



## “War & Glory!”

### 2 Corinthians Chapter 10

> (v1-6) ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE!

- Prepare for battle! – Turn to Ephesians 6:10-20

(v11) Who is this devil?

- Satan’s existence is mentioned in 19 of the 27 New Testament books; in the gospels 29 references are given to Satan, 25 of these by Christ.

- Satan’s origin is found in Ezekiel Ch. 28 and he is referred to as “the anointed cherub” and his rebellion is found in Isaiah Ch. 14 in the five “I will’s” and according to Rev. 12:4 a third of the angels in heaven followed him at that time. Satan is mighty, but not almighty, wise but not all knowing. Satan is not equal with God or Jesus Christ; he is a created angel of the highest rank.

- There are as many as 40 different titles given to Satan in Scripture, i.e.- Devil means “accuser,” because he accuses God’s people day and night before the throne of God (Rev. 12:7-11). Satan means “adversary,” because he is the enemy of God. He is also called the tempter (Matt. 4:3), and the murderer and the liar (John 8:44). He is compared to a lion (1Peter 5:8), a serpent (Gen. 3:1; Rev. 12:9), and an angel of light (2 Corin. 11:13-15), as well as “the god of this age” (2 Corin. 4:4).

- Some of the fallen angels have already been dealt with by God, read 2 Peter 2:4-5 - *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

- Jude 6 -*And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*

- A.E. Dickason author of “Angels: Good & Evil” writes about Satan’s wiles or strategies, “God is light, Satan is darkness and desires to keep light from others. God is love and promotes love; Satan is hateful and promotes hate. God is life and creates life, whereas Satan operates in the realm of death. Satan’s counterfeit system may be irreligious. He may deny the existence of God or His control. To explain the world, he substitutes evolution for creation, uniformitarianism for providence, human progress for divine salvation, and man’s utopia for God’s Kingdom on earth. Atheism, agnosticism, pragmatism, existentialism, and relativism are his substitutes for truth.”

(v12) Satan’s army is described in rankings:

(1) Principalities are demons that have the oversight of nations.

(2) Powers are the privates who are the demons wanting to possess human beings.

(3) Rulers of darkness of this world are those demons that have charge of Satan's worldly business.

(4) Spiritual wickedness in high places is demons in the heavenlies who have charge of religion.

- Satan also promotes counterfeit religions through doctrines of demons (1 Timothy Ch. 4); and false teachers (2 Corinthians 11:13-15) with twisted scripture.

(v13-17) PUT ON the ARMOR OF GOD and STAND AGAINST THE ENEMY!

(v14) - *Have your waist girded with TRUTH!* (John 3:16-21)

- *Put on the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS!* (2 Corin. 5:21)

(v15) *Shod your feet with the preparation of the GOSPEL OF PEACE!* (Acts 16:25-34)

(v16) *Take the shield of FAITH & quench the fiery darts of the wicked one!* (Rom. 10:17)

(v17) - *Take the helmet of SALVATION!* (Eph. 2:8,9)

- *Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD OF GOD!* (Matthew 4:1-11)

- Fourfold battle:

#1 – “STRONGHOLDS” (Gk. – *ochuroma*, meaning to fortify, through the idea of holding safely; a castle) and “PULL THEM DOWN!” – Evolution, false doctrine, compromise, psychology.

#2 – “CASTING DOWN ARGUMENTS” (Gk. - *logismos*; from computation, i.e. (figuratively) reasoning (conscience, conceit), contrary to the WORD OF GOD! – Immorality, drunkenness, drug addiction, abuse. (Galatians 5:16-22)

#3 – “CASTING DOWN EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTS ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD” – False religions, Cults, the Occult, the spirit of antichrist.

#4 – “BRINGING EVERY THOUGHT INTO CAPTIVITY” – Be careful of in fighting! Turn to Philippians 4:8-9 – Think on these things!

> (v7-16) BE MINDFUL OF THE FIRE FIGHTS!

(v7-11) Judge not by OUTWARD APPEARANCE!

(v12-16) Beware of PRIDE & ARROGANCE! - Philippians 2:3-4 - *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

> (v17-18) ALWAYS GLORY IN THE LORD!

- The word "GLORY" is found 403 times in the Bible. According to Nelson's Bible Dictionary the word GLORY speaks of God's beauty, power, or honor; a quality of God's character that emphasizes His greatness and authority. This divine quality is beyond man's understanding (Psalms 113:4). All people "fall short" of it (Romans 3:23). Since the close of the Old Testament, the glory of God has been shown mainly in Christ (Luke 9:29-32; John 2:11) and in the members of His church. Christ now shares His divine glory with His followers (John 17:5-6,22), so that in their lives Christians are being transformed into the glorious image of God (2 Corinthians 3:18). Believers will be fully glorified at the end of time in God's heavenly presence (Romans 5:2; Colossians 3:4). There the glory of God will be seen everywhere (Revelation 21:23).

(v18) Self-approval means nothing, but FRUIT BEARING brings COMMENDATION from the LORD JESUS CHRIST! - John 15:1-8; John 15:7-8 -

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*