



# The WORD Series

Part 18 – The Battle!

# Introduction...

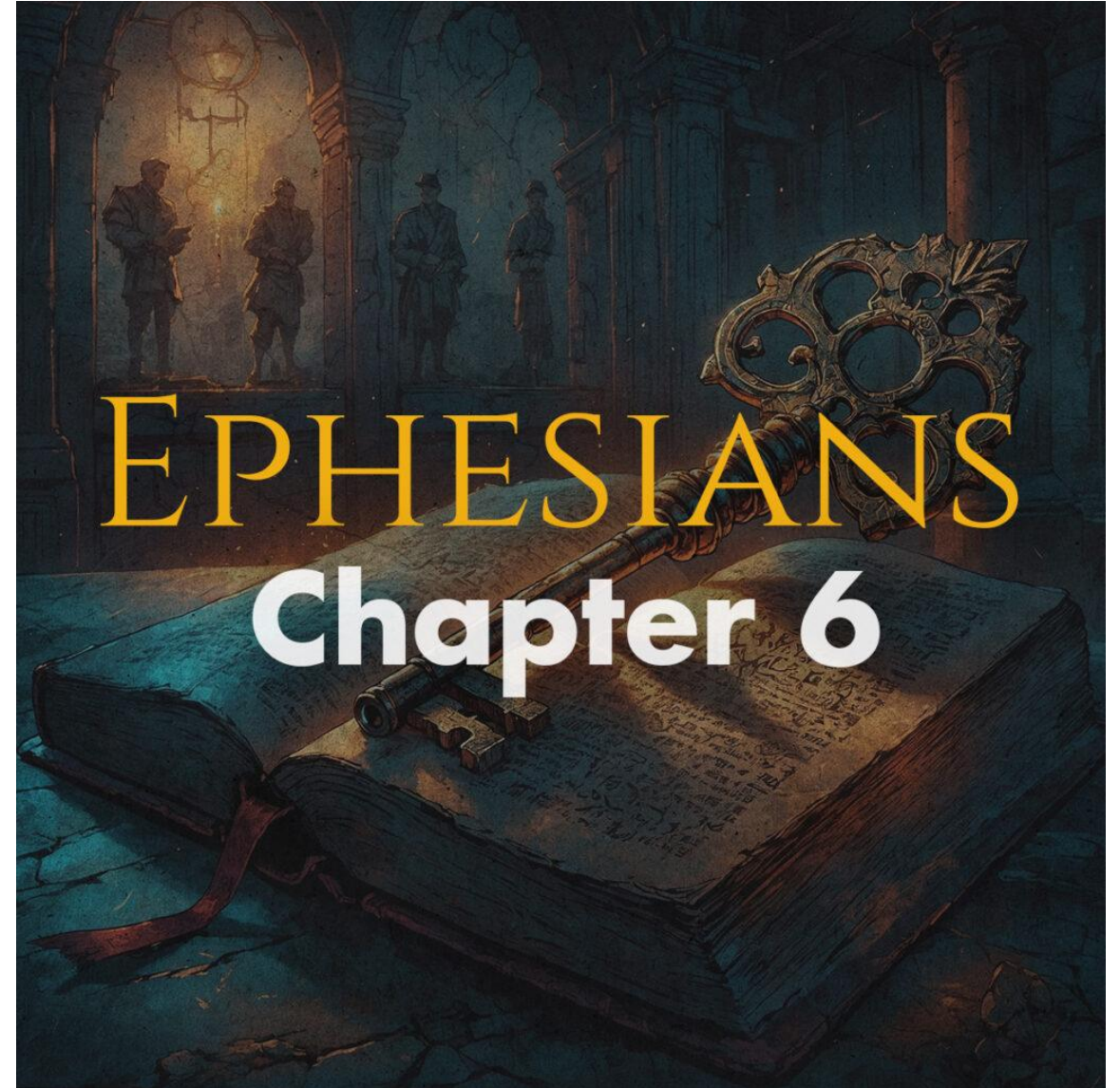
- As you may have noticed, our study of spiritual warfare has started with God
- Focusing on HIM and what He has done For Us and In Us is fundamental to victorious warfare.
- If you overstudy your enemy without being acquainted with your own weapons:
- That is preparing for failure!



# Introduction...

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- In our last sessions, we looked at the revelation of being STRONG in God
- We also looked at the reality that our armour is not FROM God but that our armour IS GOD!
- Today, we will go deeper into the passage of Ephesians six and allow the scriptures to speak to us again.



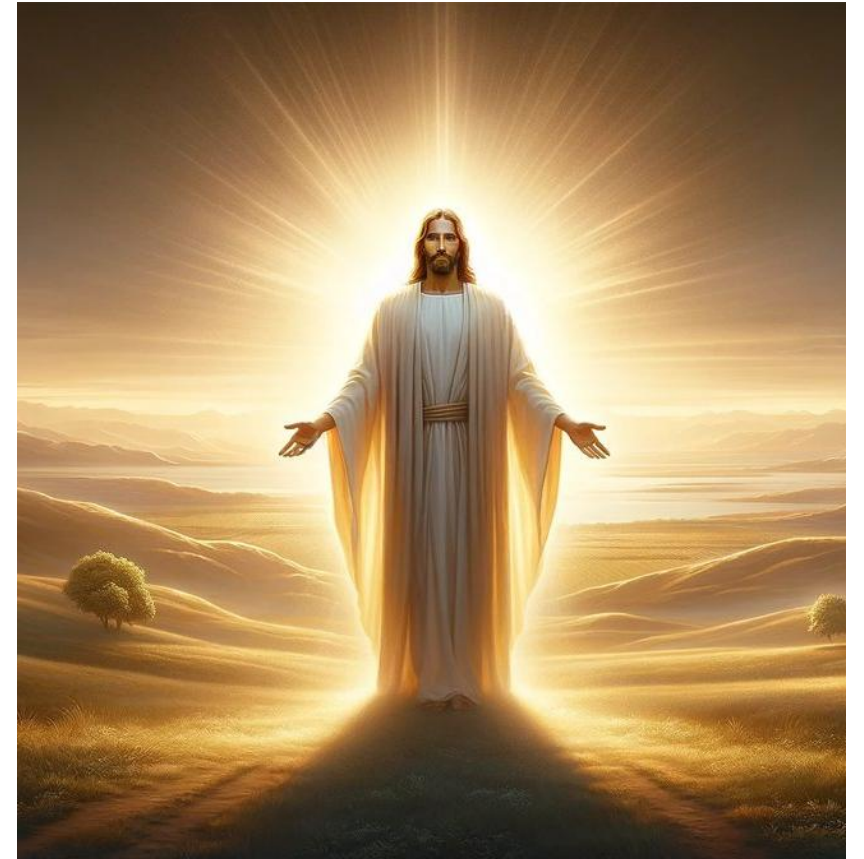
# Bible Reading...

- *10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*
- *11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
- *12 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.*
- *13 Therefore, take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*  
**Ephesians 6:10-18**
- *14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*
- *15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
- *16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*
- *17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*
- *18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.*

# TRUTH..

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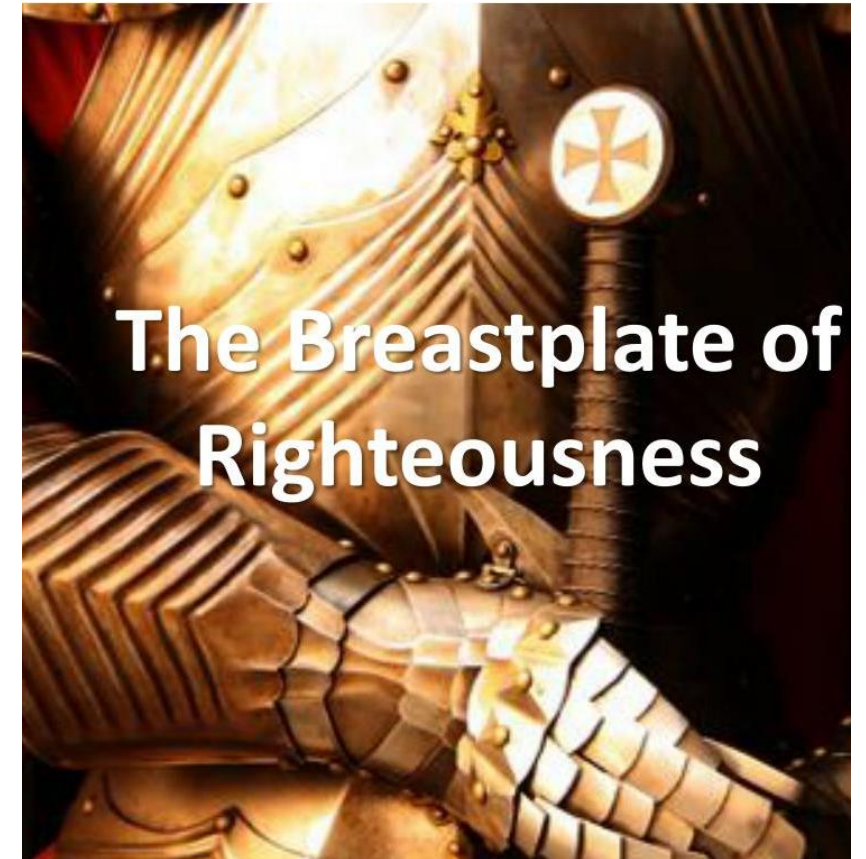
- Truth is not merely doctrine—it is a **Person**.
- “I am the way, **the truth**, and the life.” — *John 14:6*
- To wear truth is to be **aligned with Christ Himself**.
- Standing in truth, therefore, means standing in Christ’s reality.
- What God says and declares is Truth.
- The enemy builds his attack and strategy on lies, so we counter him God’s truth.
- **God as Truth stabilises your inner world**, your identity, your convictions, your discernment.
- “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” — *John 17:17*



# RIGHTEOUSNESS

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- For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor 5:21
- This is the foundation of our redemption and perhaps takes the largest piece of the armour for that reason!
- You are redeemed and justified in Him!
- “The Lord our righteousness” — *Jeremiah 23:6*  
“He has covered me with the robe of righteousness” — *Isaiah 61:10*
- The breastplate protects the **heart**—the seat of condemnation, guilt, accusation.
- You silence the accuser (Rev. 12:10)
- You stand justified, not striving
- This is **Christ imputed and imparted**.



# PEACE..

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- He Himself is our peace,
- Who has made both ONE, and has broken down the middle wall of separation...
- And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near.  
Ephesians 2:14,17
- God has come down from heaven with a white handkerchief, saying let the war end between Man and God.
- He wants us to GO and share this.
- “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace...” Romans 10:15



# FAITH...

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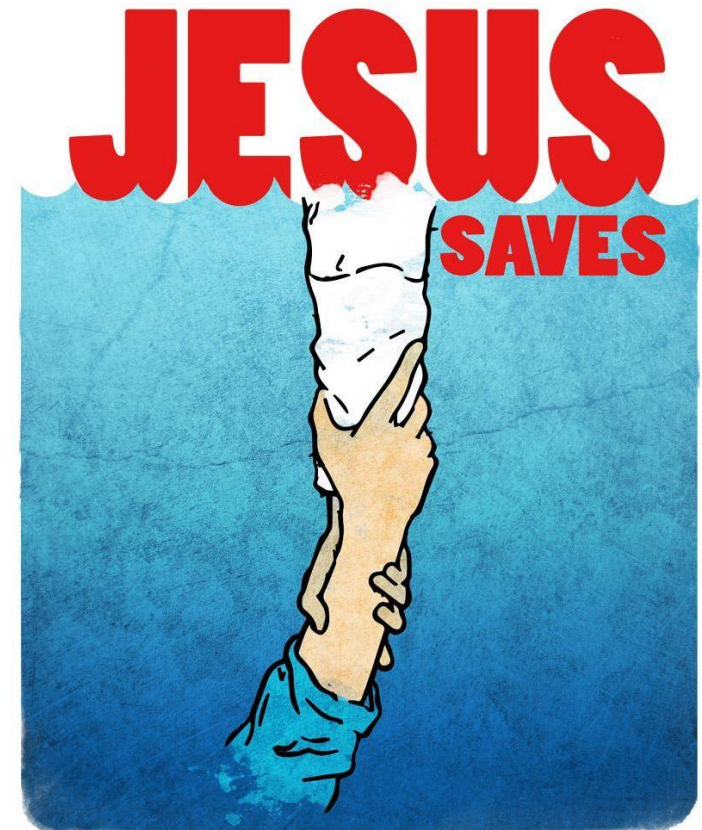
- Do not be afraid, I am your shield. *Gen 15:1*
- Fight the good fight of faith 1 Tim 6.
- I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7
- We are called Believers for a reason. We believe IN GOD!
- Abraham is called the Father of Faith because He held onto God's promises in the face of doubt and impossibility
- Let not your heart be troubled, You believe in God, believe also in me. Jn 14:1
- "This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."  
— *1 John 5:4*



# SALVATION...

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- The Lord is my light and my salvation. *Psalm 27:1*
- Salvation is not just an event, it is:
- Justification (past)
- Sanctification (present)
- Glorification (future)
- **Jesus Saves** is a present continuous reality. This means that God is a very present help in time of trouble!
- You think from **victory, not vulnerability**
- Salvation is healing, deliverance, help, provision, protection, sanctification, strength, promotion, peace, joy, abundance, victory and authority!



# (S)WORD

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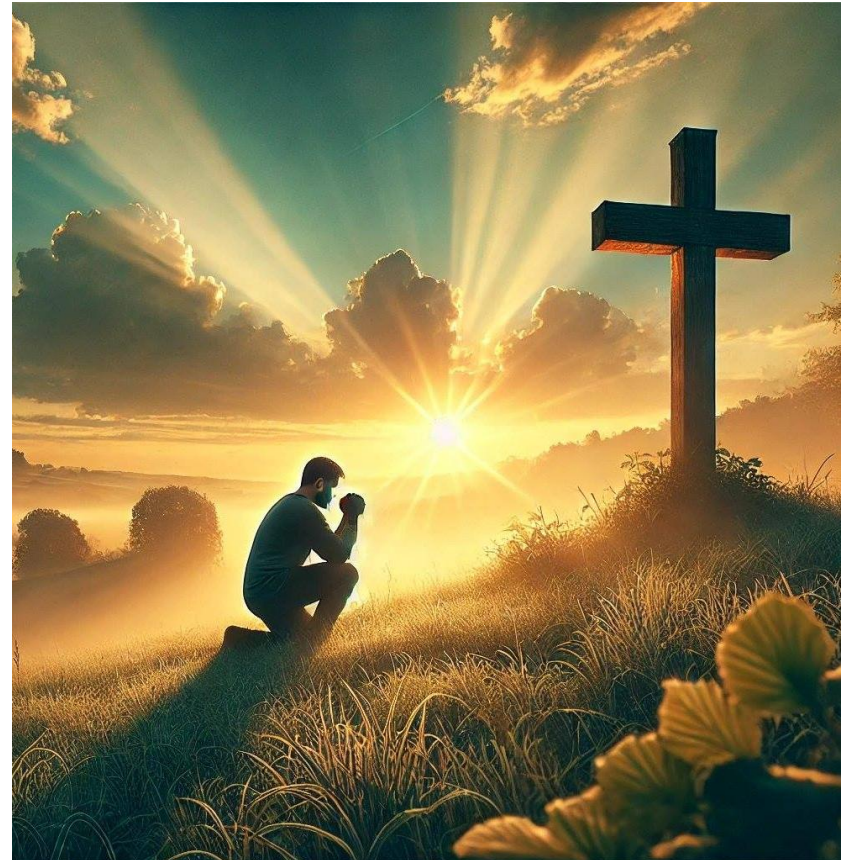
- ...The WORD was with God and the WORD was GOD! Jn 1:1
- The Word of God is alive, and it is a spiritual force.
- The Believer is called to follow Christ's example when confronted by the devil
- Jesus modelled this in the wilderness by saying....
- “It is written...” — *Matthew 4*
- Let the WORD of Christ dwell in you richly.... Col 3:16



# PRAYER

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- “Praying always with all prayer...” (Eph. 6:18)
- Prayer is not listed as armour, but it is the **environment in which the armour flourishes.**
- Go into your closet and meet with God.
- In the Presence of the LORD, there is fullness of JOY!  
Psalm 16:11
- Since the armour is God, the more you meet with Him, the stronger your armour becomes
- BE STRONG IN THE LORD!!



# REALITY....

- *<sup>14</sup> Therefore, He says:*
  - *“Awake, you who sleep,  
Arise from the dead,  
And Christ will give you light.”*
  - *<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,*
  - *<sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*
  - *<sup>17</sup> Therefore, do not be unwise,  
but understand what the will of the Lord is.*
  - *<sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, Eph 5:14-18 NKJV*
- *<sup>14</sup> for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said,*
  - *“Awake, O sleeper,  
rise up from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light.”*
  - *<sup>15</sup> So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise.*
  - *<sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.*
  - *<sup>17</sup> Don’t act thoughtlessly but understand what the Lord wants you to do.*
  - *<sup>18</sup> Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit NLT*

# Security...

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- A lot of Christians are not very careful spiritually.
- So, the enemy can breach their security easily.
- The scriptures admonish us to be discerning of our environment and our times.
- The battle for our souls happens generally in two key areas:
- OUR MINDS
- OUR BODIES



# MIND...

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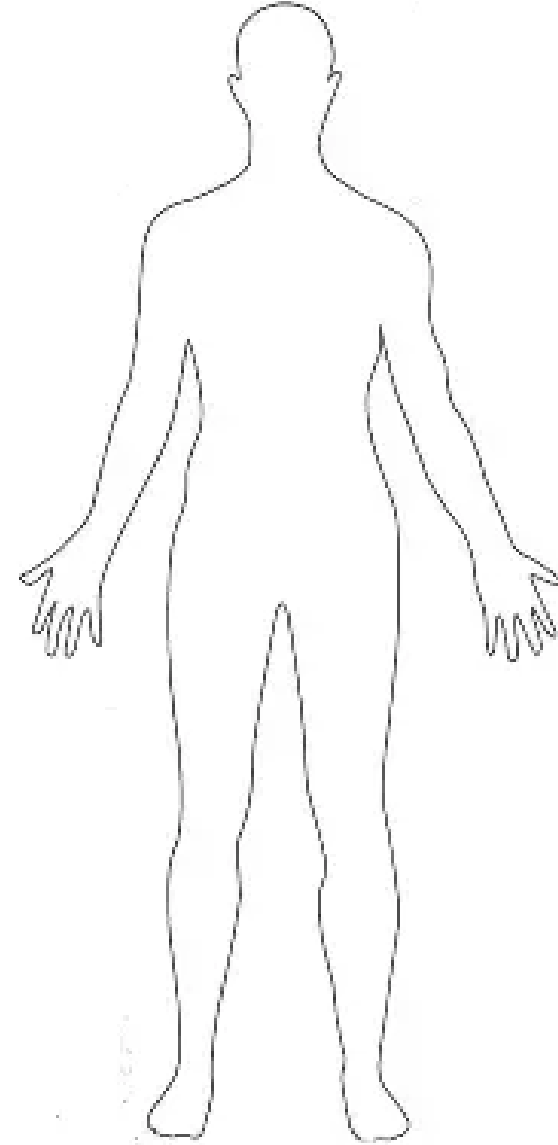
- Your inner thoughts
- Your feelings
- Your beliefs
- Your thinking patterns
- Your focus or goals
- Mental health
- Your will
- Emotions and cravings
- Ear and Eye gates
- Heart condition



# BODY...

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- Hunger/Taste
- Thirst
- Touch
- Smell
- Hearing
- Sight
- Cravings
- Fitness, sickness, Weakness



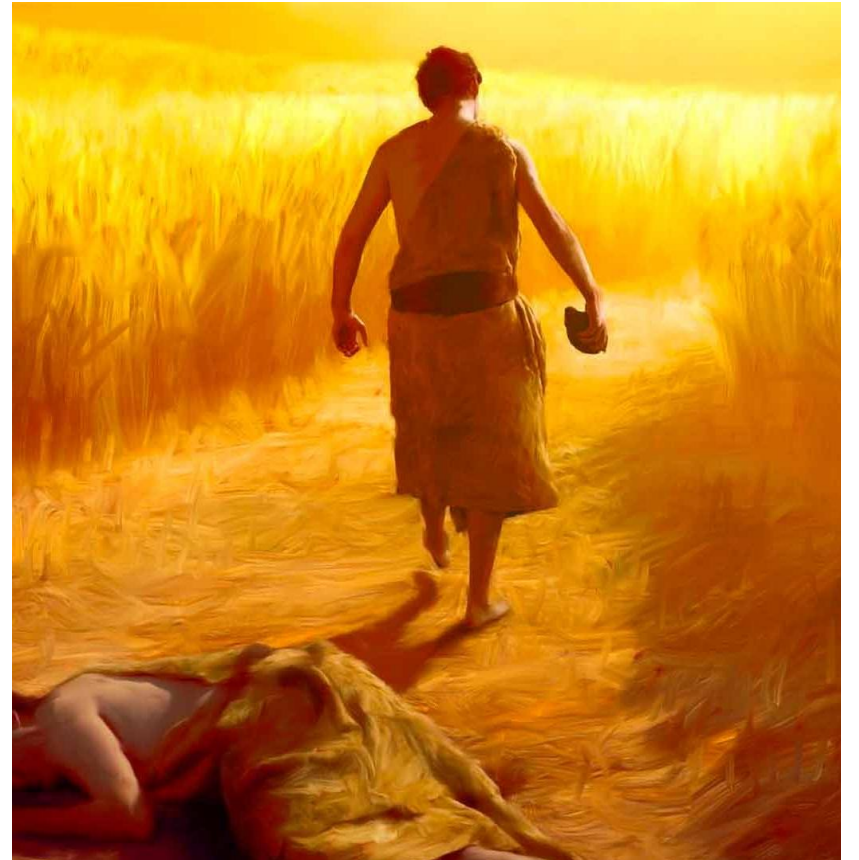
# CAIN...

- <sup>3</sup> *And in the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground.*
- <sup>4</sup> *But Abel brought [an offering of] the [finest] firstborn of his flock and the fat portions. And the LORD had respect (regard) for Abel and for his offering;*
- <sup>5</sup> *but for Cain and his offering He had no respect. So, Cain became extremely angry (indignant), and he looked annoyed and hostile..*
- <sup>6</sup> *And the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you so angry? And why do you look annoyed?”*
- <sup>7</sup> *If you do well [believing Me and doing what is acceptable and pleasing to Me], will you not be accepted?*
- *And if you do not do well [but ignore My instruction], sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you [to overpower you], but you must master it.”*
- <sup>8</sup> *Cain talked with Abel his brother, about what God had said].*
- *And when they were [alone, working] in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him*
- Genesis 4:3-8

# Anger...

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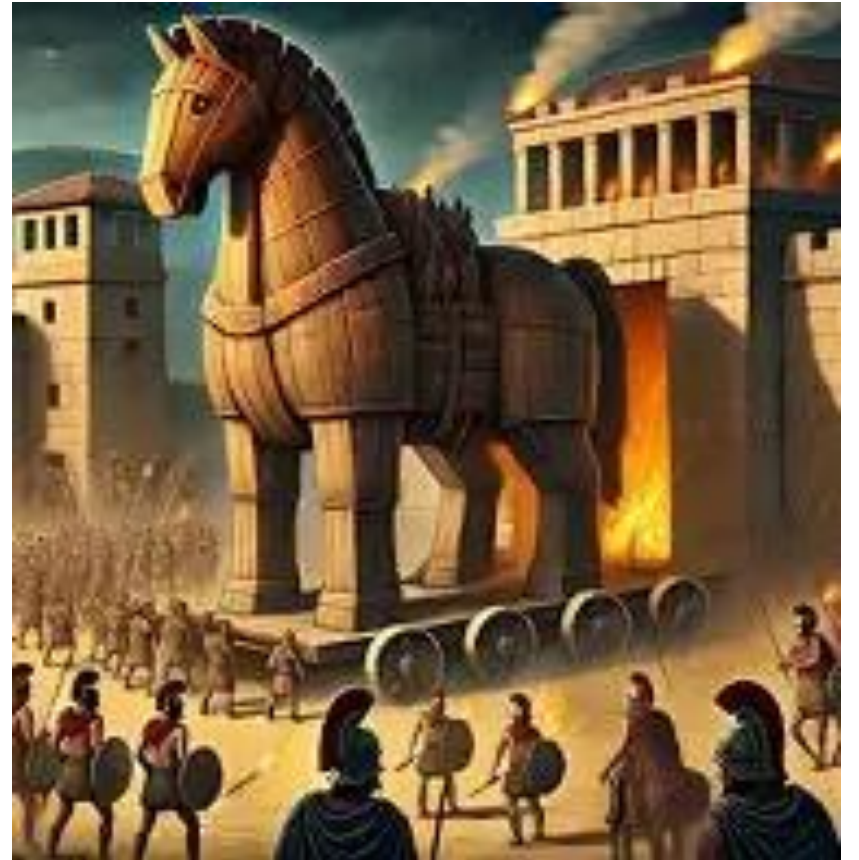
- <sup>26</sup> *“Be angry, and do not sin”*: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give <sup>[g]</sup>place to the devil. Eph 4:26
- Every believer must ‘master’ sin inside to deal with sin outside
- Cain did not listen to God’s Word to him but opened the door for the enemy to come in.
- The key point here is to submit to God so that you can overcome evil....



# SIN

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- *And if you do not do well [but ignore My instruction], sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you [to overpower you], but you must master it.”*
- *Sin is the ‘Trojan horse’ inside that teams up with the devil outside*
- *Sin comes through the gate of the Mind and Body*
- *So you must set up your security systems to shut those gateways.*
- *Do not open your mind or body to sin*



# SIN BLOCKERS

- *<sup>9</sup> Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 1 John 3:9*
- *<sup>18</sup> We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. 1 John 5:18*
- *<sup>6</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*
- *<sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;*
- *and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish*
- Galatians 5:16-17

# JESUS...

- *Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness*
  - *<sup>2</sup> being tempted for forty days by the devil.*
  - *And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.*
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- *<sup>3</sup> And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”*
  - *<sup>4</sup> But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, <sup>[c]</sup>but by every word of God.’ ”*
  - Luke 4:1-4



REFLECTIONS...

