



Enemies of My Soul

“Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.” Psalm 27:11 (KJV)

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David knew that he was surrounded by enemies of his soul, and so are we. He knew his enemies were constantly trying to destroy him and that God was his only hope. That is why he cried out, *“Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path.”* If you study David’s life, you will find that there were several times when David did not go God’s way. Several times he did not walk in God’s plain path of righteousness. Several times he made willful choices to rebel against God’s laws, and he chose to walk the crooked paths of giving in to the lusts of his flesh and his emotions. Does that sound familiar? We have all made wrong decisions. We have all given in to temptations, and like David, we have all suffered the consequences!

Beloved, you and I have enemies. Enemies who daily try to destroy our spirit, soul, and body. Satan constantly bombards us with temptations of our flesh. He knows each of our weaknesses. When we try to pray and read the Bible, he attacks us with sleepiness, and our mind wanders, or the telephone rings. Many people young and old can watch television for hours, but in church or praying or reading the Bible (anything of God), they fall asleep. Many can read a newspaper, a book, or a magazine with no problems, but again, when they pick up the Bible or try to pray, they cannot stay focused and alert.

Satan attacks our mind, emotions, and health. He attacks our finances. He attacks our marriage and our children. I could go on and on. That is why we need to follow David’s example in this scripture: humble ourselves and cry out to God to teach us His

way and lead us in a plain path for every situation and every decision that we have to make.

So many people are preaching a false gospel of wealth and ease. However, Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:3 that we are to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Verse 4 also tells us: *“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”* (KJV) God was not talking about Halloween and dressing up as soldiers for a day once a year. All true believers of Jesus were chosen to be soldiers in the army of the Lord, chosen to endure hardness.

Beloved, GOD’S AMAZING GRACE and the power of the Holy Spirit is sufficient for every battle we have to fight. God does not expect us to fight the enemy alone. We need to stop being so independent and proud and ask God to help us!

There have been many battles in my Christian life. When I tried to handle them my way and in my strength, I have always failed. However, when I have asked the Lord for His strength and wisdom, He has never failed me! The enemy of our soul wants to destroy us, but through Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we can have victory in every situation.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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