God Has A Plan For Your Victory

Knowing Your Enemy

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• You And I Are At War

• It Is A Spiritual War

• It Affects Every Area Of Life
Step One: Open Your Spiritual Eyes

• (1 Cor. 2:14 NIV) "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."
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(2 Kings 6:15-17 NIV) When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. (16) "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." (17) And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
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• This Battle Taking Place In Elisha’s Day Parallels The Conditions Of Our Day

• We Need To Be Praying: Open My Eyes Lord So I Can See What You Need Me To See

• In The Spiritual Realm We Need To Be God Focused -- Not Devil Focused
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A Brief Definition Of Spiritual Warfare:

“Spiritual warfare is that conflict being waged in the invisible, spiritual realm that is being manifest in the visible, physical realm.”

• (Eph 6:12 NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
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• It Is Crucial For Us To Get To Know Our Enemy
  ▪ If We Don’t Know Who He Is And What He Is Up To It Is Very Difficult To Defeat Him

• We Need To Know And Understand That Satan Is Real -- He Is Evil -- And He Is Our #1 Enemy
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Why Believe In The Reality Of Satan?

• The Word Of God Teaches It

• Jesus Believed In The Reality Of Satan

• Jesus Spent His Ministry Battling Satan
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Important And Basic Instructions: Satan

• Our Foe Is Formidable And His Goal Is To Destroy Us And Discredit The Cause Of Christ

• We Must Respect Our Foe, But Not Fear Him. We Need To Become Acutely Aware Of His Methods, But Not Be Preoccupied By Them
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• Satan’s Names Reveal His Tactics
• Satan Attacks The Church Thru Falsehood
• Satan Attacks God’s People
  ▪ Thru Deception And Destruction
• Satan’s Has A Degree Of Power
• His Power Is Limited
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- God's Kingdom Consists Of God (Father, Son, And Holy Spirit), Angels, And All People Who Live In Loving Submission To Him.

- Every Person Alive Is A Resident Of One Of Two Kingdoms.

- They Make A Choice Of What Kingdom They Are Going To Be A Part Of Depending On Whether They Accept Or Reject Christ As Savior And Lord
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• We Do Not Fight For Victory, We Fight From Victory. In Christ’s Power We Are Invincible
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Satan Has Already Been Judged By God:

• Cast Out Of Heaven He Lost His Exalted Position
• He Was Cursed In The Garden Of Eden
• He Was Defeated By Christ In The Wilderness
• Judged And Defeated By The Cross Of Calvary
• The Judgment Has Been Made: Satan Is Guilty
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His Eternal Destiny Is Now Set

• He Will Be Finally Cast Out Of Heaven
• He Will Be Confined To The Bottomless Pit
• He Will Be Thrown Into The Lake Of Fire
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We Have Victory Over Our Enemy:

• God Meets Ever Problem With A Promise

• (Rom 8:37-38 NIV) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (38 ) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, (39) neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

• (2 Th 3:3 NIV) But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
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• (Eph 6:10 NIV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
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Our Response To Satan

• Recognize He Has Limitations
• Know That Satan’s Power Is Limited By God’s Will
• Realize That He Has Been Conquered
• Remember That We Have Jesus Interceding For Us
• Stay On Guard
• Don’t Allow Satan Any Footholds
• Put On The Full Armor Of God
• Satan And His Demons Are A Formidable Force. *Ultimately He Is A Defeated Enemy*

• When Christ Rose From The Grave He Won The Victory That Is Sure And Eternal

• *(Col 2:15 NIV)* 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, *triumphing over them by the cross.*
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• We In Ourselves Are No Match For The Devil But We Are More Than Conquerors Thru Him

• Greater Is He That Is In You Than He That Is In The World