



REMEMBERING WHO OUR **ENEMY** REALLY IS

Matthew 13:37–43; 1 Peter 5:8,9

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- ▶ We are in a REAL war with a REAL enemy.
- ▶ God has given us what we need to be victorious and be free from his evil influence and control.
- ▶ We MUST utilize God's provisions in order to overcome, which includes **ONE ANOTHER!**

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1 Peter 5:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ Be ³sober, be ⁴vigilant; ⁵because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But ⁶may the God of all grace, ⁿwho called ⁷us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, ⁸ perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ ^oTo Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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- ▶ Satan is REAL (Gen. 3; Mat 4:1-11; 13:37-39; Jn 8:44)
- ▶ Satan is POWERFUL & STRONG (Eph. 6:10,11).
- ▶ Satan is INFLUENTIAL — the whole world is under the sway of “the wicked ONE” (1 Jn 5:19; Jn 8:34-47; Rev. 12:9)

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2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

³ But I fear, lest somehow,
as the serpent deceived
Eve by his craftiness, so
your minds may be
corrupted from the
simplicity that is in Christ.

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2 Corinthians 11:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵

Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

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2 Corinthians 2:11
(NKJV)

¹¹ lest Satan should
take advantage of us;
for we are not
ignorant of his
devices.

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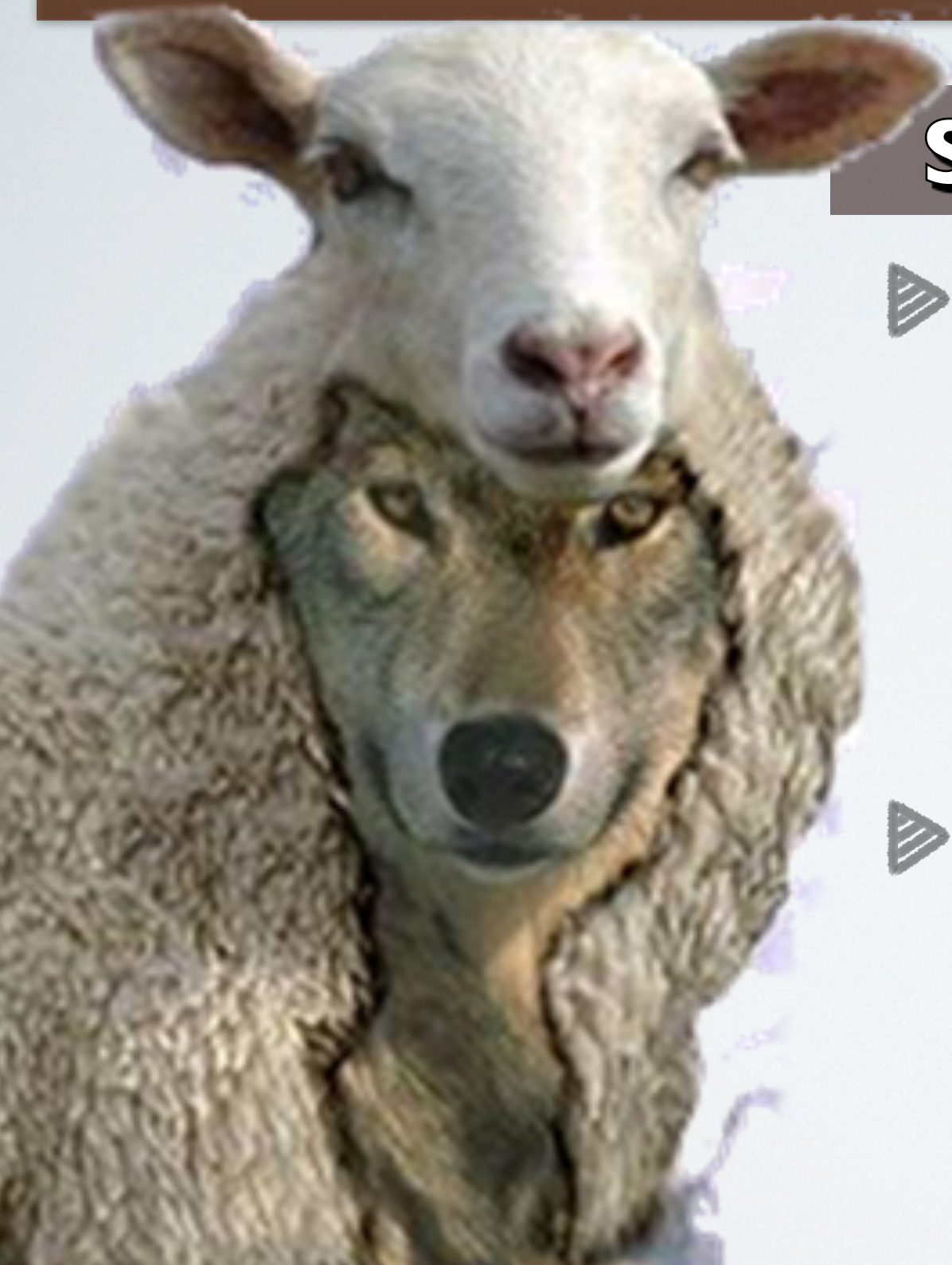
SATAN'S MANY DEVICES



- ▶ Satan uses the world's system / wisdom / power / sorrows ... TV / radio / music / the internet / books / etc. to spread his lies.
- ▶ Many who profess allegiance to God are working for Satan! (2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1)
- ▶ He uses our families, friends & enemies to discourage & tempt us!! (Mat 10:34-39; Acts 8:1-4; 26:9-11)

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SATAN IS A DECEIVER



- ▶ Satan & his messengers seek to seduce men away from God through lies and is often successful (Gen 3:1-7; John 8:44; Acts 13:10; Rev. 12:9)
- ▶ He continues to distort the truth, leading people away from God, the Source of truth and life (2 Cor. 4:3,4; 11:14; 2 Pet. 2)

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SATAN IS A THIEF (JOHN 10:10)

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To Steal From You

Your proper IDENTITY
Your good INFLUENCE
Your TIME / GIFTS
Your spiritual VALUES
Your PEACE
Your sincere FAITH
Your SALVATION

Robbing You of

Your INHERITANCE
POSTERITY
PURPOSE
GOOD FRUIT
TRUE JOY
HOPE
ETERNAL LIFE

Ac 17:26-31

Mt 5:13-16

Eccl 12:13

Mt 13:18-23

Ep 2:14-3:21

Rom 5:1-5

Jude 21

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SATAN IS A MURDERER (JOHN 10:10)

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- ▶ Satan is the enemy of truth & life, and through deception he brought spiritual and physical death to mankind (Gen. 3:4, 13; John 8:44; 1 Jn 3:8, 10–15.)
- ▶ By separating us from God (by sin) we die spiritually (Is. 59:1,2; Eze 18:20-32; James 1:13-15; Rom 6:23)

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SATAN IS A DESTROYER (JOHN 10:10)

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- ▶ Satan destroys (causing the loss of well-being), our lives in the here and now (Prov. 13:15; James 5:2,3)
- Destroys our body (1 Cor. 6:18,19)
- Destroys our mind (2 Cor. 11:3)
- Destroys relationships (Rom 14:15)
- Destroys our influence (Rom 2:24)

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Philippians 3:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.^a

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2 Thessalonians 1:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ ... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

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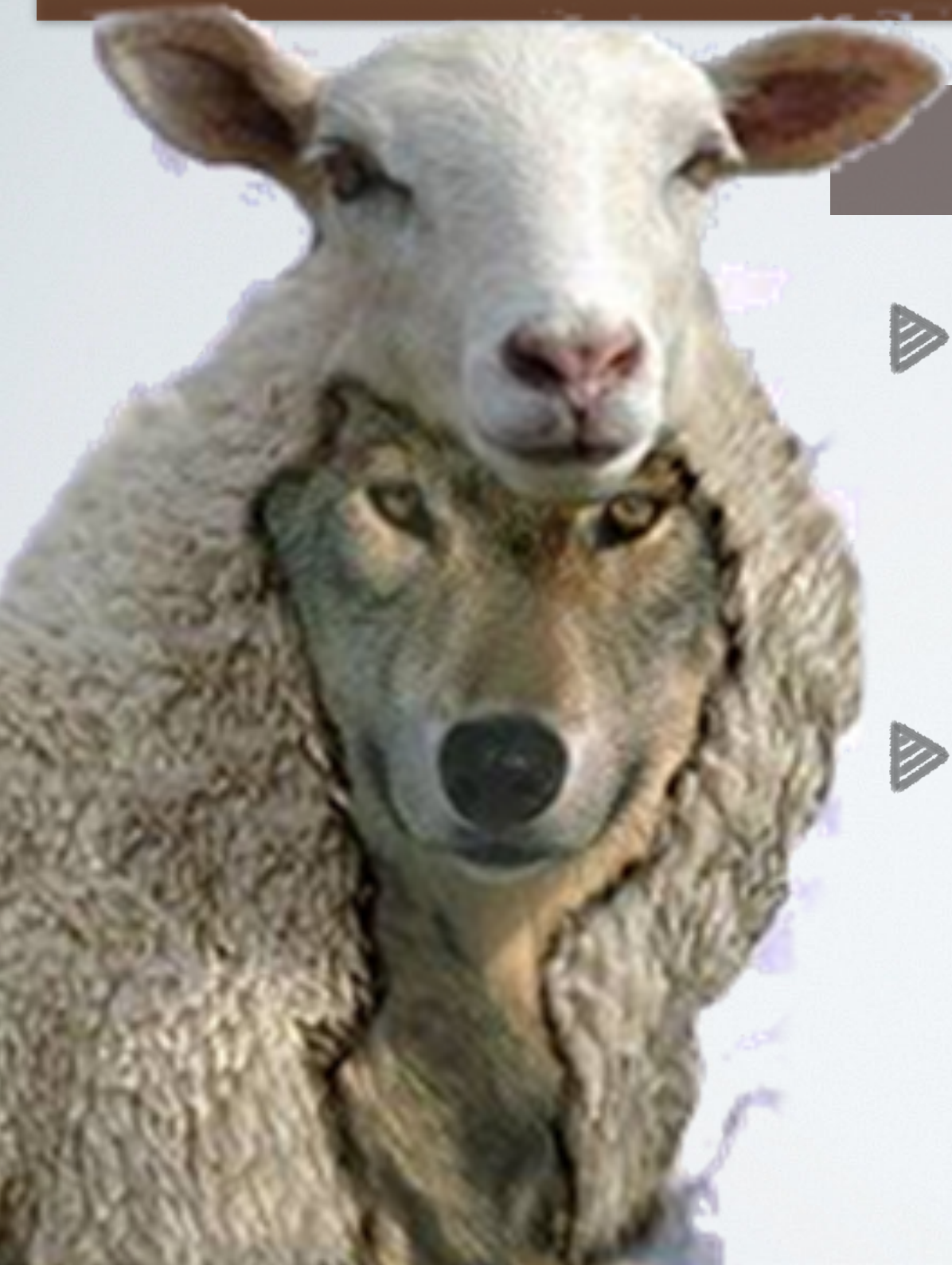


Matthew 25:41, 46 (NKJV)

⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ... ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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SATAN IS A DIVIDER



- ▶ He seeks to separate us from God's truth, love and mercy through deception, doubt and pride (Gen. 3:1-7; 1 Jn 2:15-17)
- ▶ Satan seeks to divide God's people through false doctrine, earthly wisdom, (envy, pride, selfishness), and earthly ties / opinions (Jam. 4:14-16; 1 Cor. 3:1)

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Galatians 5:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!



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OUR ENEMIES ARE NOT

- ▶ Those who oppose sin and expose error (1 Kings 21:20)
- ▶ Those who teach and defend the truth (Gal. 4:16)
- ▶ Those who rebuke, correct, and discipline us (Heb. 12:9)
- ▶ Those who truly love us and seek our spiritual well-being (Gal. 6:1,2; Jude 22; Heb 17:17)



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► **Through Jesus (Jn 10:10)**

- 👁 Satan Has Been Defeated - Rev 12:9,10; Col. 2:15. Heb. 2:14, 15. 1 Jno. 3:8; 5:5.
- 👁 By Calvary's conquest - the blood of the Lamb - Mat 20:28; 26:28; Eph 1:7; Col. 1:14,20; 1 Jn 2:2; Rev 7:14

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- 👁 Through God's provisions -
- 👁 His grace, mercy, love, (Jn 3:16; 8:31,32; Romans 5:8-10; Tit 3:1-5; Eph. 2:1-16)
- 👁 His kingdom, strength, and the authority of Christ (Mt 16:18; 28:18; Acts 4:12; Phili. 4:13)

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► **Through Jesus (Jn 10:10)**

- 👁 By hearing the truth (Rom 10:17)
- 👁 By believing the truth of Who Jesus is and what He has done (Jn 3:16; 8:24; Rom 5:2; 10:9,10;)
- 👁 By confessing Christ (Rom 10:9,10)
- 👁 By repenting (Acts 17:30)
- 👁 By being baptized into Christ (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 10:47,48; 1 Pt 3:21)
- 👁 Endurance through faith ...

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- ▶ By GROWING in the grace & knowledge of our Lord - 2 Peter 3:17,18
- ▶ By being DILIGENT - adding to our faith – 2 Peter 1:5-10
- ▶ By putting on the WHOLE armor God has provided – Eph 6:10-18
- ▶ By FULLY submitting to God & RESISTING the devil – Jam 4:7; Eph 4:27
- ▶ By accepting & taking God's way of escape — 1 Cor 10:13

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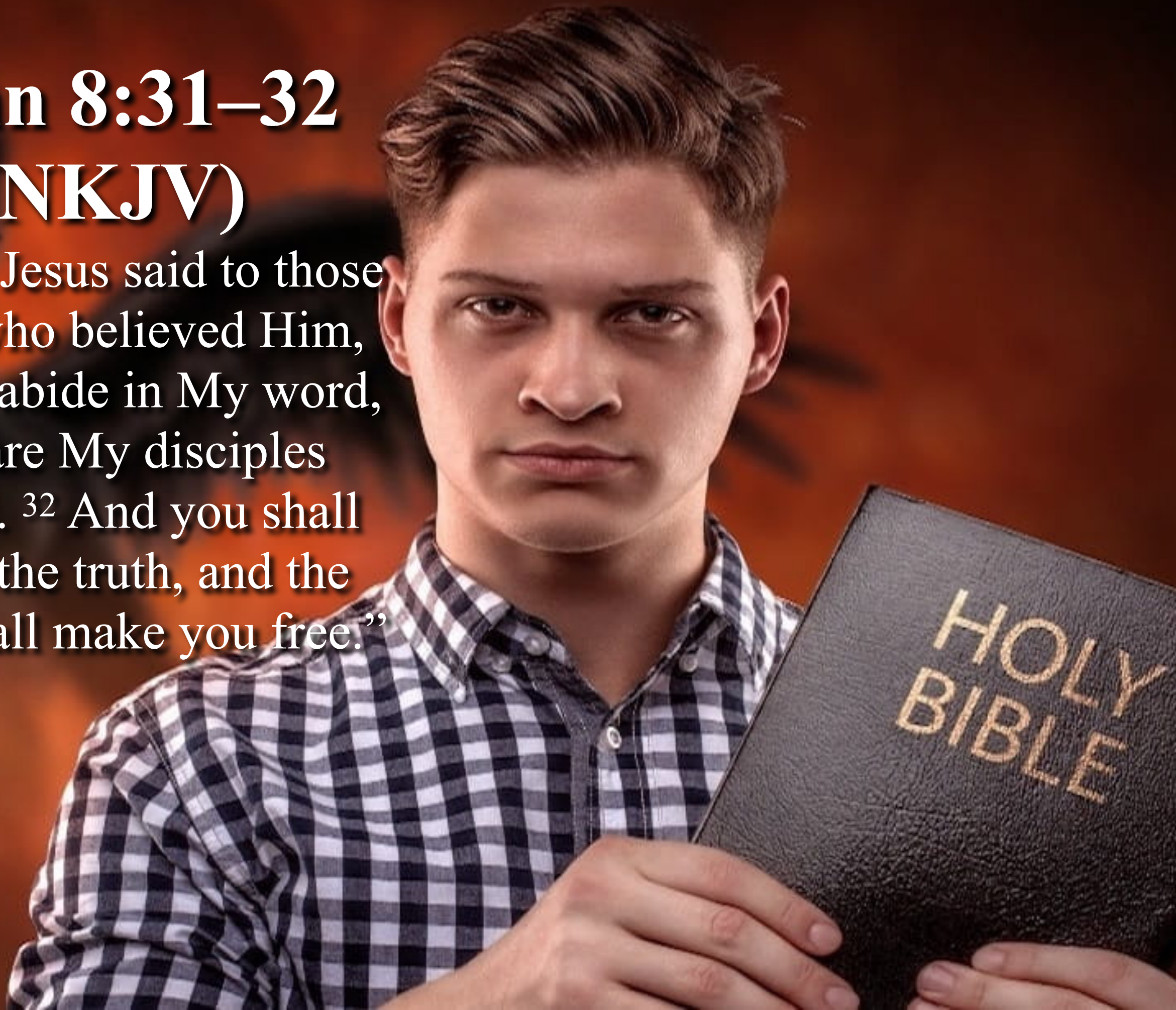
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- ▶ Knowing the truth —
John 8:32
- ▶ Obeying the truth —
1 Peter 1:22
- ▶ Together —
Hebrews 10:24; 25

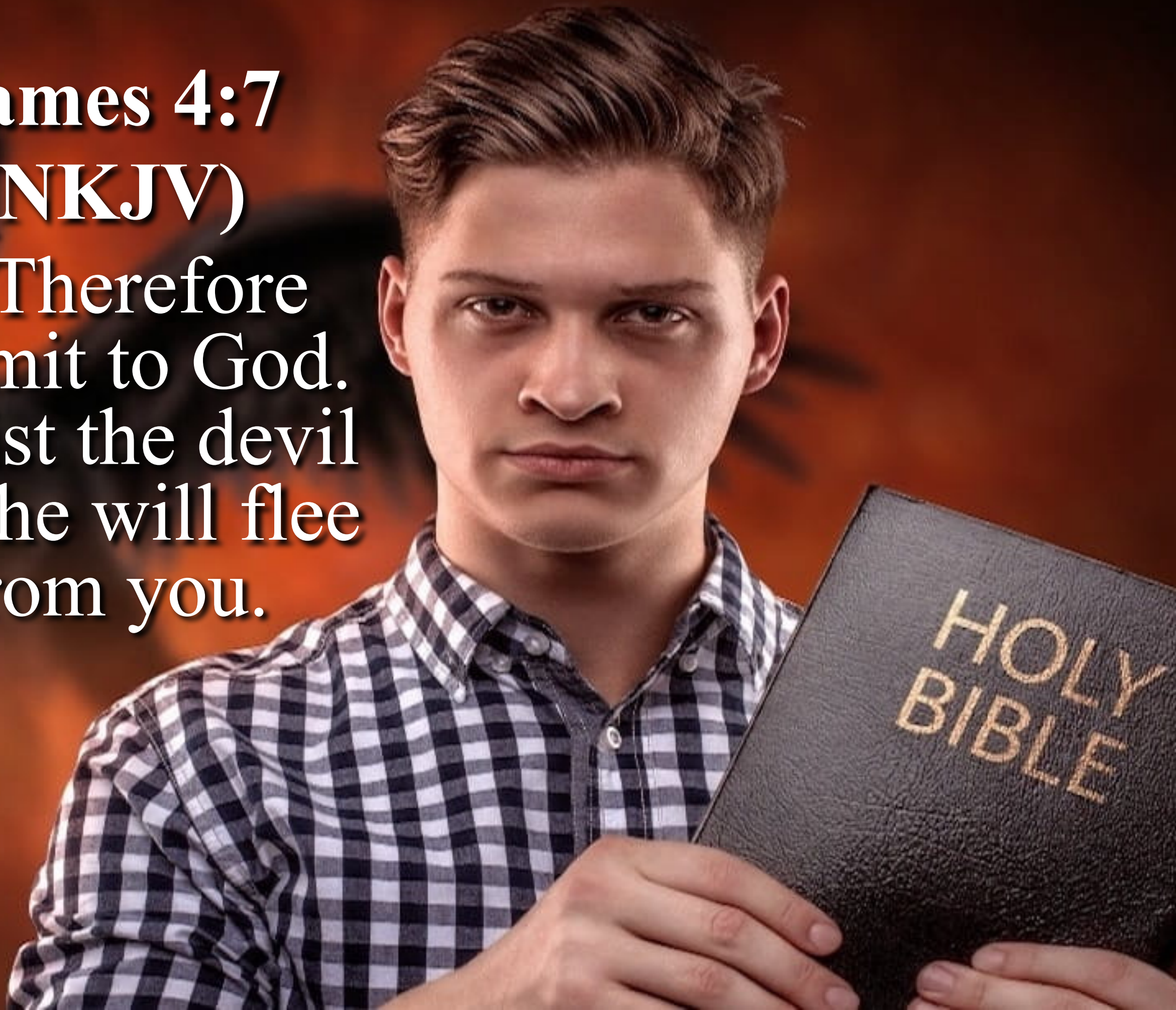
John 8:31–32 (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”



James 4:7
(NKJV)

Therefore
submit to God.
Resist the devil
and he will flee
from you.



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Who will win
the **BATTLE**
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SOUL?

Romans 6:16-18





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