

The Will of My Enemies

"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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In the midst of battle, David cried out to God to teach him God's ways and for God to lead him in a plain path. He asked God not to deliver him over to the will of his enemies. Since I became a believer in 1976, I have often cried out to God to teach me His ways in the midst of many battles. I knew the enemy's will was to destroy me. God's Amazing grace would faithfully lead me to the exact scriptures I needed, and as I obeyed God's Word, the Holy Spirit would deliver me from the will of my enemies.

John 10:10 (KJV) reads, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." As a new believer in 1976, I saw who my real enemy was. At that time my life was full of sin, pain, anger, and bitterness. My marriage was on the edge of divorce. I tried to change my life. Not only did my ways fail, everything I did made things worse.

Then I cried out to God to help me, to change my life so that He would be glorified. The Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see that Satan was my enemy. He was trying to steal, kill, and destroy my soul, my marriage, and my health. However, Jesus had come into my life as my Savior to give me life and that more abundantly.

I saw the vast difference between Jesus and Satan. Jesus gave His life for me. He forgave all my sins. He freed me from guilt and shame. He came into my life to deliver, cleanse, heal, and restore. He redeemed me from the enemy. He gave me the power

to repent and turn from my sins. He gave me the power to forgive as He forgave me. He cleansed my heart of anger and bitterness. He healed my hurts. He restored my marriage. No, it did not happen overnight! My part was to daily pray, read, and obey the Bible. Jesus' part was to give me the power of the Holy Spirit daily, as He taught and trained me in spiritual warfare.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (KJV) reads, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.)" Whenever I try to fight my battles myself, in my power, and in my way, it brings greater problems and builds up strongholds. However, obedience to God's ways always defeats my enemies. It may not be evident immediately, but in time, God's ways always end in victory for the believer!

As God opens doors, I teach His Word and His love, mercy, and grace throughout the U.S. and into other countries. As I speak at retreats and marriage seminars, God has been very faithful. The will of my enemies was to destroy me, but the will of my God was to give me victory through Jesus.

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