live in the shadow of these joy-sucking Jerichos.



But we don't have to be among them. Our weapons are from God and have divine power to demolish strongholds. We long to see our strongholds demolished turned into rubble once and for all...how does this happen= **by keeping God in the center.**

The ark of the covenant was the symbol of the Lord's presence. Joshua placed the ark in the middle of the procession. Every activity orbited around God.



We don't attack our Jericho with anger, blame casting, or finger pointing. **NO, we keep God center stage using the weapons of worship, scripture and prayer. We turn off the TV, open the bible more. We remember Jesus's promise: "I am with you always" We even blast our version of the ram's horn.....March like a Promised Land Conqueror. Blast your ram's horn. Sing songs of redemption and declare scriptures of triumph. Marinate you mind with the declaration of Jesus.....Romans 8:37 "We are more than conquerors through Christ. " Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ" As you do, the demons will begin to scatter. They have no choice but to leave."**

Cutting Edge Neuroscience Shows We Can Change Our Brains Structure & Break Free From Anxiety

From Focus On The Family
Jim Daily

“One of my favorite phrases in the Bible is found in **Romans 12:2**, “ ... be transformed by the renewal of your mind ...”

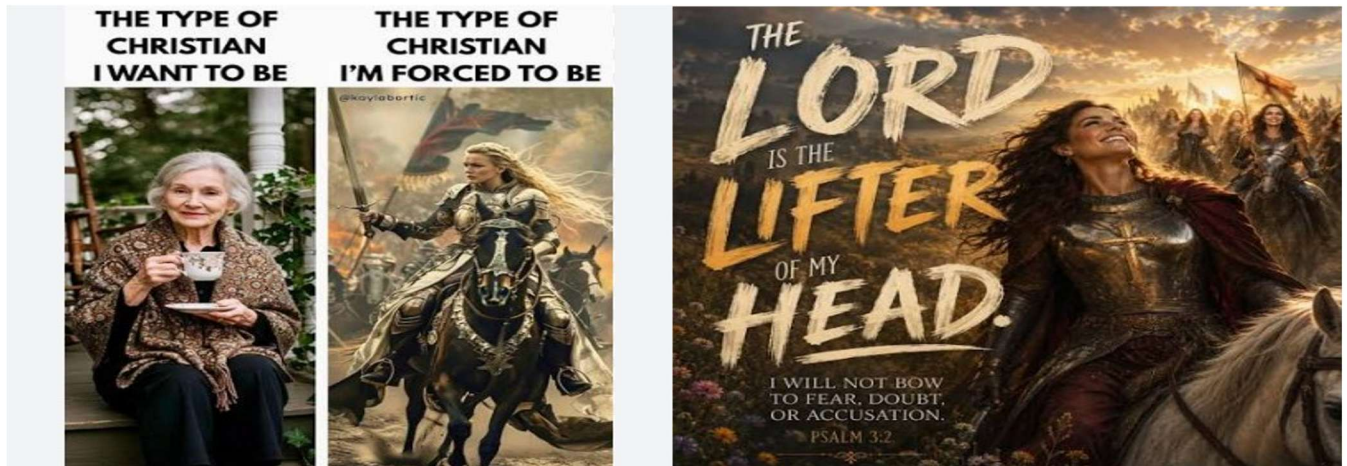
There’s a lot packed into that short statement. The thing that really sticks out is **the promise — the hope — that our minds can actually be renewed and changed**, which can lead to a complete life transformation. In other words, we’re not stuck in the patterns in which we’ve been living.”

Dr. Lee Warren, a highly respected neurosurgeon:

“The brain is not fixed. The wiring connecting our brain cells is remade multiple times every minute, so changing our thinking means changing the wiring in our brains.

By integrating cutting-edge neuroscience with faith — **specifically practicing the biblical mandate to take thoughts captive and replace them with gratitude, truth, and hope** — we can physically alter our brain structure **to break free from anxiety, move past trauma, and transition from floundering to flourishing.**

People, Lift Up Your Heads Do Not Listen to the Accuser



Jesus Died For Our Sins

Romans 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when **I shall take away their sins.**

Galatians 1:4 **Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.**

Colossians 1:14 In whom **we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**

Hebrews 8:4 Therefore while he was on the earth, **he offered for a sacrifice his own life for the sins of the people.**

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. **But if any man sin and repent, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;**
2 And **he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**



Ephesians 6 Continued = Understand the Enemy

1. Paul says first = **“Against Principalities” = Greek = Archai = Ancient times**

It's also used to depict individuals who hold higher and lofty positions of rank and authority = **Paul is telling us that at the top of Satan's kingdom are powerful evil beings that have held lofty positions of power and authority since ancient times—probably ever since Lucifer fell.**

Note = Below Principalities, is listed the Second group of evil beings = **“Powers”**

2. **“Powers” in the Greek = Exousia = it denotes = delegated authority. What Paul is describing here is a lower second-level group of evil beings—demon spirits, who have received delegated authority from Satan to carry out his orders. They are second in command in Satan's dark kingdom.**

3. Next Paul mentions **“Rulers of the darkness of this world” in the Greek = kosmokratero = depicts raw power that has been harnessed and put into some kind of order. It's a compound word = Kosmos = order + kratos = raw power.**

This word was used to describe military training camps where raw recruits were trained into organized, disciplined army. **Paul is telling us that Satan's demons are trained, organized and sent forth to make war against human beings. Take note, They are trained and organized just like a regular army. They are trained to destroy and take men captive.**

Ephesians 6 = Understand the Enemy cont.

4. Last Paul says we have **“Spiritual Wickedness in High Places” = In the Greek = “Wickedness” = Poneros = used to depict something vile, malevolent, vicious, malignant. Paul is stating here that these evil spirits are in a rank and file, from the highest to the lowest, they are sent forth, trained and ready to make war. They are truly evil, powerful malignant forces. We need to understand what we are up against and not take it lightly.**

Information taken from:
“Sparkling Gems From the Greek”
By Rick Renner p.394-399

Satan has no power over us except
as we give it to him. God never
forces us to do right, and Satan has
no power to force us to do wrong.

In The Last Days = Darkness/Confusion Covers the Earth

Great Confusion Upon the Earth

Isaiah 5:20 **Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

Isaiah 29:27 **And woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord. And their works are in the dark; and they say, Who seeth us and who knoweth us? And they also say, Surely, your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay.**

DC 38:3b and the powers
of darkness prevail upon
the earth, among the
children of men, in the
presence of all the hosts of
heaven, which causeth
silence to reign, and all
eternity is pained

War & Darkness is Upon the Earth

Genesis 7:32 And he beheld Satan, and he had a great chain in his hand, **and it veiled the whole face of the earth with darkness;** and he looked up and laughed, and his angels rejoiced.

John 14:30 **Satan is called the prince of darkness.**

DC 36:12d and the day shall come that the earth shall rest, **but before that day, shall the heavens be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth.**

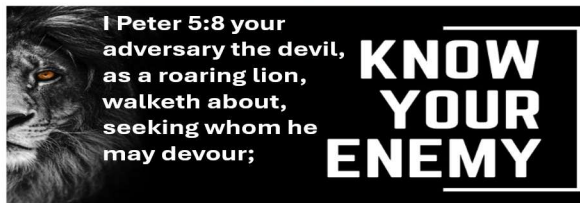
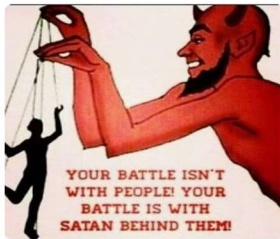
DC 90:6c And that wicked one cometh **and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience,** from the children of men.

DC 28:12d for they can not be redeemed from their spiritual fall, because they repent not, **for they will love darkness rather than light, and their deeds are evil, and they receive their wages of whom they list to obey.**



Be Aware Satan is a Liar & Destroyer

Dark Thoughts and Desires & Anger = All Come From Satan



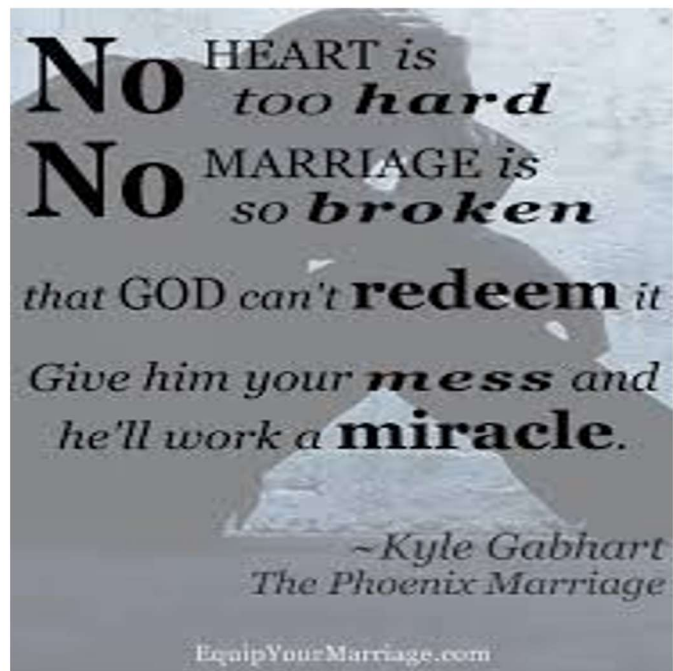
Helaman 2:74 And now my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation, that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds; yea, his shafts in the whirlwind;

75 Yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you, to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build, they cannot fall.

Hal & I Did Not Build On The Foundation of Christ as We Should Have



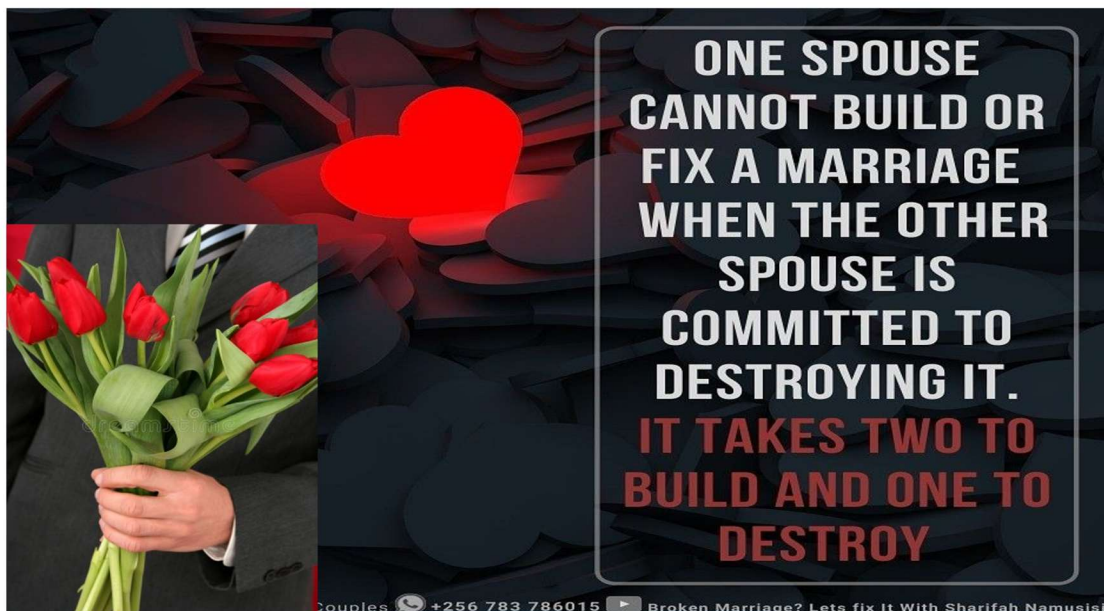
Luke 1:37 Nothing is Impossible with God



Hal Was Administered to and A Mighty Change Was Wrought Upon His Heart



I Was Not Committed to Staying in the Marriage



Putting Our Marriage Back Together Was Hard Work at Times Seemed Impossible

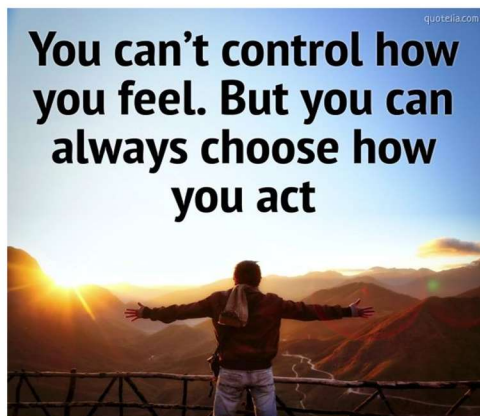


**Our Marriage
Was Rubble.**

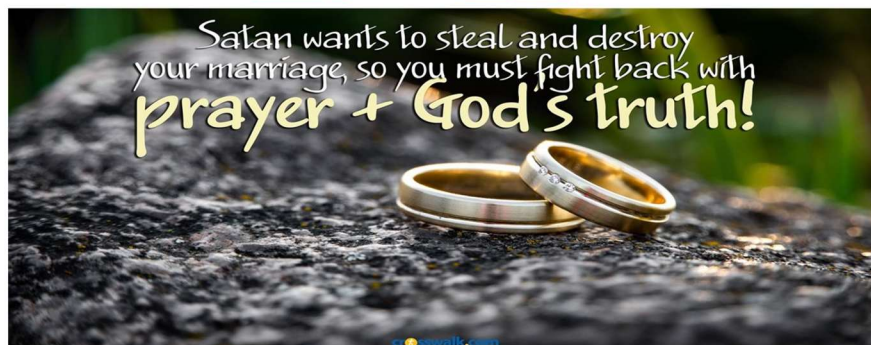


The Rebuilding Process

- Feelings are not right or wrong = Sometimes you have to spank them and put them in a corner = not let them control you



Know Who Your Enemy Really Is



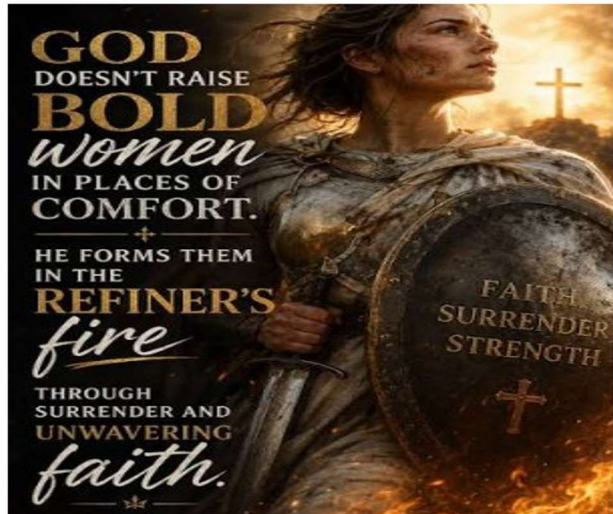
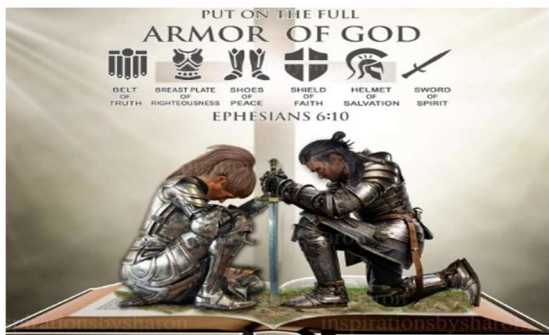
Satan Wants to Divide and Destroy the Christian Home



We Changed Our Habits =
Started Putting On Our Armor
**Started Praying Together Every
Morning and Evening.**

It was a tough battle. There were times
I did not know if I would make it
though. But Christ strengthened me!

**When in Disagreement = We
Stopped and Prayed Together.**
**We Kept Our Personal Prayer and
Study Time.**



Satan Raged Up and Down the Hallway of Our Home

- **Revelation 12:12** And after these things I heard another voice saying, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, yea, and they who dwell upon the islands of the sea! **for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, (rage) because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**
- **Notes from a sermon by theologian Charles Spurgeon = The great theologian taught: That the Devil knowing the shortness of his time is angry and enraged. Yet, his rage focuses him. This intense focus makes him careful in his plans and strategies as he contemplates the destruction of individuals and mankind as a whole.**



While preparing this class God gave me new insight. Satan was raging, not only because he had failed to destroy Hal and I and our home, but he was enraged because he knew God would turn it all into something good. And God has done just that!

Good News is God Keeps His Promises = He Does Turn it All for Our Good

James 1:2 My brethren, **count it all joy when ye fall into many afflictions;**

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Romans 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

This is Carolyn From Africa. She is holding up a picture of my book, "Miracle of the Tulips" on her phone.



April Smith sent this text and picture to me from Africa.

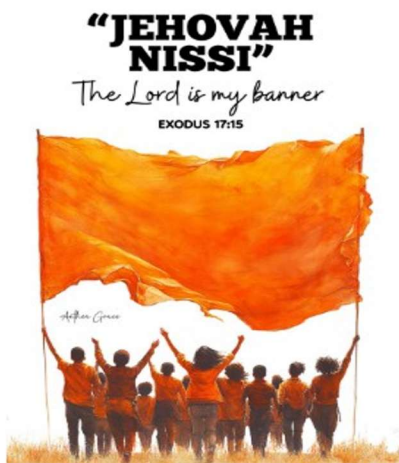
This is Caro, short for Carolyn. She told me someone gave her a book that helped her begin to transform. She couldn't think of the title but started telling me about it and I knew exactly what book it was.

Then she found the picture on her phone to show me. She also read the Cardinals and it helped her help her friend in a battered woman situation.

She shared with me how important it is to write our testimonies and that we must share

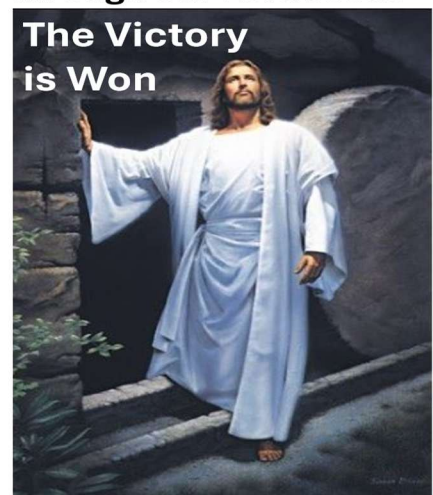
Joseph, in Egypt, said to his brothers: Genesis 50:20 "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

If You Are Marching Under God's Banner You are On the Winning Team = Victory is Sure



1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

DC 110:22a Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory



Good News is = God is More Powerful

Luke 10:19 And he said unto them, As lightning falleth from heaven, I beheld Satan also falling. **20 Behold, I will give unto you power over serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

1 John 4:4 – "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because **the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."**

Mark 6:7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, **and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.**

God Has More Power and Will Be Victorious

Luke 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down out of heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season. . . . **10** 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 forever and ever.

God Has Given Us Spiritual Warfare Weapons

ARMOR OF GOD

1. Belt of Truth: Biblical Truth
2. Breastplate of Righteousness: Godly Living
3. Shoes of the Gospel: Evangelism
4. Shield of Faith: Sanctification
5. Helmet of Salvation: Renewing our Minds
6. Sword of the Holy Spirit: The Bible as an Offensive Weapon
7. Prayer: **How We Go to WAR**
8. Humility in the Face of Adversaries

Eph. 6:18 **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**



Prayer Works



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A soldier shared a testimony from her time overseas.

She said her team used to laugh at her and call her "church girl" because she prayed before every mission. Some told her they did not want to hear her prayers. She prayed anyway.

Later, she was pulled off the road as punishment. She said her team started getting hit by bombs every time she was not with them. Then her team leader came to her and asked her to come back.

He told her, "We keep getting hit and we need your protection. Whatever you're praying, it's working."

She said she went back out, and they were never hit again.

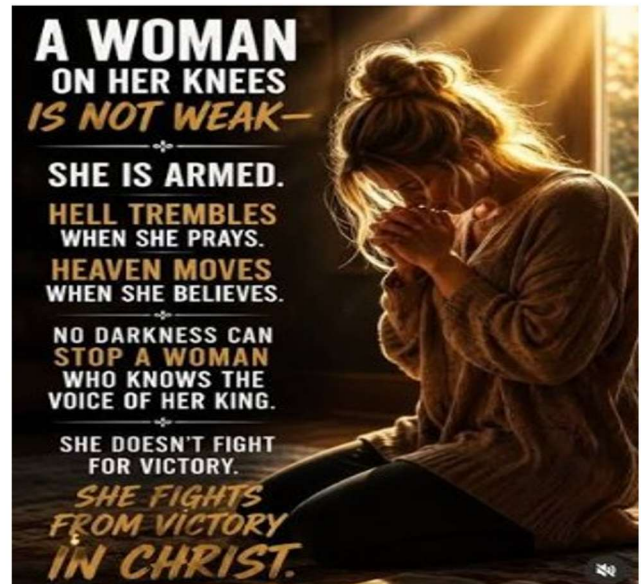
Maya Johnson brought home 300 people, and nobody from her group died.

Soldiers of God Go to War On Their Knees

Victory Through Prayer

DC 3:1e but be diligent unto the end; pray always, **that you may come off conqueror; yea, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan, that do uphold his work.**

DC 61:6e **Pray always that you enter not into temptation,** that you may abide the day of his coming, whether in life or in death. Even so. Amen



DC 85:1b Behold, this is pleasing unto your Lord, and the angels rejoice over you; the alms of your prayers have come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, and are recorded in the book of the names of the sanctified, even them of the celestial world.

DC 85:21a Also, I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall continue in prayer and fasting from this time forth.

DC 85:36b Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God.

God is Calling Us to Gird Up Our Loins = 2 Witnesses

Gird Up = You Must Put Your
Armor On The Battle Ahead is
Great = Pat Carrick

DC 61:6d Gird
up your loins
and be
watchful, and
be sober,
looking forth
for the
coming of the
Son of man,
for he cometh
in an hour you
think not



A Second Witness = Jim Mulheron

- Had on Battle fatigues
- I am a soldier in the Army of the Lord

Prepare for there is a great
battle ahead!

- He had come to encourage
the people!

- He was a colonel in the
Army of the Lord.



DC 38: 2b I say unto you, that mine eyes are upon you. 2b I am in your midst and ye cannot see me, but the day soon cometh that ye shall see me and know that I am; for the veil of darkness shall soon be rent, and he that is not purified shall not abide the day: wherefore, gird up your loins and be prepared. 2c Behold, the kingdom is yours and the enemy shall not overcome.

Modern Day Prophet Says:

DC 103:2 And again, verily I say unto you, The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and it overtaketh the world as a thief in the night; therefore, gird up your loins that you may be the children of the light, and that day shall not overtake you as a thief.

9 Times in the D&C Told to Gird Up Our Loins I Have Given you Four of Them; Here Are the Other Five.

DC 35:3b I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
wherefore **gird up your loins and I will suddenly come to my temple. Even so. Amen.**

DC 43:5c Ye saints arise and live; Ye sinners stay and sleep until I shall call again: wherefore **gird up your loins, lest ye be found among the wicked.** Lift up your voices and spare not.

DC 73:2b **Gird up your loins and be sober.** Even so. Amen.

DC 75:3h therefore **gird up your loins and be faithful** and ye shall overcome all things and be lifted up at the last day. Even so. Amen.

DC 105:6a Now, I say unto you,--and what I say unto you I say unto all the Twelve,--Arise and **gird up your loins, take up your cross, follow me, and feed my sheep.**

Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind = Through the Word of God

1 Peter 1:13 **Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Peter is saying = “Believers are exhorted to gird up the loins of your mind”— **to be prepared for action and in doing that to keep a sober or alert spirit.....**

Peter is saying = the way for us to stand firm in the midst of difficulty and even persecution is by preparing for encountering those things and **being well equipped with the knowledge of God’s promises for us.**

Peter is giving us = the **recipe for successfully encountering and persevering through difficulty**”. gotquestion.org

She is Prepared, Physically, Mentally and Spiritually. She Keeps Her Eyes on Christ. She reads the word; She is mighty in prayer and fasting. She is bold, ready and well equipped. She stands strong in power through the word and promises of Jesus Christ



The Virtuous Woman has her loins girded and her arms are strong.

Proverbs 31:17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

In the Hebrew = Girdeth means = Prepare one’s self for something that requires readiness, strength and endurance.

She Strengtheneth Her Arms = Praise, A Powerful Spiritual Warfare Weapon

Strength in the Hebrew means = force, security, majesty, praise, bold praise, loud praise, powerful praise

**Strength in Hebrew = is Owz
Pronounced (OZE)**

How does she grow strong =

- **The Virtuous Woman Prepares**
- **herself with = Powerful,**
- **Bold, Strong Praise**

Psalms 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand;



*And a two-edged sword in their hands
Psalm 149:6*

To Be Strong and Gird Up Get Into The Word of God



Some of us look like this = Our bodies have had no Spiritual Food, no word of God to feed us. We are dying spiritually and so weak Satan can have his way with us. We are not strong enough to fight him.



Fill Your Mind With the Word of God

1 Nephi 4:38 And they said unto me, What meaneth the rod of iron which our father saw, that led to the tree?

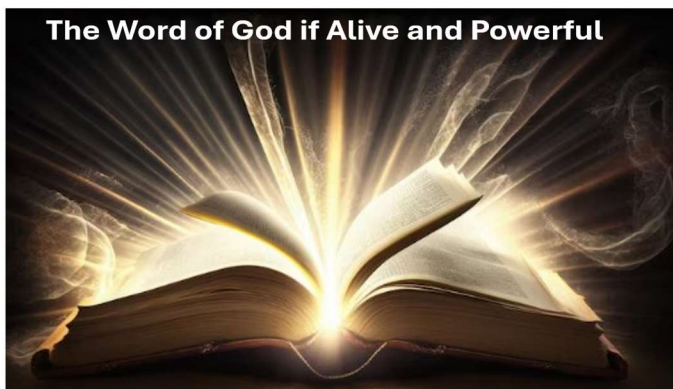
39 And I said unto them, that it was the word of God; and whoso would hearken unto the word of God, and would hold fast unto it, they would never perish;

40 Neither could the temptations and the fiery darts of the adversary, overpower them unto blindness, to lead them away to destruction.



Words of Comfort and Hope

When in trauma I could not read novels or meaningless things from the world. But I turned to the word of God and it sustained me.



The scriptures reminded me that God was the good shepherd and I could trust in Him! They gave me courage and hope!

Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.



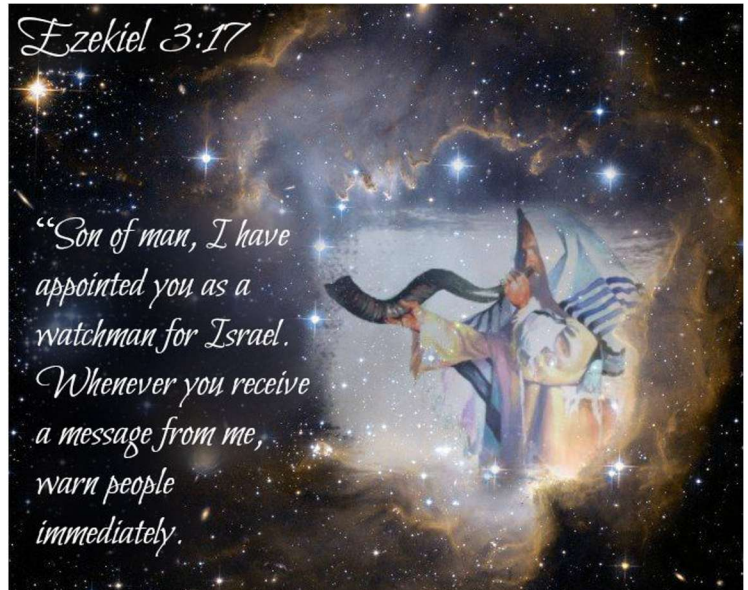
Sleeping on Watch is Treason

- Watchmen on the wall

Ezekiel 33: 8 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity,

but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

DC 38:9d And **let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbor,** in mildness and in meekness.



We Are Called to Be Soldiers—Watchful and Awake

1 Peter 4:7 But to you, the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Alma 16:238 I also exhort you my brethren, that ye be watchful unto prayer continually, that ye may not be led away by the temptation of the devil, that he may not overpower you, that ye may not become his subjects at the last day: for behold, he rewardeth you no good thing.

DC 3:1e . . . but be diligent unto the end; pray always, that you may come off conqueror; yea, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan, that do uphold his work.

Message Given by Elbert A. Smith = 1946

The arm of the Lord has not been shortened. The havoc of war on the earth has not shaken the foundations of his throne nor altered his plans for the reign of peace on earth, in his own due time, and under the rule of His Son, the Saints should not be impatient nor feel frustrated when their dreams are not all realized upon the date that they themselves have marked on the calendar.

The Lord has not changed regarding the great work of the Restoration. Neither has He turned from His people, though some of them have turned from Him.

Some have been lulled to sleep and inactivity by the spirit of indifference and carelessness. Some have turned away because of trivial offenses. Some have fallen away and been overcome by the grosser sins of the world. . . . All such are counseled to repent with heaviness of spirit while there is yet time. . . .

The men of the ministry are counseled to cry repentance to this generation; to give themselves as men under divine commitment to the task of warning the world. . . . This counsel is of great importance, because there remain other times of change and a time of crises difficult to meet, and the men of the ministry should be prepared to meet such a time with wisdom, patience, faith, and under divine guidance which will be given to a united people—united in righteousness.

[2 Nephi 1:27](#) O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and wo!

[2 Nephi 1:38](#) Awake, my sons: put on the armor of righteousness.

[2 Nephi 3:46](#) Awake, my soul! No longer droop in sin.

[2 Nephi 5:86](#) Awake, awake! Put on strength O arm of the Lord: awake as in the ancient days.

[2 Nephi 6:94](#) But behold, my brethren, is it expedient that I should awake you to an awful reality of these things?

[Romans 13:11](#) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

[Ephesians 5:14](#) Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

[Alma 2:3](#) And so great were their afflictions, that every soul had cause to mourn; and they believed that it was the judgments of God sent upon them, because of their wickedness and their abominations; therefore, they were awakened to a remembrance of their duty.

[Alma 3:11](#) Behold, he changed their hearts; yea, he awaked them out of a deep sleep, and they awoke unto God.

[Alma 5:38](#) And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you, that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God, that ye may walk blameless before him; that ye may walk after the holy order of God,

[Isaiah 52:1](#) Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Max Lucado

“An example of readiness is seen in Arlington National Cemetery. The men and women who guard the tomb of the unknown soldier display a level of unparalleled fidelity. They devote eight hours to the preparation of their uniforms. Gloves are worn wet to improve the grip on the rifle. Shanks are attached to the inside of each shoe so the soldier can click his or her heels.

The sentinel repeats the same walk over and over; twenty-one steps, then a twenty- second pause, the rifle is shifted to the other shoulder, then twenty-one more steps. He or she repeats this until being relieved of the changing of the guard.

The routine never varies, not even at night when the cemetery is closed. When Hurricane Isabel moved through the area in 2003, the soldiers never stopped. Not once. Trees fell and the wind whipped, but they kept their post.

They have maintained this vigilance every day of every year since 1921.

Remarkable! Question: if they can display such allegiance rightly given to unknown, dead soldiers, can we not do the same for our living, coming, ruling King? If these sentries are willing to patrol in honor of those who sacrificed, can't we do even more for our King, who gave the greatest sacrifice? We are members of His battalion. We are enlisted in His regiment. . . . Can we not serve Him on this day?

Let me be specific. What can you do today in honor of your King? What kindness can you perform? What offence can you forgive? What temptation can you resist? What gift can you offer? What discipline can you begin? What sacrifice can you make? What act of love can you show?

Let's behave like the people we have been called to be; soldiers in the returning army of the King of kings.

The Christ of the cradle is now the Christ with the crown. He is coming soon.



Awake and Rise

Sec. 108:2a Wherefore prepare ye, prepare ye, O my people; sanctify yourselves; gather ye together, O ye people of my church, upon the land of Zion, all you that have not been commanded to tarry.....

3 Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom.

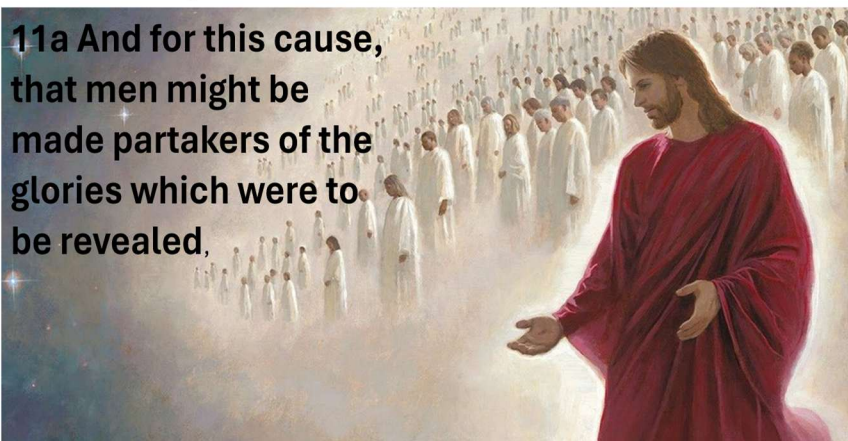
3d Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

4a Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour..... 5b Listen, ye elders of my church together, and hear the voice of the Lord, for he calleth upon all men and he commandeth all men everywhere to repent; for, behold, the Lord God hath sent forth the angel, crying through the midst of heaven, saying:

5c Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths strait, for the hour of his coming is nigh,



Sec. 108: 9a And it shall be said, Who is this that cometh down from God in heaven with dyed garments.....**9c And the Lord shall be red in his apparel, and his garments like him that treadeth the wine vat**.....10c yea, and Enoch also, and they who were with him; the prophets who were before him, and Noah also, and they who were before him, and Moses also, and they who were before him, and from Moses to Elijah, and from Elijah to John, who were with Christ in his resurrection, and the holy apostles, with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, shall be in the presence of the Lamb.

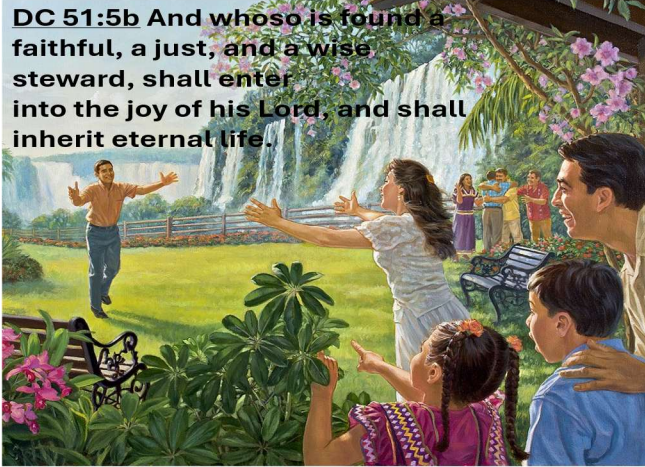


11a And for this cause, that men might be made partakers of the glories which were to be revealed,

DC 108:10d And the graves of the saints shall be opened, and they shall come forth and stand on the right hand of the Lamb, when he shall stand upon Mount Zion; and upon the holy city, the New Jerusalem.

What Joy is Yet Before Us

DC 51:5b And whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward, shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life.



Prepare Yourself for the Battle

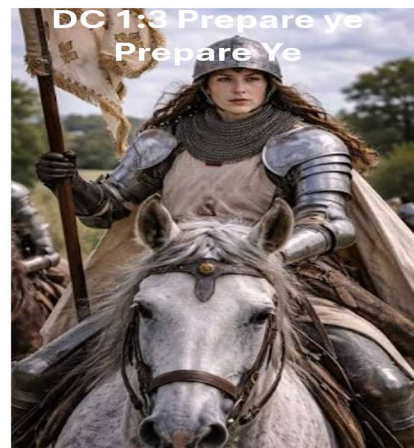
This Verse From Proverbs 21

offers us a powerful reminder about the nature of our preparations and the ultimate source of success in our endeavors.

When we consider what it means to prepare for battle, we think of the various steps and actions involved. Just like a soldier would carefully prepare him-self and groom and equip his horse before heading into a fight, as soldiers of Christ, we too must be prepared.

But it also reminds us the ultimate Victory is brought by God. Our job is to get prepared

The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.”– Proverbs 21:31



Watch Be Alert, Get Your Armor On Now and Gird Up Your Loins



**She overcame everything
meant to destroy her...
Wearing her Father's Armor**

DC 103:2 And again, verily I say unto you, The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and it overtaketh the world as a thief in the night; therefore, **gird up your loins that you may be the children of the light, and that day shall not overtake you as a thief**