

Victory Over the Enemy

Today, we turn to the reality of spiritual warfare. Scripture reminds us that whether we recognize it or not, we are already in a battle. But we do not fight for victory—we fight from it, because Christ has already won.

I. We Are the Targets of a Fierce Enemy (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 10:3–5)

- A. 1 Peter 5:8: *Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can **devour**.*
- B. Satan's plan is to terrorize souls, destroy homes, divide churches.
- C. The battlefield is the heart and mind—every thought must be taken captive to obey Christ.

II. God Equips Us With Effective Weapons (Ephesians 6:10–18)

- A. Ephesians 6:12: *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, **spiritual forces** in the heavens.*
- B. God provides the full armor:
 - 1. **Truth**, righteousness, the gospel of **peace**.
 - 2. Faith, **salvation**, the Word of God.
 - 3. **Pray** at all times.
- C. These are not symbolic decorations—they are survival.

III. Reacquaint Yourself With the Enemy (Revelation 12:10; John 8:44)

- A. Scripture calls him by many names: adversary, slanderer, **tempter**, accuser, **father of lies**.
- B. He works through deception, corruption, accusation, and false worship.
- C. His aim is to keep you chained to guilt, bitterness, and empty pleasures.

IV. We Don't Fight for Victory – We Fight from It (Colossians 2:15; 1 John 5:4–5)

- A. Colossians 2:15: *He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he **triumphed** over them in him.*
- B. 1 John 4:4: *You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is **greater** than the one who is in the world.*
- C. Revelation 12:11: *We overcome by the **blood** of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.*
- D. James 4:7: *Therefore, submit to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you.*

V. As We Close

- A. Satan is real, but he is defeated.
- B. Christ has already secured the victory.
- C. Every battle is endured with eternity in view.
 - 1. Stand firm in God's strength, clothed in His armor, confident of His triumph.
 - 2. In Christ, we are more than conquerors.