

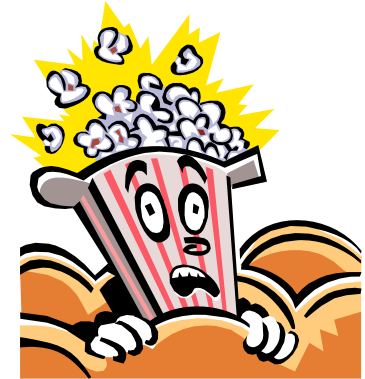


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DEFEATING THE FEARS, LIES AND DECEPTIONS OF THE ENEMY!!!



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Sunday morning in our service we stood together and read from the greatest chapter on defeating Satan's tactics - Psalm chapter 91. I believe the spirit realm quakes at the reading of this chapter of God's Word.

Psalm 91:1 He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psalm 91:3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

Psalm 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

A little boy was heard crying from his bedroom. Mom got up and went into the room. "What's wrong Jimmie?" mom asked. "I'm scared of the dark," Jimmie breathed from under the blanket.

"There is nothing to be scared of - Mom and Dad are right next door."

"Will you stay with me tonight?" Jimmie asked.

"No, mommy is sleeping in daddy's room."

Jimmie fearfully replied, "Scaredy cat."

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All of us have faced fear, the enemy of faith, at some point in our lives.

Psalm 91 promises protection from 4 threats and 4 beasts:

- Vs. 5-6
 - The Terror of Night
 - The Arrows that Flies by Day
 - The Pestilence that Stalks in Darkness
 - The Plague that Destroys at Midday

- Vs. 13
 - The Roar of the Lion which brings Fear
 - The Twisting Lies of the Cobra
 - The Hopelessness and Despair of a Surrounding Pack of Young Lions
 - The Subtle Deceptions of the Serpent

From all these things, God promises protection for those who “Dwell” in Him.

When I was a child, all 6 kids in our family would lay in front of the television set. When something scary came across the screen I would slide back to the feet of mom. It gave me great comfort in knowing that she was near. In a similar way, this same safety is provided for those who walk in close relationship with Christ.

Spurgeon when talking about the Shield over us in Psalm 3:3 said “it’s a shield above, beneath, around, within and without. He wards off the fiery darts of Satan beneath us, the storms of trials from above and at the same instance speaks peace to the tempest within our breasts.” PTL

When my adult children were younger I told them the “bubble story” which originated from Focus on the Family and Dr. James Dobson.

It went something like this. When I turn out the lights, God is going to put a great big bubble around you and only Jesus and good things can be in the bubble. Nothing bad is allowed in the bubble. This was usually followed by several questions. Will mommy and daddy be in the bubble? Will my favorite toy be in the bubble? A half hour later after hearing their list of what they wanted in there the lights went out and without tears of fear.

Friend, God has placed you in the bubble of His care. No matter what the circumstances that you may be facing today (above, beneath, around, within and without) you are protected by the shield of God’s Love and Favor.

Remember when the lights go out the shield comes up!

Phobias

- Peladophobia: fear of baldness and bald people
- Aerophobia: fear of drafts
- Porphyrophobia: fear of the color purple
- Chaetophobia: fear of hairy people
- Levophobia: fear of objects on the left side of the body
- Dextrophobia: fear of objects on the right side of the body
- Auroraphobia: fear of the northern lights
- Calyphobia: fear of obscure meanings
- Thalassophobia: fear of being seated
- Stabshbasiphobia: fear of standing and walking
- Odontophobia: fear of teeth
- Graphophobia: fear of writing in public
- Phobophobia: fear of being afraid



The Warrior's Arsenal: resources & tools



“There really is a place of protection in the Lord.”

The following resources will help you come out of hiding and stand victorious.

Frontline Christians in a Bottom-line World-

By: Linda Rios Brook
ISBN: 0-7684-2966-8

Brook states that Christian integrity can flourish in the midst of cut-throat politics of corporate America. Taking cues from Old Testament rulers like Joseph, Daniel, and David, Brook leads the reader into a plan to survive and thrive during the ups-and-downs of “marketplace ministry” while glorifying God and honoring Biblical principles. Advance in the Lord with this one!

207 pages



The Steps to Freedom in Christ

By: Neil T. Anderson
ISBN: 0-8307-2878-3

A step-by-step guide to help you resolve personal conflicts, break free from bondage, and renew your mind to experience daily victory as a child of God.

62 pages

The Bait of Satan

By: John Bevere
ISBN: 1-59185-413-X

People often fall prey to a counterfeit spiritual experience out of offense and resentment. *The Bait of Satan* exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God – offense. Most people who are snared by the bait of Satan don't even realize it. Includes devotional supplement.

255 pages



Taking Our Cities for God

By: John Dawson
ISBN: 0-88419-764-6

This work, sub-titled, How to Break Spiritual Strongholds, has been revised and updated to include a leader and student workbook at the end of the text. Six sections include, Battle stories, Deliver the dark city, Discerning the gates of your city, Learning to fight, Into battle – steps to victory, and the Leader's guide. This book presents steps for regaining ground and equips believers to redeem a city.

224 pages

Incense Before the Throne

Safety From Deception is Found Only in God's Word



Like His true followers today, the Lord knew only one criterion of truth: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not accordingly to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. The questioning nature of Satan's command - a doubt which no angel of God would have even considered - alerted Christ to the fact that this apparent angel of light was in fact the devil himself in a deceptive guise. Notice Christ's reply: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. Freedom from deception is found in God's Word alone.

Seeing that Christ answered him with a passage of Scripture found in Deuteronomy 8:3, Satan decided to tempt our Lord through the use of Scripture also. Quoting Psalm 91:11-12, Satan requested of Christ after taking Him to the pinnacle of the temple, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." Matthew 4:6.

Here Satan escalated his deception. He quoted the very Word of God, which he despises, in order to deceive One of the purest character. You will notice if you return to the passage which Satan quoted that he omitted a vital portion of verse 11 - "to keep thee in all they ways." This portion of the passage was crucial. The purpose of the angels is not to care for those who presumptuously endanger their lives. Their work is to care for those, who taking all proper care, are placed in the most perilous of conditions through no fault or follow of their own. Here we see that the quoting of Scripture in no way is a guarantee that we are dealing with the angels of God. The devil is a diligent student of the Bible as we have seen from this incident. He has, without doubt, searched and re-searched every portion of Scripture, seeking to misuse it to his advantage, which he attempted to do with our Lord. Christ was not deceived. His mind was so full of the Word of God, He replied, using Deuteronomy 6:16: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Matthew 4:7.

Once more the devil attempted a new ploy. What he could not achieve by casting doubt on Christ's faith, and that by misusing Scripture, he thought he could accomplish through an act of flattery. Pride of position is to become as

common at the time of the Second Coming as it was in the days of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

On the third occasion of temptation, Satan offered Christ the entire world. The condition was a simple one - that Christ spend a moment or two bowing down and worshiping the devil. As humans, we may not have been asked to literally bow down before Satan in worship, but many of us will bow to his temptations, casting aside our convictions in order that our pride and unholy ambitions may be fulfilled and that our reputation before men will be inflated. Yet the One who "made himself of no reputation" (Philippians 2:7) yielded to no such evil motives. Once more the Word of God was His stay. Quoting the words of both Deuteronomy 6:13 and 1 Samuel 7:3, Christ replied, "Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve." Matthew 4:10.

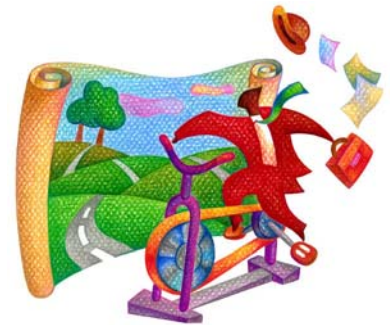
Only those who are stayed upon the Word of God, will, in the strength and power of our Lord, resist the deceptions of the devil. When Satan comes to impersonate Christ, he will appear as the most beautiful creature that humans have ever seen. He will be clothed in light so brilliant that human eyes can scarcely bear the sight! He will use Scripture in order to ensure that his words are even more deceptive. Satan loves above all to united God's holy truth with his satanic errors, for thus are people deceived. Furthermore, Satan is only too pleased to flatter the unconverted heart into accepting his deceptions. He provides the very best reasons to do wrong. Only those who day by day unite their will with the will of Christ, will be able to stand such pandering to their pride. Satan knows all about pride. It was pride which developed in his own heart and transformed him from Lucifer, the covering cherub, into Satan, the archenemy of God and His flock.

Tidbits on Fear

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms his child.

Fashioned for Faith, not Fear

I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath - these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely - these are my native air.



A John Hopkins University doctor says, "We do not know why it is that worriers die sooner than the non-worriers, but that is a fact." But I, who am simple of mind, think I know; We are inwardly constructed in nerve and tissue, brain cell and soul, for faith and not for fear. God made us that way. To live by worry is to live against reality. - - Dr. E. Stanley Jones

Fear of Ridicule

Anytime we are engaged in a work for God, we are likely to encounter the poison-tipped arrows of ridicule. A barrage of truth mingled with lies, innuendo, malicious gossip and implied threats is the normal experience of leaders. Malice arises from fear. And fear is a common response to someone else's success. So expect to have your faults thrown in your face, your folly mocked and your real progress belittled. When this happens, by all means allow yourself to be cut down to size, but do not let yourself be dismayed or intimidated. Remember that the chorus of contempt has a diabolical conductor whose aim is to make your knees buckle. He likes tongue-tied, ineffective Christians and plays on your secret fears and inferiorities to make you one of them.

I am full of fears and chasms of inferiority. Whenever I have listened to the enemy pointing them out I have stopped working for the kingdom. Yet in those moments when I have refused to listen to him and have feebly worked in obedience, I have been astonished at what God has done with my feeble performance.
- - John White

Fear of the Dark

Five year old Johnny was in the kitchen as his mother made supper. She asked him to go into the pantry and get her a can of tomato soup, but he didn't want to go in alone. "It's dark in there and I'm scared." She asked again, and he persisted. Finally she said, "It's OK - Jesus will be in there with you." Johnny walked hesitantly to the door and slowly opened it. He peeked inside, saw it was dark, and started to leave when all at once an idea came, and he said: "Jesus, if you're in there, would you hand me that can of tomato soup?"
- - Victory in the Valleys, Charles Allen

Has the Lion Read the Book?

Two explorers were on a jungle safari when suddenly a ferocious lion jumped in front of them. "Keep calm" the first explorer whispered. "Remember what we read in that book on wild animals? If you stand perfectly still and look the lion in the eye, he will turn and run."

"Sure," replied his companion. "You've read the book, and I've read the book. But has the lion read the book?"
- - Source unknown

I can tell you with confidence that Satan has read the book and trembles.

Prayer Calendar Events

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- 🌸 September 13 – October 12 30 Day Muslim Prayer Focus
www.30-days.net
- 🌸 September 26 See You at the Pole
www.syatp.com
- 🌸 October 7 Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem
www.daytopray.com
- 🌸 November 11 National Media Prayer Day
www.mastermediaintl.org
- 🌸 November 11 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
www.persecutedchurch.org
- 🌸 Ongoing Prayer for Iraq
www.prayerforiraq.org
- 🌸 Ongoing Prayer for the President
www.presidentialprayerteam.org