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Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

(Hosea 4:6)

Lack of knowledge of the Word

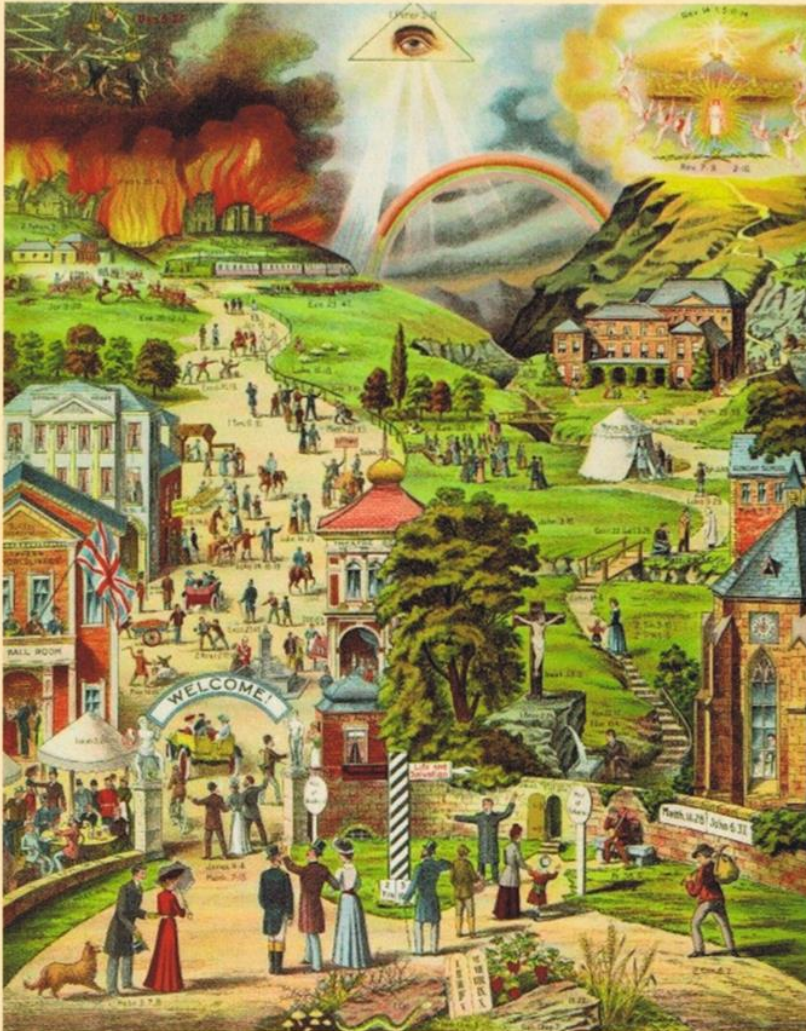
- **God our father**
 - He is on our side
 - The victory
- **The enemy**
 - The battlefield, the weapons, the strategy
 - Deny his existence
 - Not recognize his works in our lives
 - Ascribing everything to the enemy

There is opposition to the abundant life

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. (John 10:10)

- Steal: joy/peace/possessions
- Kill: purposes of our lives/ dreams/hope/people
- Destroy: marriages/relationships/ ministries

The Broad Way and The Narrow Way



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There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.(Prov 14:12, Prov 16:25)

The Enemy

- Origin of all evil, sickness, chaos and death
- Liar-father of lies (John 8:44)
- Deceiver
 - Angel of light
 - Way that seems right
- Accuser of the brethren

Where does temptation come from?

- ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. (James 1)
- No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Cor 10:13 NIV)

Can the enemy serve God's purposes in our lives?

- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1)
- ²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. (Genesis 50)
- “*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.* (Romans 8:28)

Stay in the circle of God's protection

- Stay connected to God
 - He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (Ps 91:1)
- Stay connected to God's people
 - Don't go to war without wise guidance; there is safety in many counselors. (Proverbs 24:6 TLB)
- Be careful what you sow
 - ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7)
- Be careful how you walk
 - I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Galatians 6:16)

Stay in the circle of God's protection

- Guard over your thoughts
 - casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- Guard over your joy
 - “The joy of the Lord is my strength.” (Nehemiah 8:10)
- Go low and stay low
 - Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honour and life. (Proverbs 22:4 NIV)
- Resist the devil
 - Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

A black Bible with a silver sword resting on it. The Bible is open, and the sword is placed diagonally across the left page. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are printed in white on the left page, with a white cross symbol below them. The sword has a detailed hilt and a long, straight blade.

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SPIRITUAL WARFARE

TEARING DOWN STRONGHOLDS
& PHESIANS 6:17



1. Know the real enemy

- ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [\[c\]](#)the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places (2 Corinthians 10)



2. The Word of God: the Sword

- there's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17 The Message)
- I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. (1 John 2:14)



3. Prayer

- And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:13)
- praying always with all prayer and supplication in
the Spirit, (Ephesians 6:18)
- For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved.” (Romans 10:13)



4. Take authority

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18)

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:11

Blood of the Lamb

- The Lord Jesus Christ, by whose blood they were redeemed and ransomed out of the hands of Satan, that was stronger than they; and by which they were justified from all sin, and so all charges and condemnation were of no avail against them, whether of Satan or the world; and by which they were cleansed from all pollution, both internal and external

Word of their Testimony

- by the use they made of the Scriptures of truth, the sword of the Spirit, the word of God, to which they bore a faithful testimony, and to which they adhered, and by so doing gained the victory over Satan and his instruments, whether false teachers or persecutors

Promises for those who overcome

To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. (Rev 2:7)

He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.

(Rev 2:11)

To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*

(Rev 2:17)

⁵ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

(Rev 3:5)

Glory to God



The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen

(2 Timothy 4:18)