



Deliverance Through God's Power

"Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty." Psalm 27:12 (KJV)

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Beloved, our enemy is not our parents, teachers, boss, employees, mate, children, etc. We have a very real enemy who hates all true believers in Jesus Christ. He is vicious and cruel, and he wants to destroy us. Ephesians 6:10-12 (KJV) reads, *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

The devil wants us to believe that people and situations we are in are our enemy. However, this scripture clearly exposes who our real enemy is. If we are proud and independent, Satan will defeat us. We do not have the power or strength to fight and defeat the enemy. We need God's help. Ephesians 6 tells us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. This is one of the reasons we need to spend time daily with Jesus: praying and reading and obeying the Bible. Our strength and power come from daily time with Jesus and our relationship with Him.

Ephesians 6 tells us a lot about the devil: (1) He is powerful. We need the whole armor of God and the power and might of the Lord to stand against him. (2) He is not flesh and blood. It is a spiritual battle we are in. (3) He and his demonic forces are called principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (KJV) warns us: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."* Look at what this scripture tells us about the devil. He is our adversary, our enemy. We need to stop seeing the people in our lives as our enemy and fight our real enemy. Like a roaring lion, he wants to devour us. He makes a lot of noise and tries to control us with fear, worry, and intimidation. GOD'S AMAZING GRACE IS our only hope as we obey this scripture and are sober, vigilant, and resist steadfast in the faith. Also, we need to be praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ because they are going through the same tests, trials, and afflictions that we are.

Years ago I decided to stop seeing my husband as my enemy, to obey God's Word, and in God's power and might to fight the real enemy of my home. God was faithful to deliver my marriage from the enemy and restore it. We now celebrate a good marriage, which began in 1968.

God has never ever failed us, beloved, and He will not fail you. We can only have deliverance through God's power. Every time we try in our strength, we will fail.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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