

Part 2 How to fight like a Christian.....We finished a series on God's great power.....now how to fight with power as a Christian... Why is it important to know this?... one thing we All creatures are created....For once we damask these creatures these creature of darkness we witness the true reality...that they are created beings and that God is infinitely more powerful and That He has equipped his people to win in the war of the Spirit worldfor our battle is not against flesh and blood...

Eph 6: 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
NLT

- *what is his power? Words! and words are invisible or visible...but always produce actions that are visible...*

*Proverbs 18:21**Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. ESV*

- **To love words means to hold close...to nurture them, cuddle them hold them dear...in doing that they will bear fruit ...which you will eat... the words when ingested... believed...produce fruit of either life or death....**
- **SATAN'S... great weapon is the lie...in order to lie one must know the truth...and that is what makes him so dangerous...he intentionally deceives....**

When condemning the Religious for their hypocrisy...Jesus reveals this tactic...

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires 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.**⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

- **....God never lies...the demonic and people lie...so when people reject truth they reject God's truth... he no longer is the father guiding man kind.....**
- **The author of the lie becomes the father...and we are led astray by his lying words...**
- **interesting "from the beginning" means he is still doing it today!! doing what murdering, lying ...**
- *it is what led the world astray... They meaning humans in general...*

Rom 1:25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise!

- **Fall of man had to do solely with not believing the Word of God, and is centered in the sin of believing Satan's lies instead of God's truth. and that ultimately destroy us...**
- **it is what led Eve astray...**

Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent **deceived** me, and I ate."

it is what led us...before Christ *Ephesians 2:2* You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the

powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God....

it is his greatest tool against the believers....we are still prone to fall for lies...

*2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was **deceived** by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

We get tempted like Eve...she belonged to God.....and the method he uses to lie to us...revolve around our flesh..greed, power. pleasure... God is lying...we will be like god, to will be advantageous to us... more power, and it will be pleasurable..

- **and know this..TEMPTATION ALWAYS STARTS WITH WORDS...A DIALOGUE...**

James 1:14 *Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.*

- **Temptation is a DIALOGUE BASED ON A LIE..WHICH ENTICES US..(SEEMS DESIRIUS OR ADVANTAGEOUS TO our fleshly nature)**
- **WITH THE purpose TO DRAG US INTO AN ACTION...**

This is what makes him so wicked...and evil...he knows the truth but intentionally wants to use lies to murder, steal and destroy us...

This will compound Satan's judgment is that he knew the truth, experienced the truth, lived with God!!

*****So Lets go back to the beginning and see how Satan knew the truth..... Job 38:1-6 God speaking to Job when job has questioned the integrity of God concerning his plan and reason for allowing Job to go through all the troubles he had. after many chapters God responds...**

*JOB 38: Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ² “Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³ **Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.**
⁴ **“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—***

Job where were you when I created the earth? the answer not yet created...So you have no idea of that which you speak...for I made the planet and all the universes with a plan for you to inhabit them...I surely know what I am doing in your one little life..

*****However the angels were There at that time for the very next verse in Job...Says...**

*JOB 38:7 while the **morning stars sang together and all the angels** shouted for joy?*

- **Imagine the angels watching what God is doing and giving him great glory for his abilities and skills...being full of Joy...and to this day they continue to watch And to this day they continue to watch and serve... apparently Satan sang also...apparently pleased with the work of God...**
- **Apparently Morning Star is a designation of certain angels..of which Satan is called one..For he is later called one of them..**

ISA 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn!

- So lets take a look at this particular former Angelic being...a little more closely ...

In Genesis chapter three we are introduced to this being...

- The Hebrew word rendered "serpent" in Genesis 3 is *Nachash* (from the root *Nachash, to shine*, and means *a shining one*. Hence, in Chaldee it means *brass* or *copper*, because of its *shining*.)

Gen 3:3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.....

- two things we are told about him in this verse...

1)the first... He is referred to as a Serpent...this is a figure of speech... it is not what he looked like bright and shining but refers to his character... **Snakes (or serpents) get plenty of attention in the Bible, which mentions them over 80 times.** They are almost always pictured as loathsome creatures, associated with poison and craftiness....death from poison in his bite..**His mouth is his weapon!**

2) And Second he is crafty!!! Crafty means wise in a bad sense...he knows how to work it...to manipulate...how to disguise the truth with a lie...**he is a smooth talker!**

- And he is referred to as a dragon and a serpent in:

*Revelation 12:9This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the **whole world**—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. NLT*

- **a dragon beings death from the fire spewed from his mouth...**

- **Interesting that both references, (Serpent and Dragon) to the enemy refer to his manipulating speech**
- **Jesus called him a liar and the author of lies... and dragon and serpent ...all have to do with the destructive power of what comes out of Satan's mouth and bite! Lies, poison, fire...**

Yet he **Camouflages** himself as An angel of light or life...

2 Corinthians 11:14 ...for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

- He disguises himself as "an angel of light" (i.e. a glorious angel), possessing superior and supernatural helpful knowledge. ...but his purpose is to deceive the truth to kill us
- **but God's children are not left defenseless..**
- **Holding onto the truth continually is the way to stand up under temptation... How?**

*Luke 6: 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. **well built on what? the words of God! that is life!***

What living the truth look like outwardly..... We are actually visibly, transformed... ...it can be seen

*2CO 3: 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces **contemplate** the Lord's glory, **are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

- **Nothing changes in my outward appearance...I look the same**
- **but what I contemplate inwardly changes...to the Lord's Glory...I advertise him in my mind!!**
- **My thinking progressively reflects the way God thinks! And my actions reflect the way Jesus lived!!**
- **In a worried world the follower of Jesus stands out as calm**
- **In a greedy world the follower of Jesus stands out as generous**
- **In a depressed world the follower of Jesus has joy**
- **In a world consumed with the negative...the follower of Jesus see hope!**
- **In a society emotionally riding the roller coaster of circumstances the follower of Jesus lives by faith that there is a plan of God at work!...**
- **In a fearful world the follower of Jesus stand out as courageous**
- **In an unstable world the follower of Jesus stand out as reliable**
- **In a selfish world the follower of Jesus increasingly lives selfless**
- **In a world filled with pain, follower of Jesus should stand out for their compassion a healing balm**
- **In a world filled with confusion, the follower of Jesus increasingly lives by conviction and understanding...**
- **in an out of control world the follower of Jesus increasingly lives under self control..**
- **In a world filled with immorality and corruption... the followers of Jesus should stand out as people of integrity and honesty**
- **in a world bent on revenge for wrongs...the follower of Jesus freely forgives..**
- **In a world filled with hate...we should be known for our love..**

We are actually visibly, transformed... ...truth brings life

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