



INTRODUCTION

“Is God for real?”

Many of God’s greatest saints were tested to the limit in their spiritual battles. Elijah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist and even the Apostle Paul were all tested severely. Jesus, at the end of the prayer he taught His disciples to pray, taught them to fight the enemy in prayer.

Matthew 6:13

“Lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from the EVIL ONE.**”

JESUS WANTS YOU TO KNOW

1.. YOU have a _____

YOU ARE ENGAGED IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

- 2 Corinthians 4:4 “The god of this age [ie. Satan] has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
- 1 Peter 5:8 “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”
- 1 Thessalonians 3:5 “For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.”
- Ephesians 4:12 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

“Kosmoskratos” =

We all face a

Satan can ..

-you – 1 Cor. 7:5
- you – Job 2:7
- you – 2 Cor. 11:3
-you – Luke 22:31
- you – Zech. 3:1
- you – 1 Kings 19:4

And if you are an unbeliever ...

- you – 2 Cor. 4:4
-you – Luke 22:3

The best translation: **“but deliver us from the EVIL ONE.”**

‘ponerou’ – in the masculine, and definite article + personal pronoun

2. There is a relentless _____ against you

Satan’s PLAN: to get a in your life:

-- to draw you away from the W..... of God (Gal. 5:16,17)

from the W..... of God (Matt. 16:23)

and from the W..... of God (1 Pet 5:5-11).

He desires to DESTROY your on God (Jn 15:5),

your in God (Jn 15:7),

and your to God (Jn 15:8-10).

- **Satan loves to T..... you**

Satan’s strategy is to you so that you will lose your

2 Tim. 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity [or fear], but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline [sound judgement]"

Satan is a liar – John 8:44

• **Satan will try to T.....you**

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2 Cor. 2:11 "I have forgiven, ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."

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..... - you God

• **Satan will T..... you**

2 Cor. 11:14 "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed from a lack of knowledge."

3. You can _____ the enemy through _____

Two extremes:

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The need to

– don't give the devil a foothold!! (see Eph. 4:26-27)

THE THREE R's OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

• **R..... the enemy at work**

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- **R.....**

..... to think about the Satan puts in your mind.

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

Refusing means → Putting on the full armour (Eph. 6:13-18) and living a
→ Submitting to God –of known sin
→ Avoidingsituations & people

- **R.....**

This means refuse, refuse, refuse!

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

The Devil knows his

2 Thess. 2:8 “The Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.”-

“The next time the devil reminds you of your, YOU remind HIM of his!” 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:17