

# World champions

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Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. <sup>10</sup> He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His **Son**.

1 John 5: 9-12 (NKJV)

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The way to have eternal life is to have the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:11 -12 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 28 :19-20 (NKJV)

## Satan's opposition to Evangelism and Missions: 1. Blinds the minds of unbelievers

<sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4 (NKJV)

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<sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Matthew 13: 4, 19 (NKJV)

Satan's opposition to Evangelism and Missions: 1. Blinds the minds of unbelievers 2. Snatches the word away from people who hear 3. Does deceptive signs and wonders <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

#### Matthew 24:24 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

#### Thessalonians 2: 9 (NKJV)

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Acts 13: 8-11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

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#### 1 Thessalonians 2: 17-18 (NKJV)

Satan's opposition to Evangelism and Missions: 1. Blinds the minds of unbelievers 2. Snatches the word away from people who hear 3. Does deceptive signs and wonders 4. Uses people to hinder others from believing 5. Hinders mission efforts in general 6. Throws Christians in prison and persecutes them

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2: 10 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> 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 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4: 4 (NKJV)

Prayer for the person to be saved:

*The person's heart be prepared, so that it will be "good soil" for the seed.* 

- Satan not be able to steel the seeds of the truth.

- Nothing will destroy the seed.

- The Word becomes a revelation through the lifting of the veil. - The root of pride in them be broken.

- The person comes to true repentance.

- "How to pray for the lost loved ones" by Dutch Sheets