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## **DEFEAT BOTH ENEMIES WITH THE WORD OF GOD (PART 2)**

Dear Chosen One: We have to be ready with our sword at all times and be dressed for battle. The devil is always armed and ready to send out his demons to attack you. Sometimes, he uses the weapon of FEAR first to attack a person's mind. He knows that when a Christian is not wearing his or her helmet of salvation, fear can creep into a person's mind and take root. If that person does not have faith, he or she will start speaking words of defeat, doubt, unbelief, and any other unspiritual words that come to mind. When the devil hears these words, and he recognizes that these words are not God's Word, he dives in for the kill. Yes! Your mind has to be protected because the battle is not only fought, but also won in the mind. Keep the helmet of salvation on to protect your mind.

When a child of God is off God's radar, it means that he or she has stepped outside of God's will and from under the Blood of Jesus—the protective boundary. When this happens, that person opens to himself or herself all kinds of demonic attacks. The devil knows, the demons know, and God knows that one of His children is off the radar.

This is a dangerous place for a Christian to find him or herself. The Sword is more effective when the Blood of Jesus covers a person. However, when a person is outside of God's will and the devil attacks him or her, that individual will have to defend him or herself in the flesh, take a few hits, and may even get wounded in the spirit. A person can get killed in the enemy's territory so the quicker

he or she gets back under the Blood the better it will be for that person.

This rule is no different from human combat. When a soldier wanders away from his camp, he or she is subject to get hurt or killed. However, when a soldier is in the perimeter of the camp, he or she has all the artillery and weapons at hand and the other soldiers to back him or her up as well. However, outside the camp, this soldier is alone and in danger. Rules are rules whether they are spiritual or natural; they were designed to be followed. I know what you are thinking, God is omnipresent (everywhere) and omnipotent (all-powerful) and He will come and rescue one of His children when he or she finds him or herself off His radar.

Wrong! If you disobey God's orders and make the choice to go beyond set boundaries, you broke the rule. Therefore, you will have to defend yourself until you can get back under His protection. How do you get back under the Blood? I am glad you asked. Repent and turn around. The devil knows this rule, so most of the time, he lures people away from under God's protection by enticing them with material possessions or satisfying their fleshly desires with immoral behaviors that God forbids.

Don't be deceived, the devil is not your friend; he wants to lure you away from your divine purpose, steal your joy, kill your dreams, devour you in the spirit, and destroy your relationship with God. The Bible says the thief (devil) comes to steal, kill, and destroy. (John 10:10.) If you are a Christian with a divine purpose, you are an enemy of the devil, and

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he wants to destroy or defeat you. The Word of God spoken out of your mouth is very powerful, so use it to defeat the devil. Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7.) Start opening your mouth and let the double-edged sword come out. Strike the devil and let him know **"IT IS WRITTEN"**!

## **OUR NEXT ENEMY IS OUR SINFUL NATURE:**

It is difficult to fight against ourselves because we eat, sleep, care for, pamper, and most of the time satisfy our bodies. Yes, we must fight against our sinful nature—the flesh. Our sinful nature is an enemy to our inner spirit, the Holy Spirit and God. This enemy can also be fought with the sword—the Word of God. We have the power to put the flesh under submission of the Holy Spirit, but because we want to gratify our fleshly desires, our bodies control us. The Bible says, **"those people whose lives are controlled by their sinful mind and body cannot possibly please God"** (Romans 8:7-8).

If you don't see your body as your enemy, you will never win the battle over your flesh. However, wait until I expose you to your sinful nature and you will see how it's controlling you. Have you ever gone shopping and purchased something that you cannot afford because you feel you needed it? Do you feed your body the food it craves just to satisfy your desire? Have you ever stolen an item to appease your body? Have you ever committed a sin, even though you knew it was wrong, but it made you feel good?

Think about something that you have done, even though you knew it was wrong, but you ignored the Holy Spirit, that inner voice inside, just to give into your fleshly demand. The flesh told you it is okay--go ahead and satisfy me. I want to feel good. No one will know. And you believed that lie. People's sinful nature controls them in many areas of

their lives without them even recognizing it. The Bible says, **"Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires"** (Romans 6:12.) Do not let your sinful nature tell you what you should or should not do in the spirit. Do you want to see your body act out of control? Proclaim a fast and stop eating food. Your body will cause your stomach to growl, your head to hurt, your desires for food to increase, your mind to wander in all different directions and your eyes to lust after every kind of food that is around. Yet, some people do not see their sinful nature as an enemy. If you do not discipline your body, it will control you and cause you to sin against God.

In order to win this fleshly battle, you must renew your carnal mind. The Bible says, **"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing, and perfect will"** (Romans 12:1-3. NIV.) You have the power to speak God's Word over your mortal body.

Sin feels good when you are engaging in it and your body will not refuse anything that brings it gratification. It is the same as eating; when you are satisfying the stomach, it craves more—even though the food you are eating is unhealthy to the body. Your sinful nature lacks control and you must use wisdom to bring your body in line with the Word.

Many people lose the battle in the flesh because they are praying and waiting for God to do something miraculous and to rescue them from themselves. While they are waiting for God, He is waiting for them to speak His Word and rescue their own selves. Use God's Word and communicate it back to yourself! You may not be able to tame your tongue, but you have a powerful weapon in your mouth--the Word--that can control your fleshly desires. **IT'S LIBERATION TIME!**

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