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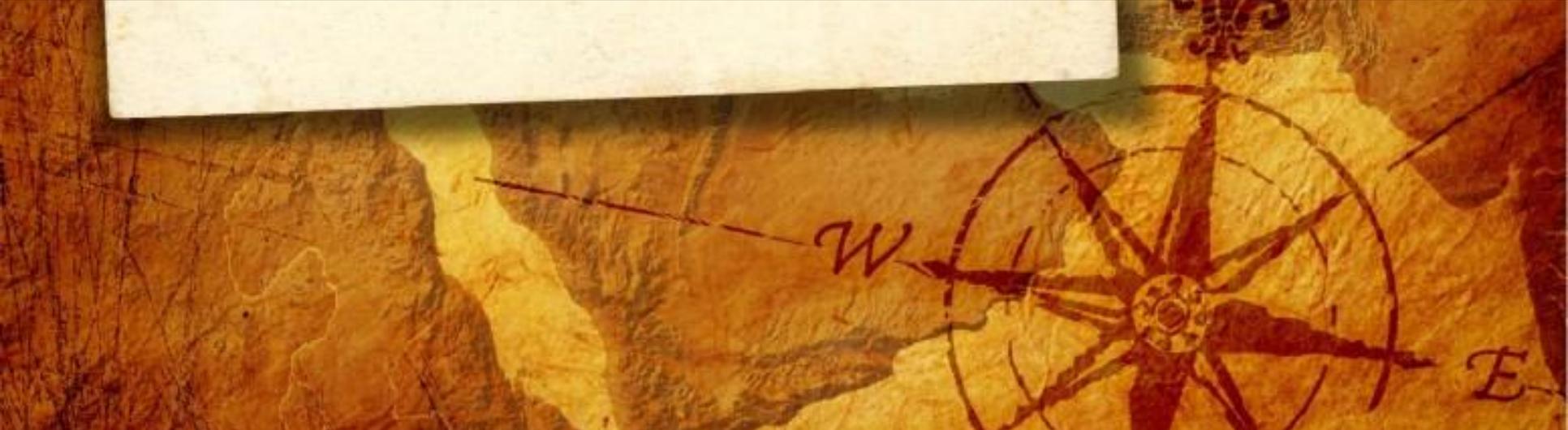
Church at Thessalonica

## ... but Satan hindered us ... part 3

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### 1 Thessalonians 2:18

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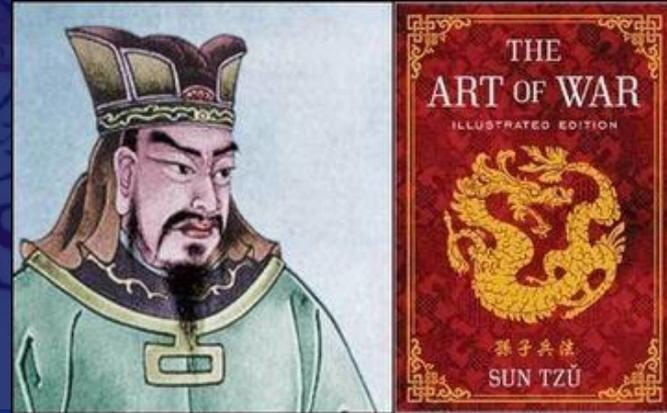
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**But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. <sup>18</sup> Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—**

**but SATAN hindered us. 1 Thess. 2:17-18**

Since, Paul brought it up, let's take a look at our mortal, sworn enemy SATAN ... for a few of weeks...

Knowledge is a key for Victory in Battle  
*Art of War* – Sun Tzu



“If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but NOT the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy NOR yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”

# Knowledge is a key for Victory in Battle

Although Sun Tzu learned some stuff about battles, which are true concepts ... we, as Christians, followers of Christ, must keep our eyes on Christ when we are in the heat of the Spiritual Battle.

So, we **MUST** start with God our Father and His Messiah, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD, and the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit for and Victory of any Spiritual Battle.

We must rely upon the LORD, stick Close to Him, Trust in Him

## Knowledge is a key for Victory in Battle

“I have done this so that we may NOT be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are NOT ignorant of his SCHEMES.”

2 Corinthians 2:11

Schemes → Devices, Tactics, Strategies, Behaviors

We SHOULD NOT be ignorant of Satan's schemes:

Not ignorant of his STRATEGIES

Not ignorant of the way he is (his patterns of behavior)

Not ignorant of what he is (fallen angelic being, spiritual)

Not ignorant of who he is (Satan, the Devil, Serpent ...)

Not ignorant of his power to deceive (slick, tricky ...)

# Know Your Enemy ... What is he?

## What did we learn last week?

- **The Serpent in Genesis 3 is Satan / the Devil - NOT a demon possessed snake | Rev. 12:9, 20:1-3, 2 Cor. 11:3, 13-15**
- **Satan is an Angelic Being (created being / spiritual being)**
- **Angels were created BEFORE Genesis 1:1 (the physical creation account - the physical Heavens and Earth)**
- **Angels were individually created – not a race of angels**
- **There is NO indication that Angelic Beings were created in the Image and Likeness of God as Adam & Eve were**  
**Although intelligent sentient beings – not like us fully**

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- Some of the “sons of God” - Gen. 6, Job 1 & 2 – fell and Satan is their leader – they are a *type* of angelic being
- Satan and his angels fell BEFORE Genesis 3

We know this, because, when God Creates anything or any creature – they are Perfect and Innocent to begin with. So, by some choice or series of choices Satan and his angels that “FELL” with him were Holy, but then became Evil – by their own volitional choice. And this occurred either before Genesis 1:1 or at least Genesis 3:1.



order from the beginning, and  
the truth, because there is no truth  
he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of  
he is a liar, and the father of it.

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**These are some of the popular “pictures” of the devil or Satan... but he really doesn’t look like this**

## 2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.



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**He probably looks very beautiful – so much so we probably couldn't keep our eyes off him. And Adam & Eve met him ...**

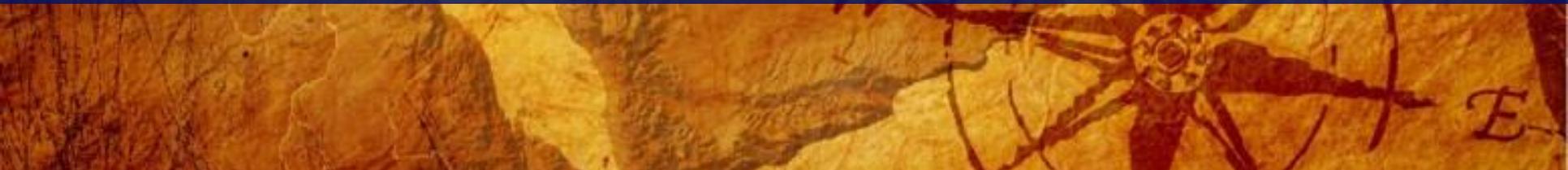


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**Example of this → Ezekiel chapter 1, 10 and Isaiah 6**



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Ezekiel 1 and Revelation 4

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**Ezekiel 1 & 10 – Rev. 4 & 5 – Cherubim (4 living creatures)  
Shapes like wheels, humans, eagles, oxen, lions, etc.**

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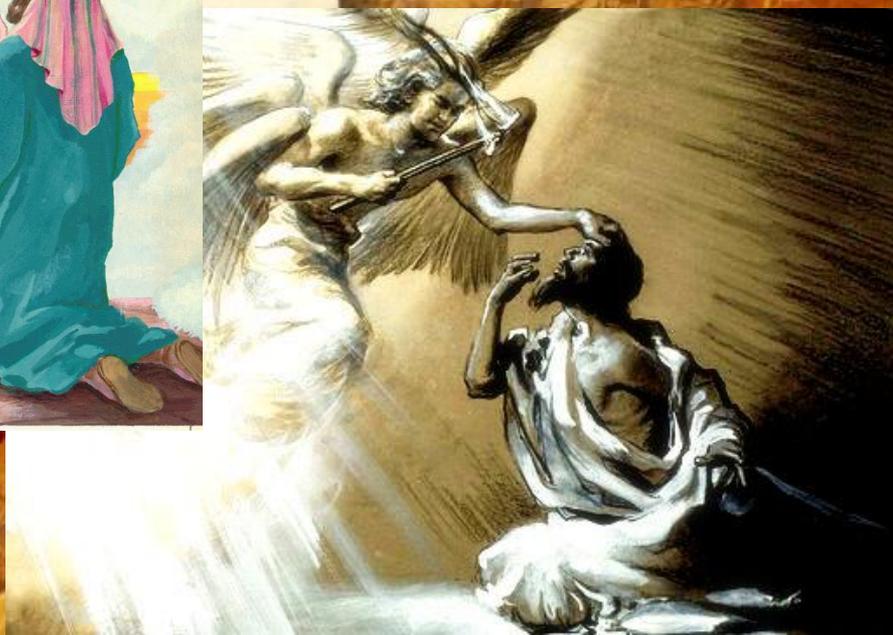
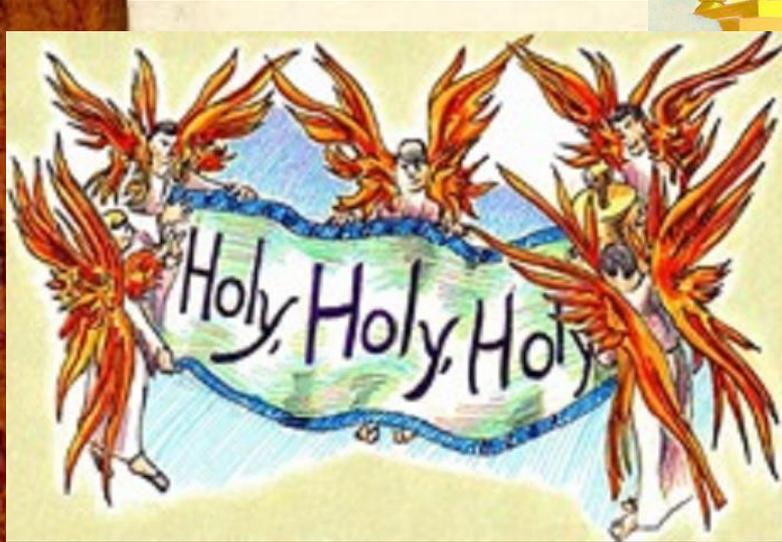
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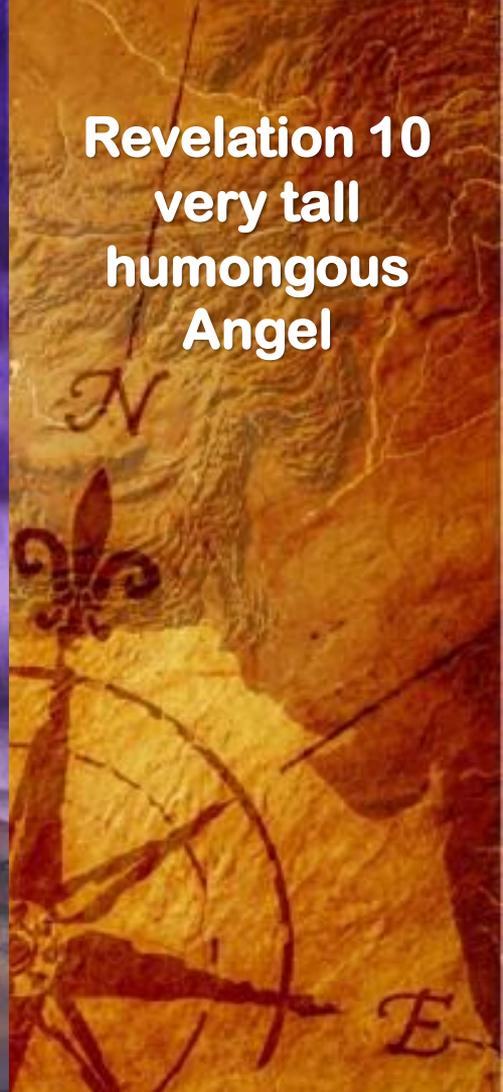
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**The Seraphim only seemed to have one face ... but can fly ... with wings ...**

**Angels → All kinds of shapes and manifestations ...**



**Revelation 10**  
**very tall**  
**humongous**  
**Angel**



A detailed illustration of Archangel Gabriel, depicted with large, feathered wings and a human-like face. He is shown in profile, holding a sword aloft in his right hand. The background is a soft, golden light.

# Archangel Gabriel

## Daniel 10

**Gabriel** and his angels fought the “Prince of Persia” – **Michael** and his angels came to help Gabriel → Gabriel looked like a **man** to Daniel – cf: **Genesis 18**  
Yet, they flew – **suggesting...**

A painting of Archangel Michael, shown with large blue wings and a human face. He is wearing a yellow and blue robe and holding a sword. The background is a dark, stormy sky.

*Michael is called one of the Chief Princes  
Daniel 10:13*

## 3 Archangel Division

**Gabriel & Michael** – 2 Divisions of Holy Angels – working together.  
Satan must’ve been an “archangel” with **one Division** that rebelled against God under his leadership

# 1. Why are we in this “mess” in the first place?

## Description/Roots:

**Genesis 3** – Satan tempted Adam & Eve to rebel against God’s clear command – resulting in us being infected by **sin** and **death**

## Impact/Explanation:

**Romans 5:12ff** – sin infect the whole human race since Adam & Eve

**Romans 8:18-22** – sin impacted the entire Universe – earth, solar system, planets, stars, galaxies, etc. → it is mankind’s fault



**BEFORE A PERSON IS  
BORN AGAIN  
THEY ARE ENEMIES  
WITH GOD  
AND OF THEIR FATHER  
THE DEVIL**

**ROMANS 5:10**

**JOHN 8:44**

## 2. What are some of Satan's "powers" over fallen humans?

- Our **Old Sinful Nature** – the fallen sinful human is fully under the control of Satan & Satan's "World System" (i.e. "the world")

Satan uses **lies, deception, and fear** to control humans –

**"You are of your father, the devil, and you WANT to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies."** John 8:44 (quoting Jesus)

**Satan, the Devil – his nature is → liar and murderer. He's full of pride, rebellion, and sinfulness. He hates the Truth, loves to Lie.**

**All humans, outside of Christ, not redeemed, not saved, not "born again" in Christ, who are fallen, sinful human beings – are fully under the "fatherhood" of the Devil – per what Jesus said here. Our old sinful nature is just like his. Our nature wants to do Satan's bidding.**

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**"... the whole world lies under the SWAY of the wicked one"**

**1 John 5:19 → "sway" – control, deluding influence – under a spell**

**Satan has "powers" of influence and persuasion beyond human resistance – in the natural. Our old fallen human, sinful nature is easily persuaded by him, since our old fallen human, sinful nature is just like his. In the Garden – Satan infected our first parents with the venom of Sinful, PRIDEFUL, Rebellious Independence, using a lie – our nature just like his "nature" ... and we've been infected ever since (Romans 5:12). Thus, when Satan whispers into our old sinful nature's "ears" – it resonates and our old sinful nature likes Satan voice. It is very familiar to us (i.e.: our old, fallen sinful human nature)**

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**"The Thief Only comes to Steal, Kill, and Destroy, but I (Jesus) came that you might have life and that abundantly."** John 10:10

Satan's goals are to **Steal, Kill, and Destroy** -

and he uses his "powers" at his disposal to aim for this goal for the whole human race. He uses his "systems" that he put together to accomplish this:

- his **Network of Demons** all over the world (non-physical beings)  
Satan is not omnipresent like God is, so he tries to mimic this
- his **Network of fallen humans** in "high places" who are under his control to influence and control other humans ("the world system")

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**"Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through His death He might destroy the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil — <sup>15</sup> and free those who were held in SLAVERY all their lives by THE FEAR OF DEATH. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that He does NOT reach out to help angels, but to help Abraham's offspring." Hebrews 2:14-16**

**Satan uses the "Fear of Death" as the ultimate control over sinful humans to keep them in bondage to the slavery of sin. He uses all kinds of fear tactics to hold folks back from being saved.**

**Also notice that God doesn't Redeem or Help angels only humans**

**3. What are some of the areas that Satan uses to “tempt” us into falling into sin? (i.e. his devices, tactics, schemes)**

**“I have done this so that we may NOT be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are NOT ignorant of his SCHEMES [Tactics].”**

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Now the serpent [*nakhash*] was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. <sup>3</sup> But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup> “No! You will not die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> The woman saw that the tree was **GOOD FOR FOOD** and **DELIGHTFUL TO LOOK AT**, and that it was **DESIRABLE FOR OBTAINING WISDOM**. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **Genesis 3:1-6**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become **BREAD.**” <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘**MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.**’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil \*took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and \*said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘**HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU**’; and ‘**ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.**’” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘**YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.**’” [ Hey Everyone See Me – Eyes on Me ]

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil \*took Him to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their **GLORY**; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus \*said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘**YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.**’” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil \*left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him. **Matthew 4:1-11**

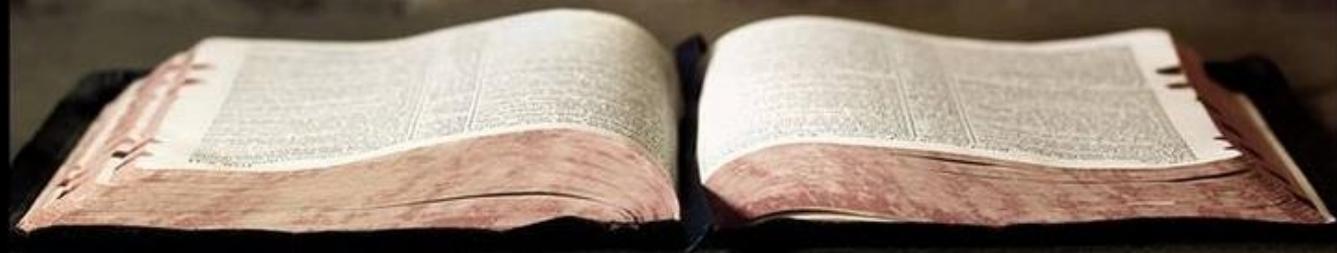
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**Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust (desires) of the flesh and the lust (desires) of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 1 John 15-16**

#### **3 Main Areas of Satanic/Demonic Sinful Temptations (corruption):**

- a. Legitimate Physical Desires and Needs (physical desires – food, fruit, bread)  
starts out as → legitimate physical needs  
becomes → I will do anything, including breaking God’s Laws to get it**
- b. Eyes – Desires and Needs (mental - beautiful delightful → covetousness)  
starts out as → wanting approval, wanting others to “see me”  
becomes → “I want” or need that, “I must have that, or else...”**
- c. Boastful Pride of LIFE (spiritual)– prideful boasting, “I’m better than you”  
starts out as → legitimately wanting to belong, to be a part of ...  
becomes → “Worship Me”**

**“TO WIN THE FIGHT,  
YOU’VE GOT TO HAVE THE RIGHT  
STRATEGY AND THE RIGHT  
RESOURCES, BECAUSE VICTORIES  
DON’T COME BY ACCIDENT.”**



## 4. How do we gain victory over our enemies?

(i.e.: Satan, demons, sin, and our old sinful nature)

**Although Knowledge is a key for Victory in Battle**

**Fearing the LORD is at the ROOT of our Victory**

**“The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of KNOWLEDGE, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7**

**“The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of WISDOM, And the KNOWLEDGE of the Holy One is understanding.” Prov. 9:10**

**“The Fear of the LORD is the instruction of WISDOM, and before honor is HUMILITY.” Proverbs 15:33**

**In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the Fear of the LORD one departs from evil. Proverbs 16:6**

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**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.**

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7**

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**His Strength, Knowledge and Wisdom –**

**He Provides a way of ESCAPE**

**Prayerful, Trusting Reliance upon Jesus Christ for Victory**

**“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

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**“Finally, be strengthened by the LORD and by His vast strength. <sup>11</sup> Put on the FULL armor of God so that you can stand against the TACTICS of the DEVIL. <sup>12</sup> For our BATTLE is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. <sup>13</sup> This is why you MUST take up the FULL armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having PREPARED everything, to take your stand.”**

**Ephesians 6:10-13**