

The Battle for Our Life

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Text: Hebrews 2:14-18

God created all things. He created life; He created humanity; He created all things “perfectly good” without any trace of evil. The beginning was an age of pure innocence. Oh, what the world must have been like during that time.

This would all change upon sin’s entrance into the world. With sin came the battle of good with evil. Man’s relationship with God and with each other was forever impacted. With man’s estrangement from God, sin seized its control, and death began its reign.

Sin brought corruption upon both humanity and creation. The bible tells us that creation itself suffers from slavery to corruption and groans for its redemption and freedom.

Genesis 3:17–19 “Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life... thorns and thistles will grow for you... you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Summary: sin brought struggle and death.

In the bible, sin is always associated with darkness. Darkness makes for such an appropriate symbol as to the essence of sin and its effects upon this world and the lives of men.

Studies have shown that a prolonged absence of light can trigger depression. Ongoing suffering because of sin has the same effect. The enemy uses suffering to take away the joy of life from man.

Evil waits for the cover of darkness to act out its most heinous acts.

Injustice, violence, distress, and moral depravity has cast a spiritual darkness over our nation and fear seeks to destroy our peace.

Man’s Efforts

In sin’s gloom of darkness, man tries to create his own light of hope and peace; men seek to create their own happiness. However, all our efforts are futile.

We need a savior!!! We need Jesus to come to our rescue! Where else can we turn. There is no other name by which we are saved!

*We are in the Battle for our life. Life is a battle, and the stakes are high.
Our eternal souls hang in the balance.*

The Savior!

Hebrews 2:14–15 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

God became one of us. He can identify with us. God came to our battlefield to defeat our enemy! To destroy his arsenal; to take away his power and control over us. His greatest power is death.

Jesus triumphed over sin! His victory is ours in every battle. To gain the victory we must fight with the power of His might and not our own!

We are in the battle for our life! Fight in Christ!

Life's Struggles

1 Corinthians 10:13–14 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. **Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. (Abandon putting your trust in anything but God!!!)**

Spiritual Darkness

Ephesians 6:12–13 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Use every weapon at your disposal in Christ.

- The name and authority of Christ
- *The power of the Holy Spirit*
 - The Word of God is His sword (Truth)
- Act right (righteousness)
- Faith in Christ
- Assurance of salvation
- Prayer
- The church

Death

1 Corinthians 15:26 - The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

John 11:25–26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Our Faithful High Priest

We are in the battle for our life. In Christ, we are not alone!

Hebrews 2:18 Since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Fight in Christ! Fight in His name and authority!

God's message to the redeemed through the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 43:2–3 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior!

God leads His dear children along... **Some through the water, some through the flood**

Some through the fire, but all through the blood

And some through great sorrow, but God gives the song, In the night season and all the day long