

From the beginning, Satan once held authority over this world. He had so much power that he could influence events, hinder people's prayers, and exercise dominion even over those who feared God. The Book of Daniel gives us a vivid example of this spiritual conflict. When Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks seeking the face of God, the answer to his prayer was delayed.

The Bible says:

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me."

(Daniel 10:13)

This passage reveals the intense spiritual warfare that was taking place in the heavenly realms. Daniel described it as a "great conflict" (*Daniel 10:1*) because the angelic messenger was hindered by demonic forces—the "Prince of Persia," a territorial spirit operating under Satan's authority.

Before Christ's victory at Calvary, Satan possessed the keys of

death and Hades. He had access even to the realm of the dead, as he still held legal control over humanity's fallen condition. That's why the Lord Jesus referred to him as "the ruler of this world."

"Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out."
(John 12:31)

Satan's authority extended across the spiritual atmosphere. This explains why, during Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, he boldly declared:

"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."
(Matthew 4:9)

He could make such a claim because, at that time, the kingdoms of the world were under his control. Yet the prophets of Israel

longed for the day when the “great Light”—the Messiah, the Morning Star—would arise over Israel and shine upon all nations.

“I will also make you a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

(Isaiah 49:6)

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”

(Isaiah 9:2)

That Light came 2,000 years ago—the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Even the wise men from the East saw the sign of His glory shining in the heavens. The birth of Christ marked the beginning of Satan’s downfall, and His death and resurrection sealed the victory forever.

Jesus Himself declared:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”
(Matthew 28:18)

This statement confirms that before the cross, such authority was not yet restored to mankind—but now, through Christ’s triumph, all power belongs to Him. The devil has been stripped of his rights, dethroned, and defeated.

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”
(Colossians 2:15)

Therefore, Christ is now the rightful Ruler of heaven and earth. Satan has no legitimate authority to hinder our prayers, oppress our lives, or determine our destiny. The believer’s spiritual sphere is governed by Jesus Christ alone.

However, this raises a question: If Satan is defeated, why does the battle still continue? Why do we still see his influence in the

world, and why do we experience spiritual attacks?

The Apostle Paul explains:

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

(Ephesians 6:11-12)

Though Satan has lost his authority, he has not yet been confined to eternal judgment. Like defeated rebels who continue to resist a new government, the devil and his demons still attempt to wage guerrilla warfare against the saints. This is why the Church is called to remain alert and armed—spiritually vigilant, steadfast in truth and righteousness.

Paul continues:

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

(Ephesians 6:13)

We must gird ourselves with truth, wear the breastplate of righteousness, and be ready with the Gospel of peace. Faith is our shield, salvation our helmet, and the Word of God our sword. And above all, we must pray continually in the Spirit.

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

(1 Peter 5:8)

The war continues because the enemy seeks to exploit spiritual laziness. Although Christ has already won, believers must guard the kingdom entrusted to them. If we neglect prayer, righteousness, or the Word of God, we allow the enemy to regain ground that no longer belongs to him.

Many Christians fail to see answers to prayer because they unknowingly permit the devil to resist them—just as the “Prince of Persia” once resisted Daniel. But when we remain steadfast in faith, walking in holiness and the Spirit, Satan’s influence is broken, and heaven’s blessings flow unhindered.

Therefore, the battle still continues—not because the victory is uncertain, but because the Church must enforce Christ’s victory daily. We are called to occupy until He comes.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
(James 4:7)

A day is coming soon when all rebellion will be permanently removed from the earth—when Satan, his angels, and all evil will be cast into the lake of fire forever (*Revelation 20:10*). Then there will be no more need for watchfulness or warfare. The saints will rest in the eternal peace of God.

But until that day, let us stand firm, wearing the full armor of God, walking in prayer, purity, and perseverance—enforcing the

triumph Christ secured at Calvary.

If you have not yet surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, do it today. Believe that He is the Son of God who died for your sins and rose again to give you eternal life. Confess your sins, and He will forgive you and make you a new creation.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

The battle may still be ongoing—but the victory belongs to the Lord.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Amen.

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