

Spiritual Warfare

The Devil, and How to Stand Against His Schemes



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“He who rebels against the [governing human] authority is *ἀνθίστημι*-ing against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.”



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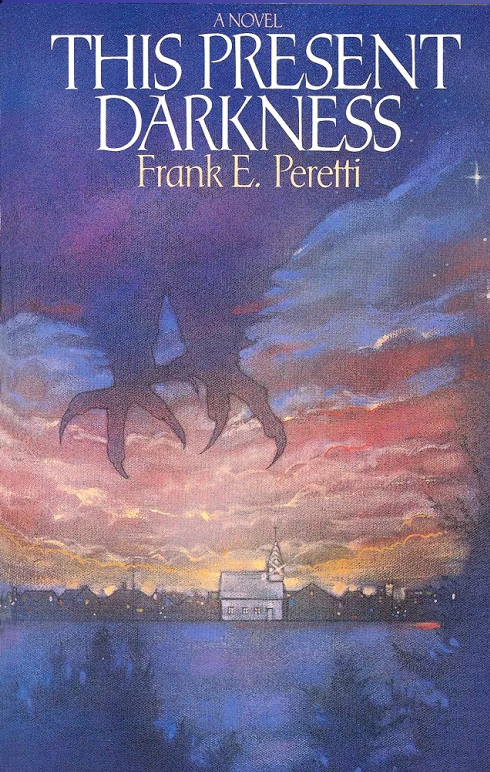
“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to ἀνθίστημι—and and after you have done everything, to ἵστημι.”)

- Why should we ἀνθίστημι Satan, but *not* ἀνθίστημι other humans—even evil ones?



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 - How exactly are we told to “resist” the Devil here?
 - How can “standing firm in the faith” make the difference in our fight against Satan?
(and yes, I know it's not as “flashy” as “grappling in combat” or splashing holy water on a demon)
(then again, what have we argued about “grappling” with Satan?)



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 - But let's go back and look at what Ephesians 6:13-20 says about how to *ἀνθίστημι* effectively



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 - What would happen if he did?
 - Why do so many Christians feel this way about themselves (especially regarding spiritual warfare)?



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 - is it significant that verse 14 essentially says, “hitch up your drawers with truth”?



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 - Roman shields were long and could be wrapped in wet leather—how would this serve to successfully “extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one”?



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 - why is the Word our *only* offensive weapon?
 - how does this resonate with verses like Isaiah 11:4 and Revelation 19:11-16?
 - how does this resonate with verses like Hebrews 4:12-13?
 - how does this resonate with what we saw *Jesus* do when tempted in the wilderness?



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 - How confident should we be, going into battle wearing the “mobile fortress of God”?
 - Is there anything else in this section that shows how a Christian should “fight”?
 - What does Paul tell us to be doing in verses 18-20?



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- Please read Ephesians 6:13-20
 - Think of Prayer as our “spiritual artillery”
 - How does Paul use prayer in this way in verses 18-20?

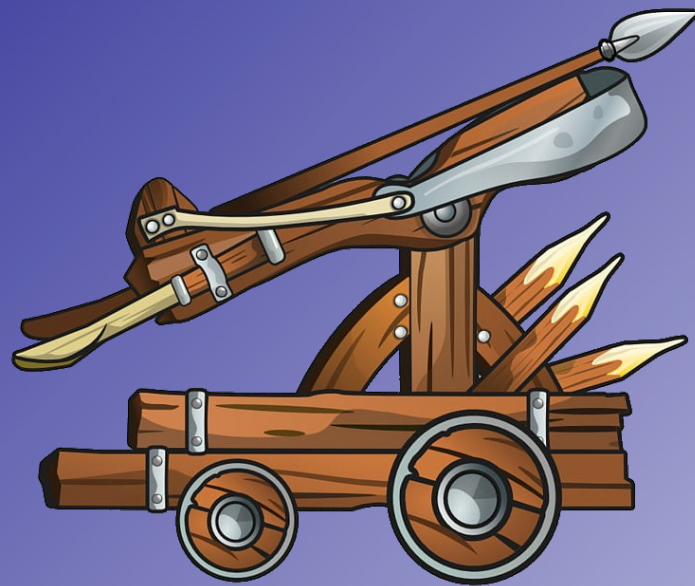


(NOTE: Isn't prayer the “weapon” that Jesus specifically told His disciples that they *should* have used in Mark 9:29?)



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- Which of these pieces of equipment is the *least* important for you to have on the battlefield?
- Which piece(s) do *you* struggle the most with remembering to carry into battle with you?

