

You are in the way!

There is an enemy more potent than satan, more subtle than the evil one. This enemy is very familiar with you and you are very much acquainted with him. This enemy is cool, calm and collect. He knows everything about you. He goes where you go, speaks to you- he discourages you, remind you of your past failures. These enemy loves comfort and convenience; he adores pleasure and ease. You are so united and close to him that oftentimes you mistake his voice for God's voice. These enemy hates to be wrong, loves to have the last word, thinks that he is always right. Hates to admit when he is wrong. This enemy is self-absorbed, self-seeking, hates discomfort, loves to be right and is easily offended. This enemy will is stronger than iron, he loves himself, loves his ways, loves his ideas and loves his plans for life. This enemy can do no wrong, in his eyes he is righteous. This enemy is so powerful, that it takes God Almighty to break his will; who is this enemy? (YOU) This is what the Lord Jesus says about the enemy YOU prior to Christ:

Romans: 3: 10-18: As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹ there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.

¹² All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.”^[b]

¹³ “Their throats are open graves;
their tongues practice deceit.”^[c]

“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”^[d]

¹⁴ “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”^[e]

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways,

17 and the way of peace they do not know.”^[f]

18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Jesus also says about this you: You must be born again (Romans 3:7), Jesus says to You, unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God. (Romans 3:3), You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you (John 15:16) John 8:44-45) ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

⁴⁵ And because I tell you the truth, you believe me not.

Before receiving Christ Jesus; You were God’s enemy: This is profound considering how much God hates sin and his enemies. In the Old Testament God would anoint Kings for the express purpose of wiping out his enemies.

David, Jehu, and many of the men/Kings of the old testament were anointed to carry out judgement against the enemies of God and yet how is it that we escape such a fierce wrath as former enemies of a Holy God.

Hebrews 10:31 (AMP) says it’s a fearful and terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God (incurring his judgement and wrath) We as believers blame a lot on a defeated devil, most of the times its you that is oppose to the real you; that part of you that’s not submitted unto the HolyGhost, the part of you that makes the wrong decision or bad choice knowingly. The majority of the time we are a product of bad choices and bad decisions, yet we blame the devil. When we are born we look like our parents, but when we die we look like our choices and decisions that were made in your life time.

God says that his Spirit wars against the flesh, so that you cannot do the things that YOU would. (Gal 5:17-26). Sometimes or perhaps often times; God is warring against you; the fleshly part of you so that you cannot give place to evil, walk outside his will, take the wrong job, watch the wrong thing on tv, preventing you from walking away from your marriage or preventing you from given place to evil. You are in the way, but there is hope:

We all experience the war against the flesh: Even the Apostle Paul:

Romans 7:13-25. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Thank God for Jesus!! We who are no longer under the law, but under grace can live this life through Christ no longer abiding in sin and the flesh. Its going to take intentionality on our part to abide in Christ, to be open

with your struggles being authentic; God resists the proud, but he gives grace to the humble. There is a part of us that we all struggle with- that thorn; that keeps us in God's face. We have to consistently draw from the wellspring of life (Christ) in order to resist the ways of the devil.

The Lord was tempted in all areas yet without sin, he too had to draw close and stay close to the father.

Hebrews 5:7 says this about Jesus: Who in the days of his flesh when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.

This is a picture of your Lord warring in the flesh and against the flesh and the devil. Our Lord was not just passively praying, the text says he was praying with STRONG Crying and tears! Why was he praying so hard- because as a result of being in the flesh, there was a part of him that wanted to sin, that wanted to resist God's will, that was tempted in all areas just as we are. But how much more Jesus being tempted!!! Jesus was living in a time before he defeated satan, he was living when satan still had the authority and power that was handed over to him by Adam; we are living in an age where Jesus defeated the devil and took the keys back. So the argument that Jesus was God so he was able to deal with sin easily is false. Jesus has a direct encounter with satan, You and I may have never had a direct encounter with satan, we aren't that powerful, we are primarily dealing with his little demons. But we triumph through the son of God by staying close and keeping our eyes and minds stayed upon him. That's the key!!! Keeping the relationship with Christ fresh!!!