How are you to fight?

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

What does it mean to be victorious?

- ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord' your God to the test.'"
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

What does victory look like?

Eph. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can <u>take</u> <u>your stand</u> against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, <u>you may be able to stand your ground</u>, and <u>after you have done everything</u>, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then...

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Ephesians 6:10-18 November 23, 2025

Who is Satan? Our adversary?

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your <u>enemy</u> the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Eph 2:2 "in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

• What is Satan trying to do?

1 Timothy 5:15 <u>Some</u> have in fact already <u>turned away to follow Satan</u>.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who <u>leads the whole</u> world astray.

Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your <u>faith</u> may not <u>fail</u>. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

• What are Satan's tactics?

1 Thess 3:5 I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was <u>more crafty</u> than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.

Revelation 12:10 ... For <u>the accuser of our brothers and</u> <u>sisters</u>, who <u>accuses them before our God</u> day and night, has been hurled down.

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

What does this spiritual battle look like?

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

- ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
- ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
 - What was Satan's goal in this exchange?
 - What tactics did he use?

• How did he lie about what God said?

Our armor

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- of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and
- a. Belt of truth-
- b. Breastplate of righteousness- (Rom. 6:13; 14:17)

always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- c. Boots: this weapon is the gospel *which gives us peace*. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- d. Shield of faith (1 John 4:4)
- e. Helmet of salvation- (1 John 5:11-13)
- f. Sword of the Spirit (Hebrews 4:12)
- g. "All prayer" –