

Destroying Satan's Work (Go To Meeting)

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Jesus Christ—the Son of God—appeared so that He might destroy the works of the devil. The devil has been a sinner—or has been sinning—from the beginning. The one, referring to any man or woman, who practices sin is of the devil (1-John 3).

We've heard much about the devil. Go to YouTube and type in subjects related to Satan the devil and there's a plethora of information about Satan, almost overload. *But:*

- Do they really know who Satan is?
- Do they really know what his plan is?

Can see him; he's invisible! Yet, as Paul said to the saints, 'We don't battle against flesh and blood.' But we see flesh and blood as our enemy, but we can't see Satan.

So, we have to know and understand that though we can't see Satan, he is very real, and he is the great deceiver of all times. As long as man has been on the earth, Satan has been there deceiving.

That's why Jesus Christ tells us, Revelation 12:9: "And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent **who is called the Devil and Satan, who is deceiving the whole world...**"

John 14:30—*Jesus said:* "I will not speak with you much longer because **the ruler of this world...** [referring to Satan] ...is coming; but he **does not have a single thing in Me.**"

As we read, Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil. Christ has called you and me to do *our part* in destroying the works of Satan. How do we do this? *Personally in our own lives by blocking him!* He wants to take us down. He wants to take the saints down. He concentrates on the saints, as well as concentrating on getting the rich and powerful of this world and making many to worship him and bow down to him, giving them great wealth and power.

This is one of the great stories of the Bible. This is all about building the Kingdom of God. The challenge that we have in building the Kingdom of God at this stage in our lives.

Let's go back to this being called Satan who is all powerful, whom Jesus said that he's 'the ruler of this world.' Remember what happened when Jesus was tempted by Satan? *Jesus was one person Who had to be led up by God's Spirit to be tempted by Satan!*

We know the story well, Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of this world. Is he still doing that today to human beings? *Through:*

- wealth
- prosperity
- power
- rulership
- over
- people
- communities
- nations

We'll see that more as we go along! What happened?

Matthew 4:8: "After that, the devil took Him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and said to Him, '**All these things will I give You, if You will fall down and worship me**'" (vs 8-9).

What was Satan doing? *He was offering Jesus Christ to sell His soul to the devil!* We well know Jesus' response!

Verse 10: "Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For **it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve."**'"

- Is Satan making that same offer to men and women today?
- Has he changed his plan?
- Did he give up at that time when Jesus refused him? *No! He kept coming back again and again, attacking Jesus and the disciples!*

Even Jesus warned the disciples: When Peter made a comment to Him, He said, 'Get you behind Me, Satan!' at another time, he told Peter, 'Satan desires to have you.' Satan was desiring to have all the disciples. Today, *nothing has changed!* Satan desires to have you and me.

But God, in His mercy, has plucked you and me out of this world, which Satan is in control; he's the :

- ruler of this world
- the god of this world
- the prince of the power of the air

Our battle is not against flesh and blood. Oh yes, we have to deal with human beings, and more and more

as we see time progressing. We see the barriers being brought around us taking away our freedoms.

We have the case in Canada where there are agencies are closing down the churches and putting up blocks so that the people can't get to worship whatever it is they're worshipping.

Isaiah 14:12 *about Lucifer: **How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star...***"

Today, that has been translated into the term 'Lucifer,' which is the Latin form. In the past before he fell, that was the name for him. But since his fall, Lucifer has now become synonymous with the word *Satan*. So, we use either Lucifer or Satan and we know what we're talking about.

We know what his position was; he had great power and authority and great beauty in his person (Ezek. 28) right there at the Throne of God marching up and down amidst—probably on the Sea of Glass—the great flashings of lightning and power and glory. *Lucifer had it all!* Then, of course, he was given rulership of one-third of the angels and over the earth.

What did he do? *He rebelled! As a result from being the shining star, he became Satan the devil!* Jesus said, 'I beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven' (Luke 10). So, Jesus was there! That tells us that not only was Jesus there in heaven when Lucifer fell, but it also establishes the fact that Jesus Christ is a part today as we understand and know of the God Family.

In Satan's rebellion, when he went to take God and throw Him off His Throne, he became so vain and proud, and he was cast back to the earth. Even at that stage, we know the earth was destroyed. So, right there and then, the early works of Satan were destroyed by the One Who became Jesus Christ. In casting Satan down to the earth, the earth was totally 'tohu' and 'bohu'—*utter chaos and confusion!*

That's what he was left with, but he still had that rulership over the earth. What happened? *God re-created the heavens and the earth, created Adam and Eve to begin the new creation of God!*

He came along in the form of a serpent, and he deceived Eve into eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Gen. 3:15—here is the very first promise where God tell us that He was going to send a Savior to repair the work that was done there in the garden. The interesting factor about this is:

Who was God—Jesus Christ as we know Him—talking to when He said that Satan would be 'crawling and eating the dust' and that Eve would

have problems with childbirth. God said that He was going to send a Savior.

Satan was there and heard that message that God had in His plan a Savior to destroy the works of mankind. From that day forth, Satan has never ceased to destroy the very works that God is doing on the face of the earth.

We can see this when we go through Gen. 6:12 with Satan and his works. How did this happen? We know that it happened with Cain. Cain killed his brother Abel and became part of that unrighteous line that we can trace through the Scriptures. And Abel, though he had no progenitors, was the very first of the righteous that God identifies.

At the time before the Flood, Genesis 6:12: "And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt..."

How did it become corrupt? *Because men and women sold their souls to Satan the devil, into all manner of evil and corruption!*

"...for the earth is filled with violence through them. And, behold, I will destroy them *with* the earth" (v 12).

We know what happened, God destroyed the works of Satan in the Flood. He saved one righteous man plus his wife, his three sons and their wives.

We find that that Noah and his family were preserved on the ark, and we know that it settled upon Mt. Ararat. Over a period of time the people from Mt. Ararat moved onto the land of Shinar, which today is where ancient Babylon was situated. As the population multiplied, wild animals came about and this man called Nimrod came on the scene. What did he do?

He helped defeat the wild animals; he built the city—which became Babylon—and built a tower into the sky. He setup Baal worship. He became a mighty warrior, and it was against God. All of this we can read in the book: *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop. {pdf at truthofGod.org}

What happened here was that Nimrod became so powerful *because he gave his soul to Satan the devil!* He setup the very first Baal worship, *worship of the sun, worship of the snake or serpents!* Those are two very common emblems or elements of all pagan-worship today.

It became so bad—the worship there—that the worship as we can understand and read that the Baal-worship actually was one of human sacrifice. Baal was said to be one who was 'a devourer of children.' We can read about that in many places.

In fact, when Israel came at a later time into the land, they took over these pagan Baal worshipers. When God dispersed the people from Babylon. When He confused their languages, what happened was that they took all of those pagan practices and worship into the various nations. We find that even though there are different names used, the worship of Baal remains the same.

Baal-worship is really another form of Satan continuing to maintain his rule over the face of the earth.

- What is Satan trying to do?
- Does not Satan have, as a goal, to once again destroy the rule of God?
- Is he not again trying to take over the rule of God?

He knows he has a short time, and that Jesus Christ is coming again, but he is so corrupt and deceived in his thinking that he thinks he can defeat Jesus Christ, all the saints and all the Holy angels. We know the end result of that.

The worship of Satan through the various forms has continued. We can say that Nimrod became the ruler of this world, and he setup a one-world religion. That one-world religion went out from Babylon into the other nations. The Bible traces that through Egypt, to Greece and then to Rome.

God destroyed the worship in ancient Babylon, but it continues today into the world. So, all the world's religions are all basically the same. They are all worshippers of Baal, and that extends even to Christendom of today, mainstream Christendom.

What day do they worship on? *We know that so well! They worship on the day of the sun, which represents Lucifer, the bright shining one, the bright shining star, the son of the morning!* Every Sunday when people go to their church services *believing* they're worshipping God the Creator, **they're worshipping the 'god of this world'** who was corrupt, vile and the destroyer of men, women and children!

Look at what's happening in the world today. We see that even the Christendom of this world is losing it's way, because even the churches are become a place where there are not restraints, no rules, no commandments. We see the perversions appearing in these churches.

We see what's taking place in the world, because law and order is ceasing to exist, and what do we find? *We're finding big problems in many nations, and particularly those of the descendants of modern Israel: pedophilia and human trafficking. A*

lot of that human trafficking involves children. What happens to those children? *A lot of them end up as victims of human sacrifice!*

If you have been listening in, watching or seeing any program on it, it's hard to believe that the all powerful, al the wealthy—all those who are controlling what's going on in the world today—in their worship of Satan to gain power. These children are terrorized, killed and their blood has been consumed. And because of their worship of Satan, they do receive power and wealth.

It's hard for us to believe! Who is behind this? *We wrestle against flesh and blood, but the powers behind this, **the powers that are taking our freedoms from us today, are not flesh and blood, but are wicked spirits in high places!*** All commanded by their general in chief, their field marshal **Satan the devil!**

Revelation 12:9: "...Satan, who is deceiving the whole world..."

The only way we are not deceived—we still can be deceived—***God has brought us into the Light of His Word and the Light of His Truth!*** We're able to see the workings of Satan; they're all exposed in the Word of God! But does the world want to see the Word of God, what the Word of God has?

That's word 'deceived' is interesting! Satan has *deceived the whole world!* How does he do that? I heard a statement recently that says:

In today's reality, in other words: the reality of God's Word is made to look like an illusion.

The illusion is Satan's deception, which is king. It has the rule of the day. Everything about us is deception. Can we see that! Satan has deceived the whole world, and he is still trying to deceive, as Jesus warns us, the very elect (Matt. 24)—*those whom God has called!*

As we come further and further, day-by-day, into the end-time, that deception is being tweaked, the volume is being turned up and it's going to be more and more difficult if we're not based, or have our foundations in the Word of God. The Word tells us that *even we could be deceived!*

Jesus and the apostles say, ***'Be on guard! Stay alert! Stay close to God the Father in prayer and continue to study the Word of God!'*** As you're studying that Word, to inscribe it both in my mind and in my heart.

As David said, 'Your Word have I hidden in my heart so that I might not sin against You.' Because when temptations come along, and they come along every day, we don't know in our own

lives the degree to which we may have fallen into one of Satan's traps.

As Paul says, Satan shoots at us his fiery darts. How do those fiery darts come? Do we see them as something that is frightening? *When they come along, they're something pleasurable!*

- something that is pleasurable to the eyes
- something that makes us feel good, the lust of the flesh

to something evil, sinful and corrupt! His fiery darts: *even with those, he deceives us!*

- This is why we need the Word of God!
- This is why we need the Spirit of God!

To help us to be able to discern, have the discernments of spirits, so that:

- the thoughts that comes into our mind
- the pictures that come into our mind
- the feelings that come into our flesh

We need to be able to discern whether these are from God ***or*** are they from Satan the devil!

You know, this is the way that God is helping us to destroy the works of Satan the devil—the dragon and old serpent—in our lives.

Jesus is there as our High Priest, with His blood sacrificed every day to purge us from the works that Satan does within us. Those that *we recognize* and those *we don't recognize!* So, daily, what do we do? Yes, we pray:

Father, forgive us our sins and trespasses against You! Also, Father, forgive us for the trespasses that we have committed against our brothers and sisters or, in fact, anyone in this world.

But you see, God has also made allowance for us knowing that we are still mortal. Knowing that we are still finite beings that when we pray God's Spirit searches our heart.

God knows our heart. He knows that we're convicted to follow the covenant that we have with Him through the blood of Christ. He knows that Satan is going to get in there occasionally, from time to time, because we have not yet reached that full maturity of Christ; to where we can say that 'Satan does not have one thing in me!'

Satan still has things in us, and it's coming to recognize and understand what Satan has within us to repent of it, and we destroy his works in our lives.

God Himself searches our heart by His Spirit and also by His Word as we examine

ourselves on the basis of His Word, and the blood of Christ covers those sins that we have not yet come to recognize.

Now, isn't that an incredible blessing that God has given to us? That we can have the confidence, as Paul says:

Romans 8:1: "Consequently, *there is* now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,..."

But we have to make sure that day-by-day, hour-by-hour we're on guard, alert! And if we find that we have been tripped up, we immediately repent, and the blood of Christ is so enduring, so powerful, that it will exist into the ages of eternity.

I believe the reason for that is because it's going to be a part of our celebrations of how God created His Family through us: fragile, frail, mortal beings!

That statement of what God is doing, He's taking the salt of the earth and He's turning those 'sobs' into His children, into His saints, creating His Family. Satan hates that! He's hated it since the day he was told in Gen. 3:15 that He was going to send a Savior in the form of a man—fully man, flesh and blood—One Who could die, be dead for three days and three nights.

But the shedding of the blood of one Man—Who was Christ Jesus our Savior—is more than sufficient, is more than ample to cover every sin of every man, woman and young person to ever draw breath!

That same blood will apply to all those who will live through the 1,000-year reign of Christ. That blood will also apply to all those who are brought up in the second resurrection. We are going to be there as the sons and daughters of God, as kings and priests, helping these people.

We're not going to have to help them destroy the works of the devil, but we are going to have to help them to destroy what has been left in human nature that Satan the devil was responsible for, and that is the sin that dwells within. That will remain for all human beings right through until the last one is raised to the Family of God.

Unfortunately, those people who live through the Great White Throne can rejoice. But before that happens, Satan is going to be bound and cast into the Lake of Fire and sealed.

- Can you imagine the gnashing of teeth?
- Can you imagine the anguish that they will endure into the ages of eternity for their rebellion against God and His way of life?

But God has called us! We understand how weak and frail we are! As we have mentioned, at this time we are getting older and our bodies are beginning to lose the functions and abilities that we once had, for those who are a little older than most.

But we have that hope! In spite of the fact that we know that God called us out of this world, that Satan is in control and day-by-day as we read the Word of God, ***as we ask God:***

- to teach us His ways
- to apply His ways in our lives

we're destroying the work of Satan the devil within ourselves!

He's not going to give up. He's becoming angrier by the day! We can see his fury among the nations. We can see him like a puppet-master. We can see those men and women whom he's manipulating. Those people, of course, are his servants; they have been since the days of Cain.

Of course, the major one who brought about the Baal worship: Nimrod! Nimrod himself didn't want to become God, but he made himself the very first high priest of Satan the devil.

That role continues to exist today. Satan is still there manipulating the religions of this world, even Christianity as we see it. As far as the Kingdom of God and the way of God is concerned, it's all an illusion. People look at the churches and they think of God. They are, but it's the 'god of this world' and not the God of creation.

It's hard for some people to see that! They say, 'You know you're always going against the Catholics and Protestants and other religions.'

- Is that not what God is against?
- Whose side are we on?
- Are we on God's side?

or

- Are we on the devil's side?

We don't condemn the people, because they are deceived. What they see that they think is reality is really an illusion.

God in His mercy has given you and me the ability—by His Word, the Holy Spirit and the blood of Christ—to wipe away the illusion to see the reality. The only reality in this world is the Word of God as it is contained in the Scriptures.

The Old Testament given to us by the prophets of God, specially called, chosen, and gave His Word to record. In Isa. 8 the apostles who were called and one of their major tasks was to record the words of Jesus Christ. To record the doctrines that God has given to us to guide our lives to help us to

build the mind of Jesus Christ so that we may enter the ages of eternity with God our Father and Jesus Christ our older brother.

That's the only reality. When we look at the news, watch television, walk around the streets, viewing our neighborhood, viewing our local community, viewing our nation and looking at the world, ***realize that this is all Satan's illusion! His deception!***

- Has Satan deceive the whole world? *Yes and no!*
- Can we see that?
- Can we see the graciousness of God of how He has exposed that to us?

We don't understand all of it, but what we know... They talk about the cabal, and as I understand it, those who are in control are not the ones really in control. They're the ones *being* controlled like puppets by the puppet-master: *Satan!* We have to realize that!

We can walk out into our local community on a fine day, and everything is great and fine, but we know what's going to happen. We are headed for incredible times of heartache and anguish. So, if we have our foundations set right, God is going to see us through it.

As the servants of God, as His sons and daughters, let's never lose sight of the fact that the whole world has been deceived. As John says: ***is under the sway of the devil!*** It's following the old Babylonian system!

- it doesn't matter what church
- it doesn't matter what religion

They're all following Baal in its various forms!

Right from the beginning, we can go back to the original Babylon, Satan knew that Jesus Christ was coming. ***He went about establishing ahead of time counterfeit teachings and doctrines for every Truth of God!*** That heresy/error has been swallowed 'hook, line and sinker' in total by the religions of this world.

They're worshipping a 'god' that can't save them, worshipping idols of wood and stone, bowing down to them. As we have said many times, as God says, these idols can't talk, can't see, can't hear the people who pray to them. The bottom line is ***they cannot save.***

Salvation only comes through the one man Jesus Christ and His blood, and that's the Truth! That's reality and everything else is deception and lies!

There are human beings who have sold their souls to the devil. He's given them great wealth and great power.

In Matt. 4 Jesus refused to sell His soul to Satan the devil. Satan is continually—day-by-day—offering the kingdoms of this world to men and women who are prepared to sell their souls to him. He gives them great wealth and great power, and through them he's manipulating us. He brings his forces to bring us down to another time of martyrdom and of great persecution. We can see that!

The main course of what God the Father and Jesus Christ want in our lives is to **destroy the work of Satan the devil!** So, mystery Babylon, which is simply a continuation of ancient Babylon and the mysteries that were developed there by both Nimrod and his wife Samurais. She was the one who developed the mysteries of iniquity that Paul talks about in the book of Thessalonians. **That's all going to be destroyed!**

1-John 2:13: "I am writing to you, fathers, because you have known Him Who *is* from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because **you have overcome the wicked one**...."—*Satan the devil, Lucifer!*

What is that telling us? *That we have been destroying Satan's work in our lives!* If we overcome him, is that not destroying his work, saint-by-saint! Look at the power that God will give to the saints in His Kingdom, where we will continue to eradicate those seeds that were sown in those people who will come into the Kingdom from this world.

That same nature will continue throughout the 1,000 years, and our task is going to be to destroy that work that Satan did that is still there within human beings. The same for those who come up in the second resurrection. Incredible opportunities that God has given for us for that time.

"...I am writing to you, little children, because you have known the Father. I wrote to you, fathers, because you have known Him Who *is* from the beginning. I wrote to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God is dwelling in you, and **you have overcome the wicked one**" (vs 13-14).

We need to ask ourselves: Are we committed day-by-day to overcoming the wicked one, never resting on our laurels and say, 'Well, I didn't sin today.' How would we possibly know that, when Satan is the great deceiver? When we go before God, we know that we're under condemnation, but we must never come to that place where we've pumped ourselves up with pride and vanity and say that we've overcome Satan and we

don't sin anymore!

In that case, we make ourselves liars, as John say in another place.

Verse 16: "Because everything that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh..."

Satan throws those fiery darts at us every day, but they don't come as fiery darts, **they come as benefits, and make us feel good!**

"...and the lust of the eyes, and the pretentious pride of physical life—is not from the Father, but is from the world" (v 16).

- Who's controlling the world?
- Who is the 'god of this world'?
- *Satan!*

Verse 17: "And the world and its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God abides forever. Little children... [Isn't this written for us today by John?] ...it is *the* last time; and just as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have risen up, by which we know that it is *the* last time" (vs 17-18).

Is that not a picture for today by which it is the last time? God wants us to be working on adding to these particular traits that are the fruits of God's Spirit, such as:

- faith
- virtue
- knowledge
- self-control
- endurance
- Godliness
- brotherly love (phileo love)
- love of God (agape love, the love that comes from God)

2-Peter 1:8: "For *if* these things exist and abound in you..."

This is why these aspects, these character traits, these fruits of the Holy Spirit are so important.

"...they *will* cause you to be neither lacking effort nor lacking fruit in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v 8).

What Peter is saying there is that this is all work that is against Satan the devil. These aspects are going to destroy the works of Satan! Paul talks about the fruits of God's Spirit. Paul says that there is no law against those. That's what we are to be working on.

Verse 9: "But the one in whom these things are not present is *spiritually* blind..."—*being deceived by Satan!* Here is the remedy to sin.

These people are "...**so shortsighted that he has forgotten that he was purified from his old sins**" (v 9). *That's why these character traits are so important for us!*

Verse 10: "**For this reason, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure; because if you are doing these things, you will never fall at any time.**"

This is a key statement, Peter is saying that those traits we have mentioned we ought to be developing within you. If they are bound in you "**...you will never fall at any time.**"

We can trust our lives on that statement. Why? *Because it's part of the words that God caused to be written by Peter, taught directly and personally as an apostle by Jesus Christ!*

Verse 11: "For in this way, you will be richly granted an entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore, I will not neglect to make you always **mindful of these things...**" (vs 11-12).

That's going right back to everything that Peter has been teaching us, explaining to us! Who was inspiring Peter? *Jesus Christ and God the Father!*

"...although you *already* know them and have been established in the present Truth. For I consider it my duty, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by causing *you* to remember *these things*" (vs 12-13).

Let's remember that our enemy is Satan the devil. He wants to take us down! He wants us to sell our souls to him. We've made the decision that we're not going to do that, and God wants us to remain firm in that.

Ephesians 6:10: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in *the* Lord..."

How do we do that? *Continue to study the Word of God, and pray help us to hide that Word in our heart, so that we will not sin against Him!*

David wrote in Psa. 119, 'Be strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength.' We can't trust in our own strength. The only way that we can do that is by our continual relationship and building that relationship with:

- God the Father
- Jesus Christ
- our fellow brothers and sisters

"...**and in the might of His strength...** [all there available to us (2-Pet. 2)] ...Put on the whole

armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (vs 10-11).

They're coming down the track day-by-day heavier and heavier. We can feel them coming and pressing against us. **But God has not given us a spirit of fear, as Paul wrote to Timothy! But the Spirit of love and power and a sound mind,** which comes because we have *hidden the Word of God in our mind and heart! God is helping us to inscribe them in our mind and heart!*

Verse 12: "Because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, **but against principalities and against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age...**"—*this 21st century, 2021!*

We see the powers of darkness coming over the horizon like a black heavy cloud shutting out all truth and everything that is good, Holy, righteous and pure in the eyes of God.

Verse 13: "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand."

Remember that God supplies us all power that we may stand, even if we are martyred!

Let's do, as many of the Jews in concentration camps who knew they were going to the gas chambers. Some went like sniveling animals. But some went to their death with their heads held high. Probably because they had faith in the Almighty. You can read of that in the book: *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. A very interesting book because he analyzes what happens to people going through times of great stress, like in German concentration camps during WWII.

The man was psychiatrist and had written his main work by age 21. But it's very interesting book to show how some people survived. They did it by upholding 'human dignity' at least, while others just crumbled and went away like they had no hope in anything at all.

Verse 14: "Stand, therefore, having **your loins girded about with Truth...** [God's Word is the Truth] ...and wearing **the breastplate of righteousness...** [because we're obeying God's Law] ...and having **your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace**" (vs 14-15).

- living at peace in the Gospel that Jesus Christ brought to us
- living at peace even with our enemies, not striking back

Verse 16: "Besides all *these*, take up **the shield of the faith...**"—*the doctrines, teachings of*

God!

Continue to study them in depth so that you understand those, so that you can keep them in your heart, and you can stand firmly with those.

“...with which **you will have the power to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one**” (v 16).

Remember those dart! Remember that Satan doesn't come as a roaring lion—he is—but as a wolf in sheep's clothing. He's going to come with these darts that's going to seem like pleasantries.

Once we commit sin, we feel like we have a mouth filled with gravel, which you can't spit out and get rid of.

Verse 17: “And put on **the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.**” *Rely on the Spirit of God combined with the Word of God!*

Verse 18: “Praying at all times with all prayer and supplication in *the* Spirit, and in this very thing being watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

God wants us to be praying for one another! Knowing that we're coming to troubled times, knowing that beyond the troubled times, beyond our death whether natural or martyrdom that we're going to be there in the Kingdom of God. We're going to be there with God the Father, Jesus Christ and the rest of our brothers and sisters ***destroying those works of Satan in mankind that will continue to exist beyond the terrible times ahead!***

God be with us and help us to stand firm as Satan continues his attack on God's people, and, in fact, all mankind! Help us to be removed so that we are not going to be deceived at any time, but remain fully equipped and in the Truth of God!

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