Prepping for Life, Last Days, and Eternity "Standing Firm in Battle" 1 Peter 5:8-14

A survey of the Bible reveals extensive teachings about Satan, the enemy of God. As such, no believer should be ignorant about our spiritual adversary. Recognizing his masquerades and tactics is essential to the daily spiritual warfare of the Jesus life.

1. Identifying the Enemy (v.8)

• Satan's Vicious Nature

Isaiah 14:12-17/Ezekiel 28:11-19—"Shining morning star; perfect in beauty" 2 Corinthians 11:14—"an angel of light" Revelation 9:11—"king: Abaddon, Apollyon"

• Satan's Restless Activity

Revelation 12:7-9—"war broke out in heaven" 2 Corinthians 4:4—"god of this age" 2 Corinthians 12:7—"thorn in the flesh"

• Satan's Malignant Intention

Revelation 12:9, 10—"deceives the whole world; the accuser"

2. Engaging the Battle (vv.9-11)

• Resist the Attack by Faith

Matthew 12:43-45—"house vacant, swept, and put in order"

• Remember the Army of the Faithful

1 Kings 19:18—"But I will leave seven thousand..."

• Rely on the Aid of the Father

Romans 8:28—"all things...for the good" Ephesians 6:10-20—"be strong in the Lord" Revelation 20:7-10—"thrown into the lake of fire"

3. Honoring the Troops (vv.12-14)

• Live the Word

2 Timothy 3:14-17—"sacred Scriptures, which...give you wisdom for salvation"

• Love the Church

Hebrews 10:23-25—"not neglecting to gather together"