

The Flooding Enemy!

Over the 40+ years, I have been a believer in Jesus there have been many times where I have gone through trials, tests, and battles.

I can't say that they were fun times, but they were both necessary and part of **building my faith** to where it is today.

When the enemy comes in like a flood, you can rest assured it is not because you are **doing something wrong, but it is because you are doing something right.**

So let me encourage you in your spiritual walk and share with you some of the things I have learned about how the enemy attacks you and how you can overcome them.

So let's look at the verse found in Isaiah 59:19.

ISAIAH 59:19

SO SHALL THEY FEAR THE NAME OF THE LORD FROM THE WEST, AND HIS GLORY FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN; WHEN THE ENEMY COMES IN LIKE A FLOOD, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM.

In this verse, we can see that when people start doing the right thing (being in awe and reverence of God), then this is when the promise comes into effect.

How do I know this?

Because the enemy does not need to come in like a flood when people are not honoring and serving God.

They are already accomplishing his purposes.

It is only when people are becoming dangerous to the enemy of our souls that he needs to try to fight what is going on.

What can I do?

1. Understand The Spiritual Nature Of The Attack.

First and foremost you need to understand that when you come under attack that it is spiritual in source and nature.

Many times that we are tempted to look at the circumstances or people and view them as the enemy.

They may be tools of the enemy, but the enemy is spiritual, not physical.

Your enemy is not people, finances, or obstacles of those kinds.

The cause is a spiritual agenda that wants to stop you from doing the things you are doing that is infringing on the kingdom of darkness.

2. Use Spiritual Weapons Against The Attack

Next, you need to understand that the weapons of our warfare are not physical but spiritual.

(2 Cor. 10: 4) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

If you are going to fight a spiritual battle, you have to use the weapons that work in that realm.

These weapons are prayer, fasting, and the word of God.

When you are in a spiritual battle, you need to increase your prayer time, skip some meals, and get into the word of God for both direction and the building of your faith.

Don't try to win this battle with human reasoning and methods.

Let the Lord win this battle for you.

Let His Holy Spirit lift up the "battle standard" against him.

A standard was an old English word that was used in battle when a standard or flag was raised; it was the signal for all the troops to rally at that point.

The Hebrew word "Nuwc" means to fly (to the attack) on horseback.

So let the Holy Spirit be the one that lifts up that standard that repels the enemy.

3. Don't Give Up Before The Battle Is Over

One of the greatest temptations and mistakes that I have faced has been when I had given up when things were getting hot.

I have learned that many times the battle rages the fiercest when the victory is almost won.

You need to understand that the enemy of our souls has an intense hatred for anyone that will follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

He will not just lay over like a beat dog and expose his neck at the first sign of battle.

He goes around like a roaring lion, not a whipped puppy.

(1 Peter 5:6-9) 6Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

The devil is looking to devour you.

So when things get hot,

when they get tough,

when they get scary,

don't give up.

Your Redeemer draws near.

(Luke 21:28) 28Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

4. Understand That The Battle May Cost You.

Most of us have a concept of a lossless victory.

As in warfare in the physical realm, war costs lives and resources, so too in the spiritual realm, it may cost you.

That is the price of taking up your cross and following Jesus.

The Apostle Paul is an excellent example of how spiritual warfare cost him.

He was beaten,

stoned,

imprisoned,

left for dead,

starved, etc.

All of those things were the cost of the war that the enemy brought against him.

But he learned a crucial lesson in all of it that he recorded for us in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

AND LEST I SHOULD BE EXALTED ABOVE MEASURE BY THE ABUNDANCE OF THE REVELATIONS, A THORN IN THE FLESH WAS GIVEN TO ME, A MESSENGER OF SATAN TO BUFFET ME,

LEST I BE EXALTED ABOVE MEASURE. CONCERNING THIS THING I PLEADED WITH THE LORD THREE TIMES THAT IT MIGHT DEPART FROM ME. 9 AND HE SAID TO ME, "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS." THEREFORE MOST GLADLY I WILL RATHER BOAST IN MY INFIRMITIES, THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME. 10 THEREFORE I TAKE PLEASURE IN INFIRMITIES, IN REPROACHES, IN NEEDS, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DISTRESSES, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.

The Great Take-Away

Allow Christ to be your strength when the enemy comes in like a flood.