THE BATTLE FOR FAITH

OVERCOMING SATAN’S DECEPTIONS
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• BIBLICAL FAITH IS NOT SIMPLY POSITIVE THINKING – BIBLICAL FAITH IS OF THE HEART, NOT THE MIND.

• BIBLICAL FAITH IS POSITIVE KNOWING!
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• HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV) (1) NOW FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE.

• FAITH SAYS -- THE PROMISE FROM GOD IS YOURS -- YOU CAN BUILD ON IT AND DEVELOP IT -- IT IS ASSURED -- A REALITY THAT'S ALREADY THERE!

• CONNECTED TO GOD WE SEE THAT NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR HIM
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WHY IS FAITH SO IMPORTANT?

• **IT IS FAITH THAT RELEASES GOD’S POWER**

• **UNBELIEF CAN CAUSE US TO NOT RECEIVE WHAT WE HAVE ASKED FOR EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF GOD’S WILL**
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YOU ARE OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH:

• YOUR FAITH LINKS YOU TO GOD’S PROMISES --
  FAITH BECOMES YOUR TITLE DEED --
  YOU OWN THE PROMISES FROM GOD -- THEY ARE YOURS!
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- **Faith is based on Truth which Satan disregards and degrades**

- **Satan is a deceiver making things that are bad seem good**

- *(2 Cor 11:14 NIV) ... Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.*
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• EVERYTHING ABOUT SATAN IS FALSE:
  • FALSE TEACHERS
  • FALSE PROPHETS
  • FALSE CHRIST’S
  • FALSE APOSTLES
  • FALSE BROTHERS & SISTERS

• SATAN IS THE FALSE LIGHT— JESUS IS THE TRUE LIGHT!
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• **THE DEVIL** IS THE **FATHER OF LIES**

• **JESUS** IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE – “**THE TRUTH**”

• (JOHN 1:14 NIV) **THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US. WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, THE GLORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY, WHO CAME FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**
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• (John 8:44 NIV) YOU BELONG TO YOUR FATHER, THE DEVIL, AND YOU WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR FATHER'S DESIRE. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, NOT HOLDING TO THE TRUTH, FOR THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE LIES, HE SPEAKS HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE, FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES.
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• GOD HAS A **HIGH STANDARD OF HONESTY AND TRUTH**

• **DEU 32:4 (NIV)** "HE IS THE ROCK, HIS WORKS ARE PERFECT, AND ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUST. A FAITHFUL GOD WHO DOES NO WRONG, UPRIGHT AND JUST IS HE."
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**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE**

**HEB 6:18 (NIV)** "GOD DID THIS SO THAT, BY TWO UNCHANGEABLE THINGS IN WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, WE WHO HAVE FLED TO TAKE HOLD OF THE HOPE OFFERED TO US MAY BE GREATLY ENCOURAGED."
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• PSA 101:7 (NIV) "No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence."

• PROV 12:22 (NIV) "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful."
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• LYING IS PART OF YOUR PAST -- NOT YOUR PRESENT OR YOUR FUTURE

• NO LIARS WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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- **The Devil is the Father of Lies** -- Jesus is “The Truth”

- **Christ’s Power is Greater** than the Devil and His Demons

- **Philippians 2:9 (NIV)** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
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- MARK 9:17-18 (NIV) "TEACHER, I BROUGHT YOU MY SON, WHO IS POSSESSED BY A SPIRIT THAT HAS ROBBED HIM OF SPEECH. WHENEVER IT SEIZES HIM, IT THROWS HIM TO THE GROUND. HE FOAMS AT THE MOUTH, GNASHES HIS TEETH AND BECOMES RIGID. I ASKED YOUR DISCIPLES TO DRIVE OUT THE SPIRIT, BUT THEY COULD NOT."

- THIS DEMONIC ATTACK WAS A MAJOR DISTRACTION

- JESUS IS NOT PUT OFF BY DEMONIC DISTRACTIONS
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• THE CAUSE of DISTRACTION & DESTRUCTION IS SATAN

• THE CURE for DISTRACTION & DESTRUCTION IS JESUS
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• JESUS EXPLAINS THE POWER PRINCIPLE: **WHAT YOU NEED IS FAITH & FOCUS**

• CONCERNING THAT GREAT NEED IN YOUR LIFE: **STOP FOCUSING ON THE DISTRACTION AND START FOCUSING ON THE ONE WHO CAN OVERCOME IT**
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• The Destroyer of Life cannot stand up to the power that is in the Giver of Life

• When we are in contact with God through prayer and fasting – the authority God has given us brings release in the spiritual realm
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- The Devil is the ruler of this world for a little while...

- Jesus is the only ruler over all creation -- and He shall reign forever and ever
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*(1 John 3:8 NIV) HE WHO DOES WHAT IS SINFUL IS OF THE DEVIL, BECAUSE THE DEVIL HAS BEEN SINNING FROM THE BEGINNING. THE REASON THE SON OF GOD APPEARED WAS TO DESTROY THE DEVIL'S WORK*
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• (PHIL 2:10-11 NIV) (10) THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, (11) AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.
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• (REV 19:16 NIV) ON HIS ROBE AND ON HIS THIGH HE HAS THIS NAME WRITTEN: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

• (JOHN 16:11 NIV) AND IN REGARD TO JUDGMENT, BECAUSE THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD NOW STANDS CONDEMNED.
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- **Your faith in God is not in vain**
- **Our faith is going to end in sight**
- **We can live in victory today -- by faith God meets every problem with a promise**
(2 Th 3:3 NIV) BUT THE LORD IS FAITHFUL, AND HE WILL STRENGTHEN AND PROTECT YOU FROM THE EVIL ONE.

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL -- HE WILL PROTECT US -- AND HE HAS GIVEN US AUTHORITY EVEN OVER THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS
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• THE DEVIL IS OUR ENEMY – JESUS IS OUR FRIEND

• THE DEVIL IS AGAINST US -- ADVERSARY JESUS IS FOR US -- OUR ADVOCATE

• WHILE SATAN TRIES TO DENY US JESUS DEFENDS AND DELIVERS US

• THE DEVIL IS A DESTROYER OF LIFE – JESUS IS A GIVER OF LIFE

• THE DEVIL IS THE EVIL ONE JESUS IS THE HOLY & RIGHTEOUS ONE
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- **THE DEVIL IS** THE FATHER OF LIES

- **THE DEVIL ATTACKS** THE SHEEP

- **THE DEVIL IS** THE FALSE LIGHT

- **THE DEVIL IS** THE RULER OF THIS WORLD

- **JESUS IS** KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS

- **JESUS IS THE TRUTH**

- **JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

- **JESUS IS** THE TRUE LIGHT

- **HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED**

- **HE REIGNS FOREVER**
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• THERE IS A REASON FOR EXCITEMENT AND JOY -- WE HAVE THE PROMISE OF VICTORY

• YOUR FAITH WILL SEAL YOUR DESTINY

• (1 JOHN 4:4 NIV) 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.
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- **GOD’S FINAL PLAN DEALS WITH THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS**

- **JESUS SPEAKS OF AN ETERNAL FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS.**

- **SATAN WILL BE VANQUISHED IN THE END --ETERNAL FIRE IS WAITING FOR HIM-- HE WILL BE DEFEATED BY A SINGLE WORD**

- **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL OVERTHROW HIM BY THE SPLENDOR OF HIS COMING**
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- Jesus **HAS** the answer – Jesus **IS** the answer
- He is **THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER**
- He **ANSWERS** the **FERVENT FAITH-FILLED PRAYERS** of believers
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL OVERCOME SATAN AND:

• BRING US NEAR TO GOD (HEB 7:25)

• OPEN THE WAY TO A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE (LK 11:13; AC 1:14)
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL OVERCOME SATAN AND:

• **CLARIFY GOD’S PURPOSES FOR US** *(Ps 32:6-8; Pr 3:5-6)*

• **BRING US INTO CLOSER COMPANIONSHIP WITH GOD** *(Mt 6:9)*
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL OVERCOME SATAN AND:

• **BRING OTHERS WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY LOST INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST (James 5:20)**

• **BRING US THE WISDOM, REVELATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Eph 1:16-17)**
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OUR PRAYERS OF FAITH WILL OVERCOME SATAN AND:

• BRING US HEALING *(JAMES 5:16)*

• BRING US RESCUE FROM TROUBLE *(PS 34:4-7; PHP 1:19)*
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- When we pray with fervency and faith, we can see God bring great breakthroughs to our lives.
- By faith, we can overcome Satan and all his deceptions.
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• As we combine God’s Word and promises with our faith — and we connect that to God — we receive the reward of our faith — God’s move in our lives
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• GOD IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER
• HE STILL ANSWERS FERVENT & FAITH FILLED PRAYERS
• WHEN WE PRAY WITH FERVENCY AND FAITH... WE CAN SEE GOD BRING GREAT BREAKTHROUGHS TO OUR LIVES!