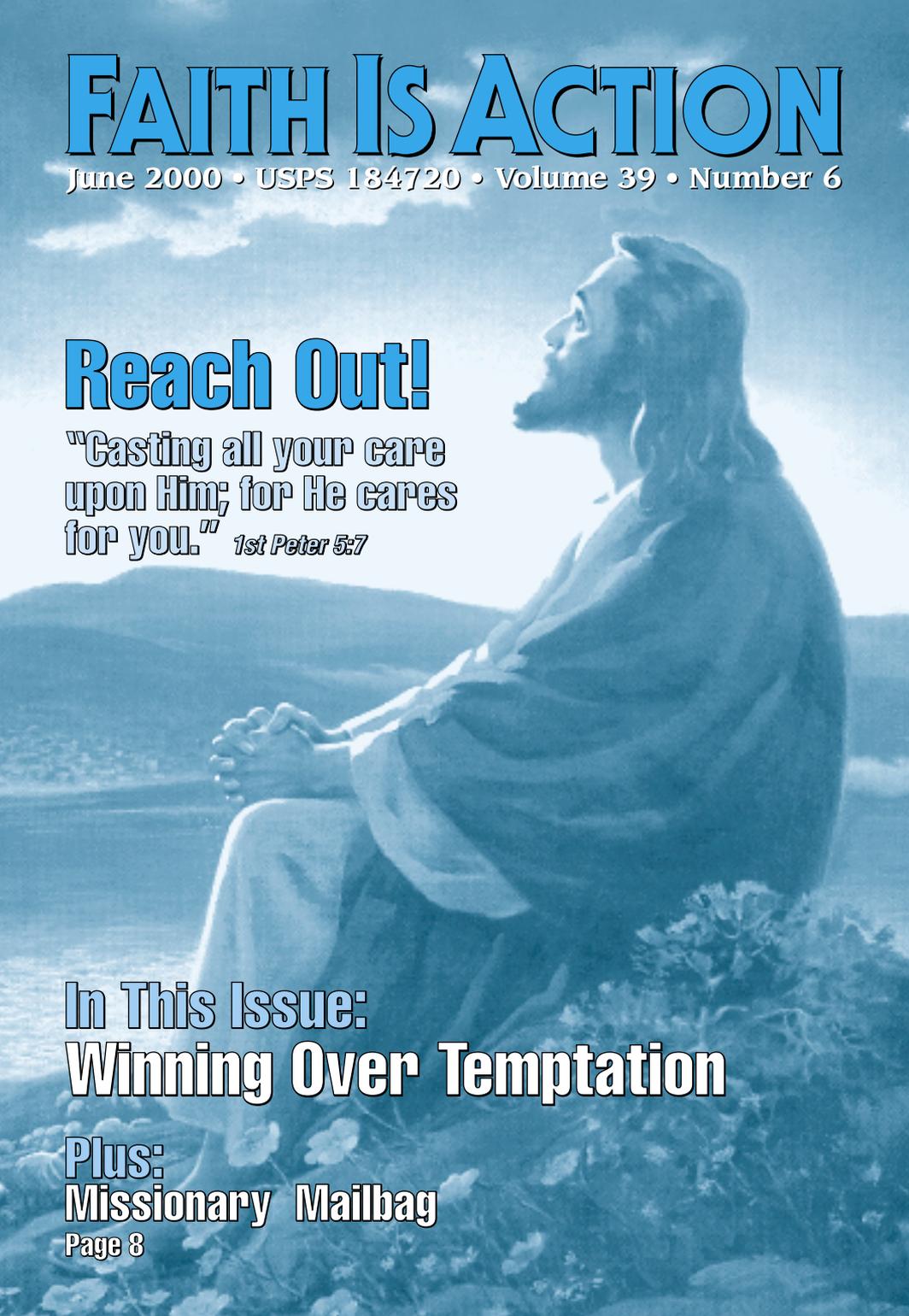


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Reach Out!

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you." *1st Peter 5:7*

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“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him” (James 1:12).

Would you like to know how to always defeat every temptation and test you face and come out victoriously? Jesus did, and the Bible said that *“He was tempted in all points like as we—without sin” (Heb. 4:15)*. We can also come out with the same results, without sinning. The question is: How did Jesus win the victory over the temptation? The first man Adam, the federal head of the family of mankind, was tempted by the devil, and he fell. He was tempted in *paradise* where everything was lovely and beautiful, and he fell. The last Adam, the new Adam, the new federal head, Jesus, had to be tempted the same way, but His temptation was in the *wilderness*, where everything was barren, and He overcame. Adam and Eve were eating the fruit of any tree they wanted to. Jesus was hungry because He had fasted 40 days. Who do you think should have passed the test?

Everything was beautiful and wonderful for Adam and Eve, but they failed. They failed because they didn’t use the weapon that was at their disposal even then at the inception of temptation. Eve failed because she didn’t use this weapon. Jesus prevailed because He used this weapon. He didn’t use His great power of deity. He didn’t do some miraculous deed to get the victory. He used what is also available to us and what will guarantee the victory over Satan.

It’s always right at our disposal. That’s why we ought to give Him praise, because He always enables us to have the victory. The devil can’t defeat us unless we let him. Jesus said, *“Behold, I give you power over*

Winning Over Temptation



By
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all the power of the devil” (Luke 10:19). This weapon is power over the devil. The devil has a weapon to come against us with, but God gave us a weapon to counterattack the devil’s weapon. The devil’s weapon is *the lie*, and Jesus said that he’s the father, the creator of his weapon. When the Bible talks about “the father of” something, it means the originator. He originated the weapon of the lie to defeat and destroy mankind. But God not only originated—He is our weapon! Jesus is this weapon, but we have to use it. When the devil uses his weapon, we have to use the weapon of Jesus. With this weapon we will

defeat every test, every suggestion to do the wrong and the will of the devil. We better know how to use it, because we shall be tested and tempted in all things.

Nevertheless, God's Word assures us the victory according to His promise: *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer (allow) you to be tempted above that which ye are able; but will with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"* (1 Cor. 10:13).

Peter exhorted, *"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations..."* (2 Peter 2:9). *"Surely he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler,"* Psalm 91:3 declares.

THE PRIMARY WEAPON

Let's investigate the methods of the devil, because in order to defeat the enemy, you have to know his methods. Paul said that *"we are not ignorant of his devices"* (2 Cor. 2:11), and in Eph. 6:11 he commanded us to *"stand against the wiles of the devil."* The Greek word for *wiles* is *methodeia*, and we get the English word *method* from it. The devil has a *method* to tempt us. Have you ever heard the saying, *"There's a method to this madness"*? Likewise, Satan doesn't go around, like some people, like a chicken with his head cut off without any direction. He has a calculated plan and a method, and at the right opportunity, he puts it into operation. He tries to size you up, because he doesn't want to waste time. Then he figures out how he can get you, and he puts that plan, his method into action against you. But we are commanded, *"Neither give place to the devil!"* (Eph. 4:27). This Adam and Eve failed to do.

God had created the heavens and the earth and had clothed it with all the herbs and grass and had caused all the good fruit trees to be in bloom and all the flowers.

What a splendid beginning! Man, I wished that I could have been there. I would have liked to be Adam when the Spirit of God breathed the breath of life into him and he came alive. Before he opened his eyes, he smelled the beautiful aroma of all the flowers with no pollution. He heard all of the creation in harmony, the birds singing with everything in perfection, and he opened his eyes to the great splendor of God's creation in God's presence. Everything was in harmony, and everything was good. God had looked at everything He created and said, *"It is good."* The Hebrew *tov* means *"beautiful, wonderful, great."* Then God let man get in on the creation, and Adam named the animals. Man, how smart he was. He didn't have to go to school to learn his ABC's. He automatically knew all of those things. Think of the wisdom he had when just that quick he rattled off every name of every creature. You can't find a library that's got all of that information in one place. Many of the animals are now extinct, but he named them. Think about the wisdom he had. He was like God, full of wisdom. Medical science says that we only use about 10 per cent of our brains. There are some geniuses who use slightly more, but imagine what our abilities would be if we used the other 90 per cent! We would be like Adam was before the fall! He was a miniature replica of God. He was a ruler, a king, and wise.

For some reason the devil had to decide "who" he would tempt: Adam or Eve. He chose Eve, and maybe it was because she was standing around the Tree of Good and Knowledge and seem to be fascinated by it. If it had been me, I would have been over at the Tree of Life and rubbing its leaves all over me!

Now, the first lesson we need to learn from this is: *If God forbids it, it's not good*

for us! Just like we as parents forbid our children to have or do certain things, because it's not good for them. The Scripture says, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." So if it's good for you, God's going to give it to you. If God says, "No," no matter how much you think it's good for you, it's not good for you. Maybe at that time it's not good for you, but later on, when things change, it will be good for you. You don't give your kid an automobile who has not matured yet. Maybe up the line it will be good for him, but not til he's ready to handle responsibility. Eve should have been enjoying all the other bountiful trees God had provided for them:

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:15-17).

Instead, Eve looked at it that forbidden tree, and she deduced that it was good to look at, and it was good to make her wise, and surely it was good to eat. No, she didn't know what God knew. When God is telling us, "No, no, no," we don't know what God knows. That's where faith comes in, and we have to trust Him. When the devil comes around and tries to get you disgruntled, say, "I don't understand it now, but God is working for my good. I will understand it by and by."

I remember when I first was saved and had that zeal to preach, and I had my bags packed and I wanted to go, but God didn't let me go, because I wasn't ready. I'm so glad He didn't let me go then. I was frustrated and felt like God was holding me back. I knew I was ready, but God knew better!

Don't mess around with the things that are not good; enjoy the things that God said are good for you. I'm enjoying what's good instead of lusting for worldly things and giving place for the devil to tempt me with the thing that is no good for me.

When the devil comes to tempt us, he suggests something like this: "You know God doesn't want you to have that." That's what the devil said to Eve, "God knows that when you eat of this tree you'll be like God knowing good and evil." The problem was since they were not God, they lost the power to do the good and had to do the evil. They gained the knowledge of good and evil, but they lost the power to resist the evil. The fact is, they were already like God! They were created in the image and likeness of God. God was protecting them in not wanting them to know the one thing that would destroy them.

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Genesis 3:1).

The devil said to Eve, "Has God said that you may not eat of every tree?" In other words, he inserted the doubt, "Did God really say that?—Did He mean that?" Right then Eve should have used the weapon, but she didn't. When she didn't use the weapon to resist him, he knew he had her hooked. She took the bait. The first thing the devil does is to try to get you to question the Word of God. (Any voice that questions the Word of God is Satan's!) "Now, you are special, God doesn't mean that for you. You're special."

The minute that any thought comes into your mind that questions God, an alarm should sound! A red flag should go up; sirens, horns and bells should ring, "Enemy, enemy, enemy! Red alert, red

alert, red alert!” Eve should have used the weapon that would have defeated the devil. James 4:7 says, “*Submit yourselves unto God. Resist the devil, and he will flee you,*” but how and with what do you resist him?

THE PREEMINENT WEAPON

Most of the time, we quote the latter part of this verse, ignoring the part “*Submit yourselves unto God.*” The thing is, we cannot resist the devil with the authority that will cause him to flee if we have not submitted first to God’s Word for His will in our lives! The term “*submit*” means “to align oneself under another’s authority.” Satan knows when we are not submitting to God’s authority and in order to exercise authority over Satan, we must be under God’s authority, and then use it boldly declaring, “*It is written!*”

First he planted doubt in Eve’s mind, and he then planted suspicion, “God knows.” Thank God, He does, because we don’t. That’s why we have to trust Him. Suspicion got in there, and Eve looked at the tree and it was good to look at: The lust of the eye. She looked at it and it must have borne beautiful fruit. You know when the devil’s tempting you, he can make the ugliest house look like a castle. When you come out of the test and look with your eyes without him doing what he does, you say, “How in the world did he tempt me with that anyhow? My God, I’ve must have been blind.” No, you were bewitched. The devil put the evil eye on you, and he bewitched you like he did Eve. He always makes sin look so wonderful and enticing. The fruit on the tree looked good to eat: The lust of the flesh. Finally, he tempted her with the pride of life: It will make you wise and you will have God’s knowledge,” and she fell into the trap and took it and ate. Oh, when the knowledge of what she

had done really hit her, the consequence for her little occasion in the flesh was far from worth it. Because of her disobedience, she brought all the suffering to women in child birth. All that suffering that women go through is because Miss Eve didn’t use the weapon. The animals don’t suffer giving birth, do they? All you men that have sore backs, blisters on your hands, sweat running out of your brow is the result of the curse on you because Mr. Adam joined her. They failed to use the weapon.

When you don’t use the weapon immediately, almost without fail, the devil is going to talk you into it. Some people think you will only find the devil in the bar room, or in the brothel, or in the shoot-up house, or on the drug corner. In reality, this is “man” fulfilling his fallen nature. Where the devil does his devious work is in the pulpit, and the professor’s chair in the Bible college. That’s where you will also find the devil, because that’s where his attack is. Once man had fallen, then he just fulfills his fallen nature. Jesus said, “*You are of your father the devil and his lust you will do*” (John 8:44). The devil is trying to deceive more people through the pulpit. His method is to twist the Word, to dull the sword so that it doesn’t have any edge, like a butter knife. When your enemy has all kinds of weapons, and he is throwing everything at you, and you come against him with a butter knife, he’s laughing and saying, “Lamb chops tonight.”

What was the weapon that Eve should have used? The minute that the devil called the Word of God into question and said, “Has God said?”, she should have said, “Yes, God has said it, and I am going to trust His understanding, and I’m going to obey Him!” But she fell into the trap and she changed the Word:

“And the woman said unto the serpent,

We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” (Genesis 3:2-7).

Eve changed and added to the Word God had spoken. She changed the command into a contingency. She said, “God said that we may freely eat of every tree, but the tree that’s in the midst of the garden, of Good and Evil Knowledge. God said, ‘Don’t eat it **lest** you die.’” No, God didn’t say, “**Lest** you die” — He said, “You shall **SURELY** die!” The Hebrew has such an emphatic construction, it’s like God hitting you with a hammer and saying, “Dying, you shall die.” Not lest, or for fear you’ll die. Then Eve added to the Word, “Neither shall you touch it.” God never said this, and if the Word isn’t the whole truth, it’s no truth at all. Just like when you go to court and take the oath, they say, “Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?” Because part of the truth is not the truth. You can say enough truth, but if it’s not the whole truth, it’s not the truth. Don’t change the Word. God meant what He said, and said what He meant.

Then when the fulness of time had come, God sent His Son, the last Adam,

but He had to wait another 30 years to begin His ministry. I bet that did something to Jesus’ patience to have to wait until He was 30 years old. Finally it came time for the manifestation of the Messiah and the Saviour to His people, and God raised up a forerunner, John to prepare His way.

TEMPTED IN HIS HUMANITY

Now there are some so-called educated theologians who say that Jesus was tempted in His deity and not in His humanity. He could not be tempted in His deity. James 1: 13 says, “*God cannot be tempted with evil...*” and he is referring to sin. He was tempted in His humanity. His deity couldn’t sin, but His deity was held back because there were two wills, or two natures in Jesus. What did He pray in the garden of Gethsemane? “*Not My will*” (that was His will), “*but Thine be done.*” His will was, “*I don’t want to drink the cup,*” but God’s will was for Him to drink it. He had to reconcile His will to God and that’s where the agony, the battle was. Now we can understand Hebrews 5:8 that says, “*Though He were a Son, yet He learned obedience...*” He wasn’t automatically obedient. He learned obedience “*by the things that He suffered.*”

For years I didn’t understand this verse until God took me into Gethsemane. If Jesus would have drunk the cup the first time, He wouldn’t have suffered all that He suffered to the point that He almost died physically. If God hadn’t sent an angel to strengthen Him, He would have died in Gethsemane. Only Luke records His agony in Gethsemane. None of the writers could have known His agony, because Luke was an doctor. When he said that “*His sweat was as it were as great drops of blood...*”, it meant that His life was coming out of His pores. (Luke 22:44). I have been under the anointing so great until I began to dehy-

drate, and if something didn't happen, I thought I was going to die. My life was just pouring out of my pores. Have you ever dehydrated to the point of fainting? If God hadn't sent an angel, Jesus would have died, because He was tempted in His *humanity*—not His *deity*!

Jesus had a human nature just like you and I. *"He grew in stature and wisdom" (Lk. 2:52)*, and He had to *"learn obedience."* Many times we learn obedience by the things we suffer. Some people never learn obedience, so they keep suffering. God has to chastise them. That's what you do when you chastise or discipline your child; you give them a good spanking to teach him to be obedient by that suffering, so that he won't get another one.

You can prolong your test by not submitting your will. That was the biggest battle Jesus had—surrendering His own will. The Psalmist prophesied what the Messiah would say, and in Hebrew 10:6-9 it's recorded. When He came on the scene He said, *"And sacrifices and offerings thou wouldest not and had no pleasure, but a body thou hast prepared for Me..."* God outfitted Jesus with a body through which He would redeem man and reveal God. Then He said, *"Lo, I come to do thy will O God. In the volume of the book it is written of Me."*

Paul revealed in Philippians 2 that He emptied Himself or laid aside His deity, and took upon Himself the nature and essence of a servant—a *"doulos."* A servant does not exercise his own will. His function is to obey the will of his master. A dog had more rights under Greek rule than a *doulos* or slave. You could kill a *doulos* and you would have to pay his master some money, because you robbed him of his servant. But if you killed his dog or his cow, he could kill you.

So when the time for Jesus to be tempted came (for all humankind is going to be

tempted), how did the devil tempt Him? What was the first thing he said to Jesus? *"If you be the Son of God..."* That was the test. It was an attack on the Word of God. You will find His temptations in Matthew 4 and in Luke 4, but at the end of the third chapter of Matthew we read that Jesus had come to John to be baptized, and John said, "I need to be baptized of you." Jesus said, "Allow it to be so for now; for thus it behooves us to fulfill all righteousness." Coming up out of the water, He heard a voice out of Heaven saying, *"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."* Immediately, afterward, He was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted, and the **first** thing the devil did was lie against God's Word: **"If you be the Son of God..."** He challenged Him on—the Word of God that God had spoken to Him at His baptism. Jesus didn't have to do a miracle to prove that He was the Son of God. His proof that He was the Son of God was the Word of God, and God had said, "You are My Son." He didn't have to do anything else but believe that.

In effect, Jesus said to the devil: "I am God's Son, and I want to let you know that I don't have to change these stones into bread to prove it." They looked like little round biscuits, and after fasting 40 days, they probably looked like the biggest biscuits He'd ever seen! It says that His "natural hunger returned," and that's when Satan came to tempt Him. Satan always looks for an opportunity—an advantage to manipulate the situation.

His main stratagem is to challenge the Word of God. That was my first test as a new Christian. The first thing the devil said to me was: "You're not saved." You know what I told him? "I'm going to act like it. I'm just going to live like I'm saved. I'm not going to do anything that I did when

I was a sinner. I'm going to act like I'm saved." I went to church every time there was church. I kept reading the Word. I was praying and fasting. I was acting like I was saved. Soon I became acquainted with the spiritual weapons to defeat his lies.

IT IS WRITTEN

What was the weapon that made Jesus victorious? It was the knowledge of the Word of God. Whenever you're being tested, you must go to the Word and find the Scriptures that deal with your problem. Get the knowledge of the Word of God, pick up that specific sword that covers your case, and say to the devil, "**It is written...**" You must get indignant when the devil challenges the Word!

Jesus said, "*It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God.*" The devil was trying to get Him to exclude the Word, but the last thing that was ringing in His ears, the last thing that He heard from any human or supernatural being before being with the wild animals for 40 days was God saying, "*Thou art My Son, and I am well pleased, My Son.*"

In his second temptation, the devil took Jesus to the temple where he led Him out on the pinnacle. I believe he took Him there at the time when the priests were gathered to get their ministry duties for the day. At the time of the first burnt offering, all the priests would be there. Satan said, "All you have to do is jump off. You don't have to worry, because *it's written, 'He will give his angels charge over thee, and they shall bear thee up in their hands lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone.'*" Now he quoted Scripture, but he added something. Oh the devil is good at adding to the Word of God! When he added "*lest at any time,*" he was implying that Jesus could recklessly

throw Himself off of the pinnacle, and the angels would rescue Him. The priests would have beheld this great miracle and believed on Him. But Jesus rebuked him saying, "*It is written again, Thou shalt not TEMPT the Lord thy God!*"

When you say, "It is written," you better learn to say, "It is written" again, and "It's written" again, and keep on saying "It is written" until he goes. When this temptation was passed, Satan then took Him up on a high mountain and showed Him all the glory of the world, appealing to the lust of the eye. Has he showed you all the glory of the world? He comes around and shows you how the wicked seem to prosper. The Lord brings to my remembrance the rich man who fared sumptuously everyday, while Lazarus the beggar sat outside covered with sores and the dogs licking them. It wasn't over yet. When they both died, the rich man lifted up his eyes in Hell in torment, and the angels came and carried Lazarus into Paradise, into the bosom of Abraham his ancestral father, and he was comforted.

The devil said, "*See all these kingdoms—they are mine, and to whom I give them to.*" (Notice that the Lord didn't contest that they were his, because Satan is the god of this age.) One day Satan is going to give his full power to the Anti-Christ. The Church already has power over all of the power of the devil now. Jesus said, "*Behold, I give you power (authority) over all the power of the devil...*" (Luke 10:19).

When the devil said to Jesus, "Fall down and worship me," I can see Jesus like a volcano inside of Him ready to blow the lid off: "*Get thee behind me Satan! For it is written Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thy serve!*" That's how you defeat every trial and every test and how you are victorious, by saying, "*It is written.*"

Now, Jesus is saying two things here.

First, some people are worshiping God, but they are not serving Him. Many people come to church to worship, but then they don't go out and serve Him. They often rationalize, "I'm not serving the devil; I'm not doing his will so I'm serving God." They wouldn't think of doing Satan's will if they knew it, but that is his will, and they are doing it. They are not serving the world, and they are not serving man, but they are serving self. That's the devil's will is to get you to serve self, because the devil's will is to get you to serve anything but God only. Jesus said, "*Worship him ONLY and serve Him ONLY.*" When you worship Him only and serve Him only and give Him the glory, He is going to give you the victory. He is going to give you the power, and you can dismiss the devil.

THE THREE TEMPTATIONS

See, the Lord could have dismissed him any time in those three temptations, but He knew that He had to go through these three: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. They comprise all of the sin in the world. John said,

"Love not the world, neither the things of the world. For if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life. They are of the world, and not of the Father. The world (present continuance tense) is passing away But he that doeth the will of the Father... Not my will but thine be done... shall abide forever!"

That's going to be the hardest thing you will ever pray about; that's the hardest battle that you are going to have. Many times you try to bargain with God, when God tells you to do something, and you say, "Now, God what about doing this instead?" God said, "*If you be willing and*

obedient..." If you be willing to do, and then do it, "*... you shall eat the good of the land. But if you rebel* (Most folks don't quote this part of the Scripture) "*you shall be devoured, with the sword*" (Isa. 1:18-20).

As soon as any voice through any vessel (human, demonic, angelic) calls the Word of God into question, I know the devil is the source of it. The thing I need to do is say, "Get back, Satan! Yes, God said it, and I am going to do it. *It is written! It is written!*," and when the devil comes back saying, "It is written," throw the shield of faith up and say, "*It's written again and again!*" You must defeat him with the Sword of the Word of God; only supernatural weapons will defeat him. Paul said in 2 Cor. 10:3-5:

"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 strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

Satan will come against the knowledge of God like he did with Adam and Eve in the garden and Jesus in the wilderness. You must cast it down by counter-attacking with the TRUTH using the sword of the Spirit—speaking the Word—"It is written!"

The Greek word for *imaginations* means "*arguments, theories, reasonings.*" These are the *fiery darts* Paul spoke of in Ephesians 6. Your first line of defense is to throw up the "*shield of faith, whereby you shall be able to quench* (put out the fire) *all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*" Then you must use your offensive weapon, the *sword of the Spirit*, which is the *spoken* Word of God:

"And they overcame him (Satan), by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony..." (Rev. 12:11).

MISSIONARY

Dear Brother Hardy...

Thank you for the faithful-ness you have shown to me.

That you have continued send-

ing me the precious and anointed magazine **FIA** regularly. The messages are clear and straight to the heart. It is a great source of blessing, encouragement and inspiration.

Trinidad, West Indies

I appreciate you all for the good work you are doing. Thank you so many times for sending me the **FIA** life-changing magazine. Each time I have a problem and your magazine arrives and I read it, the problem is gone. Please keep my name on your mailing list. It's really a blessing to me. May the Lord bless you all in every area of your life and your ministry.

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I would like to say special thanks for faithfully sending me your **FIA** magazine even though it's only twice in seven years have I contributed to your ministry. I do not even know if you received my second contribution because I did not get any word on it. The first one I did.

I would appreciate if you would continue sending me your **FIA** magazine for I am unable to send you any money. These magazines have been a real blessing to me. I have been receiving these magazines since 1992 and was never fully aware of the messages and prophecies that was faithfully sent to me each month. It was not after receiving **FIA** on "**Spiritual Leprosy**" that there was a turning point in my life. Since then I was able to understand the Word of God better in my life, I never liked the prophecies; now I can't wait and tears would fill my eyes when I read the prophecies. I have over fifty magazines, I saved some and share with others and keep it and would read them over and over again. Thank you very much for sending it to me.

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Thank you heartily for faithfully spreading the Word of God through **FIA** magazines. I have been greatly blest with your spirit-filled messages. The **FIA** magazine is of great help, not only to me, but also to others who come in contact with me. I read **FIA** from cover to cover, and I lift up my heart in praise to God for the ministry which God is blessing to reach millions all over the world. **FIA** magazine has enriched my spiritual life and encouraged me to serve God faithfully.

Phoenix, South Africa

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MAILBAG

Spirit. I came across your publication **FIA** and was very intrigued and amazed.

I wondered if it would be possible that

I may receive this publication at the above address? It's a very good publication and has blessed me immensely the one issue that I have got (October 1999). I hope God will bless you and reward you as you work tirelessly in His Vineyard. Thank you for your love.

Zimbabwe, Africa

FIA magazine really brings in subjects that are relevant or needed at this end time to AWAKENING believers in Christ, e.g.: The Eschatological Series, Cleansing Your Home Of Spiritual Leprosy, etc. They are tremendous. In fact, they are also serving as Library Literatures in my mission field.

To encourage our brethren who sacrificially support this great work of publication for us to enjoy specially, those of us beyond the Atlantic, I wish to add few words to the passage that hath GLUED me to the work of God Ps. 68:11: "Yes, the Lord gave the word, great was the company of those that published (proclaimed) it."

Pondering over this passage sometime ago the Lord gave me insight into it. Who make up the company of spreading the Word which is the power of God unto salvation? Acts 28:28

Surely the congregation supplying the necessary logistics needed. You have a part, I have my part. Either all, two of one, it's all to God's glory. I do thank you, though I do not write to you frequently, but I do still receive my subscription.

Ghana, West Africa

It is with great joy and awe that I write this letter to you because I believe that it is a privilege for one to communicate with such an highly distinguished person as you. Please do not be surprised at my praising in such a way, because after reading and re-reading your wonderful Christian magazine **FIA** (and also heard of your crusade held in Nigeria back in 1989/90) I have come to respect you very much.

While writing this letter, I have here with me an old copy of your book, "Christ Your Healer" which I just found in one of our unoccupied rooms left there by who-I-don't-know. I found it quite soul enriching and inspiring. It made me to know that it is certainly God's will for His children to be healed contrary to the false teachings and doctrines of some false Christian groups.

Just recently, a friend of mine gave me some old copies of **FIA** magazine which I devoured immediately. I have to say that I found it very inspiring and soul enriching. The sermons I read in it are the ones rarely preached in today's churches.

Nigeria, West Africa

First and foremost, we want to thank you very much and congratulate you and the team for the great work you are doing. We have been benefitting from this great evangelical thrust since 1988 or thereabout when we first came into contact with this great and wonderful Ministry thru the services of Radio Africa. Most of us were spiritual toddlers then. But as we receive, read, regurgitate and ruminate over our copies of **FIA**, we can not but grow. We have been growing for the past ten years and by the grace of God, we are now adults in spiritual things (even though we never stop growing).

Today, as we think of what God has done, is doing and will do in our lives and the lives of several others through us, we felt the story will not be complete without the RGHM. Even when you stopped hearing from us, you didn't stop sending copies of the **FIA** to us. Honestly, you people are a real source of blessing, not only to us, but to the many with whom we have shared and imparted the knowledge we got from reading the **FIA**. We even have a project we called "2 Tim. 2:2" (from 2 Timothy 2:2) where we read verbatim from copies of the **FIA** to a group of Students who cares to listen. The success of this project has led to the birth of a young Church with 96% of its members consisting of young people. We always meet in a primary school building after school hours and during the weekends. The Lord gave us favor with the School authority. Nobody disturbs us... Sound doctrines as yours are difficult to come by. They are gems we want to possess and share.

Nigeria, West Africa

I have much to tell but cannot be contained in a letter. I love you so much as a man of God but Jesus loves and care more for you. I am so glad to have a father like you who without knowing his children but continue to send food and wine to them. **FIA** is food and wine to me and my ministry. Even without a financial support from me, you have been upholding me with your magazines, books and tapes to keep me going and growing into Christ Jesus. How I wish I have the opportunity to come to Baltimore U.S.A. for one of your camp meetings to sit under your anointing even for one day before our glorious Captain and Lord (Jesus Christ) will return.

Beloved, I want to appreciate your Agape love to me in this part of the world. Yet in this typical village where God is helping us to break the fallow grounds and sowing among thorns, **FIA** is been circulated, and the mind of God is read continually by hungry and thirsty souls. It is my prayer that God continue to strengthen you and to provide for all your needs so as to meet the growing needs of the work through your ministry, in magazines, tapes, video tapes, books to mention but few. It requires a lot of money.

Nigeria, West Africa