

Shalom! Welcome to the study of God's Word.
Scripture tells us, “

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...”
(*Proverbs 1:7*).

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ are more valuable than we often realize. As we grow in the fear of God, our knowledge increases daily, until we attain the full measure of understanding that God desires for us *“to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”* (Ephesians 4:13).

A Misunderstood Authority

One day, I overheard a conversation between two women. One confidently said, “We’ve been given power to trample on snakes and scorpions!” She continued, “So if your enemy comes before you, don’t wait crush him immediately! Finish him off, because we have that authority!”

Her words deeply saddened me.

Beloved, let me tell you the truth: In the New Covenant, our enemy is not human.

We do not war against people. Our real enemy is Satan and his spiritual forces.

As Scripture clearly states:

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”Ephesians 6:12

The Old vs. The New: Understanding the Transition

In the Old Covenant, we do see people like David, Solomon, Saul, and others fighting literal human enemies. Why? Because they had not yet received the full revelation of God’s eternal plan through Jesus Christ. God, in His mercy, allowed them to deal with enemies in human terms but that was never His original design.

*Jesus said: "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."*Matthew 19:8

Just like God permitted polygamy and divorce under the Old Covenant, He also allowed physical warfare. But in Christ, who is the Word made flesh (John 1:14), the perfect will of God is revealed.

What Did Jesus Teach?

Jesus redefined how we should deal with our "enemies." Instead of retaliation, He taught us to love.

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
Matthew 5:44

"Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse

you."Luke 6:28

He went further:

*"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."*Matthew 5:38-39

These were radical teachings contrary to what people had heard from Moses, David, and Elijah. But Jesus emphasized: *"It was not so from the beginning."*

Discerning the Real Enemy

When you encounter someone who hates you, slanders you, or actively opposes you, understand this: they are not your real enemy. They are a vessel willingly or unwillingly being used by Satan.

“Be sober minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

1 Peter 5:8

*“The accuser of our brothers... who accuses them day and night before our God...”*Revelation 12:10

So, don't fight the person. Fight the spirit influencing them.

This is why Paul tells us:

*“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”*Ephesians 6:11

Paul outlines six spiritual weapons that God has given us to win the real battle not against man, but against Satan and his forces (Ephesians 6:13-17):

1. The Belt of Truth

Know the truth of Scripture. Know Christ, who is the Truth (John 14:6).

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness

Understand your righteousness comes by faith, not works. This protects your heart from the enemy's accusations (Romans 3:22).

3. The Gospel of Peace (Shoes)

Preach the gospel, not just in words, but through acts of love. Show kindness to your enemies. Bless them. This weakens the enemy's hold.

4. The Shield of Faith

Believe that no attack will prosper. Stand firm knowing you are a child of God (Isaiah 54:17).

5. The Helmet of Salvation

Your mind is guarded by the hope of salvation. You were forgiven a great debt now forgive others (Ephesians 4:30).

6. The Sword of the Spirit the Word of God

Know Scripture deeply. When Satan tempted Jesus, He replied, *"It is written..."* (Matthew 4).

"The word of God is living and active... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

Misusing Authority: A Dangerous Trap

Many believers today are misled into believing they should pray death upon their enemies even writing names in boxes and

calling down curses in the name of spiritual warfare.

This is not biblical Christianity. It is doctrine of demons (1 Timothy 4:1).

Our “snakes and scorpions” are not people. They are demonic forces.

“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...” Luke 10:19

But that authority is not for killing humans; it is to set people free from demonic bondage!

A Lesson from the World

Even worldly governments understand that to fight poverty, ignorance, or disease, you don't kill the poor, uneducated, or sick! Instead, you educate, treat, and empower them.

So why do some Christians “kill” those who are spiritually sick by

cursing, hating, or abandoning them?

The Disciples' Mistake

When Jesus was rejected in Samaria, His disciples wanted to call fire from heaven like Elijah. But Jesus rebuked them:

"You do not know what spirit you are of. For the Son of Man came not to destroy people's lives but to save them." Luke 9:55-56

If Jesus didn't destroy His enemies, why should we?

How Do We Know We've Won?

Victory is when your "enemy" comes to know Christ or when a seed of the gospel is planted in their heart.

That person is not beyond salvation. They too were made in God's image. They hurt like you do. They are candidates for God's

grace, just like you once were.

If we fight the person, curse them, or pray for their destruction, then we have lost the battle and become tools of the enemy ourselves.

From today onward:

- Stop praying for your enemies to die.
- Pray for their salvation and freedom.
- Use the 6 weapons of the Spirit, not the tools of the flesh.
- And reject any teacher or preacher who instructs you to hate, curse, or harm people. They are not preaching Christ.

*"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them."*Romans 12:14

Who is your enemy? Satan.

How do you defeat him? With spiritual weapons, not carnal ones.

What is your mission? To rescue souls, not destroy them.

What would Jesus do? He would save, not curse.

May God Give You Grace

It is my prayer that God opens your eyes to this truth and even more than this.

Let us overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21) and walk as true disciples of Jesus .

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