

The Evil Prowler

The Battle is Won

Key Verse: I Timothy 6:12
"Fight the good fight of faith."

The question we are enlightened to ask is, "Who is in **control?**"

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins."
Ecclesiastes 7:20

The way in which we respond to the devil's attacks will determine:

- Whether our faith will be strengthened or weakened.
- Our witness of God's power and presence in our lives will be greater or lesser.

The Evil one can strike us in so many ways. His attacks often surround external circumstances.

There are countless examples throughout Scripture that no one is impervious to the devil's external attacks.

Joseph - Job.

Because God is in control...the attack of Satan is limited in scope.

It is limited in duration.

"The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."
Job 12:1

Throughout the story of Job:

God limited what Satan could do. He could not take his life.

God limited the amount of time Job suffered.

God turned the situation for good - rewarding Job with far more than he lost.

God receive glory from Job's life.

Three things we can always count on:

1. We can be certain that God will help us.

"Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

Isaiah 59:1

2. We can rest assured that the attack will come to an end.

3. We can expect to be stronger more mature in our spirit after we have resisted an attack of the enemy.

God and Satan are not equals.

Satan is not all-powerful.

He is not all-knowing.

He is not infinite.

God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is.

Satan is a defeated foe.

God has given permission to Satan to test and to tempt mankind. His motivation is to entice God's children into turning away from an intimate personal relationship with God.