

Food for Thought
How Do Christians Stand Firm Against Satanic Attack?
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How do we stand firm against all these attacks?

Summary of article:

1. Christians need to depend on God for spiritual strength against Satan and his demons.
2. Christians need to make the characteristics of Christ a part of their lives
3. Christians have victory over Satan when they stand firm in their beliefs, values, attitudes, and actions.

You don't attempt to watch for individual attacks and stand firm against individual attacks, but rather you look for how Satan is generally going to attack and live in such a way that thwarts his attack wherever it may come. Christians stand firm against Satan by reflecting Christ's characteristics in their lives. In Eph.6:10-13, Paul calls this "putting on the full armour of God."

How do we prepare for battle with Satan and his demons? How do we make ourselves ready everyday for his attacks so that when he does, we will not be defeated?

1. Christians need to depend on God for spiritual strength against Satan and his demons.

In Eph.6:10 Paul writes, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

No matter what you say or what you do in warfare, victory belongs to the strong. Diplomacy is great before the war begins, but once it begins, only strength matters.

And in a war with Satan and his demons, diplomacy means nothing, only strength matters. - POWER

This is especially true because Satan cannot be reasoned with. He has no characteristic in him that would cause him to show the slightest mercy or grace. He knows only rebellion against God and only destruction, and he desires to enlist as many as he can in his campaign against God no matter what the consequences for people.

Satan cannot be persuaded to change; he can only be forced to flee from us. So, Paul begins with strength and power, but not our own.

In v. 10, “be strong” is passive and has the idea of “be strengthened” or “receive strength” from another source. It does not mean to “make yourself strong and powerful.”

We, as human beings, do not have the strength in ourselves to stand against supernaturally powerful evil angels like Satan and his demons.

We are no match for Satan in our own power. But the Lord does have the power to defeat Satan and that’s whom we receive our power from.

Notice, in v. 10, it says “in the Lord and in his mighty power.” “In the Lord” means “in union with the Lord.” “To be strong in union with the Lord,” means “to receive spiritual strength from the Lord in our battle with Satan.” “His mighty power” refers to all God’s omnipotent and infinite power that He possesses.