

THE THREAD OF WAR

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5
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³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

GETTING A LOCK ON THE ENEMY

1. Satan's pride has been slapped and _____.

¹²"How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. ¹³For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. ¹⁴I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NLT)

2. Satan is strong and _____.

⁸Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

⁴Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them. They don't understand the message we preach about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

3. Satan's only plan of attack is _____.

He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 (NLT)

"For the Accuser has been thrown down to earth—the one who accused our brothers and sisters before our God day and night. ¹¹And they have defeated him because of the blood of the Lamb..." Revelation 12:10 (NLT)

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

⁹Take a firm stand against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. 1 Peter 5:9 (NLT)

You have already won your fight with these false prophets, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 1 John 4:4 (NLT)

Be strong with the Lord's mighty power. ¹¹Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. Ephesians 6:10,11 (NLT)

Christ lives in you, and this is your assurance that you will share in his glory. Colossians 1:27 (NLT)