

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of May 28, 2023**  
**THEME: "Spiritual Warfare"**

**SATANIC ATTACK**

**Sunday ..... Read Matthew 4:1-12**

*"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."* Satan, who challenged God as a heavenly being in trying to take God's throne in heaven, was expelled from heaven. That war has continued to this day and will continue until Satan is cast into the lake of fire as described in Revelation 20:10: *"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."* Jesus won this battle by quoting Scripture, setting an example for us in warding off Satanic attacks. The Scripture is an all-powerful weapon as mentioned in Hebrews 4:12: *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* No Satanic attack can penetrate God's Word.

**FIGHT OF FAITH**

**Monday ..... Read I Timothy 6:11-12**

*"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."* Just as Jesus had to engage in spiritual warfare while on earth, so do all of His followers. Even in the Old Testament, faithful believers suffered Satanic attacks. A primary example is Job. That was probably the most severe of all that is recorded in Holy Scriptures. Job, who was quite wealthy, lost everything. Even with that, Job resisted Satan. In the end, God rewarded Job by restoring all and more to His faithful servant! His friends had advised him to curse God, but Job remained faithful. We read this in I Peter 5:9-10. *"Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."*

**SPIRITUAL VICTORY**

**Tuesday ..... Read I John 5:1-4**

*"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."* Those who have accepted Jesus as personal Savior now live for eternal purposes. Unbelievers are focused on the things of earth, while believers simply want earthly needs met. Our main purpose is to lay up treasures in heaven as Jesus admonished in Matthew 6:19-21: *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* Yes, believers enjoy earthly victories, but are focused on the victories gained by their lives of faith. The greatest might be winning souls

as mentioned in Proverbs 11:30: *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."* This happens by our planting and watering seeds of Scriptures into the hearts of the lost.

### **CAPTAIN**

**Wednesday ..... Read Hebrews 2:9-12**

*"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."* The general in the army of a nation determines the strategy for battle. It is he who decides when and where to attack the enemy. Oftentimes, to gain victories requires suffering. The best example of gaining victory over death, the ultimate enemy of man, is the death of our Savior! For the Lord Jesus to gain victory over death, He had to die. Yes, Jesus suffered a cruel death on the cross of Calvary to pay the penalty of sin for all sinners. His blood satisfied God's holy law. He conquered death with a glorious resurrection! Our captain is alive! He Lives!

### **PEACE**

**Thursday ..... Read Romans 5:1-2**

*"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* By receiving Christ as Savior, believers have peace with God. That is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, who indwells the bodies of all who have accepted Jesus as personal Savior. Those fruits of the Spirit are mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."* One of the greatest benefits of having accepted Jesus is an open door to God's throne which we can approach by praying in Jesus' name. Not to have Christ as Savior means a person's prayers are in vain. They are simply a religious ritual and never reach heaven.

### **SOLDIERS**

**Friday ..... Read II Timothy 2:3**

*"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* When people receive Jesus as their personal Savior, they are not only children in the family of God, they are soldiers in the army of Jesus Christ. They are in a battle to win souls by freeing them from the world of darkness under the control of Satan. The soldiers of Christ use "bullets" of Scripture to penetrate the hearts and minds of those lost in darkness. The light of God's Word may then result in a decision to receive Christ as Savior. The final battle against Satan and his forces will be at Armageddon, after which the Lord Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, will take the throne of David in Jerusalem and be crowned King of kings to rule for a thousand years. That will be followed by God's creation of a new heaven and a new earth where we will live forever!

### **ARMOR**

**Saturday ..... Read Ephesians 6:10-12**

*"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* It is important for born-again Christians, soldiers in the army of Christ, to equip

themselves daily with the armor of God. Especially important in this armor is the "shield of faith" to "quench the fiery darts of the devil." Faith in God's promises to keep us wards off his attacks of doubt and deception. The "sword of the Spirit," the word of God is our offensive weapon to penetrate the hearts of those to whom we witness. Every day can be a victorious day if we are alert to Satan's attacks. We can be victorious because we have on the shield of faith and can use the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, to retaliate and win the battles!