

*"And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but **They Are Not Valiant For The Truth** upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me,' Saith the LORD." Jeremiah 9:3 KJV*



Valiant men are undaunted by threat or danger, but are confident in battle and conduct. In today's passage, God is angry with the Israelites for their tolerance and participation in the evil around them. *"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; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."* Evil is anything that contradicts Truth. God Had Delivered them from the same evil which was now destroying them through familiarity and proximity. A boy in Florida bought a boa constrictor for a pet. He kept the snake until he was a man. He was found dead with the snake wrapped around him. The snake never stopped being a snake. The fault lay with the man who forgot it was still a snake. Leopards can't change their spots and evil men can't change their hearts. Like a fatal virus, evil always destroys and kills. Survival requires constant preparedness and spotless hygiene. For Navy Seals on a night mission, vigilance is vital. They must study their enemy and his terrain. They train for months. Their gear is state of the art. Total preparedness is their protection. Fear is not an option. They are valiant. They don't relax or stop until their mission is over and they are home. The believer's enemy is invisible. Satan's best weapon is man's own lust. He turns evil men against God's children, because he fears them! Jesus Declared, *"I Will Build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against It! Put on the Whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Like bio-weapons, evil's couriers are your own friends and family infected by their own lusts; sincere, ignorant, or both; they will destroy you, nonetheless. Faith is your Shield. *"Faith Cometh by hearing (believing)...the Word of God. Faith Is the Substance of Things Hoped For; the Evidence of Things Not Seen. Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Without Faith it is impossible to please [God]."* Faith obeys God no matter what the circumstances may be.

Valiant men of noble deed,
Must fearless be, by taking heed,
By faith to Truth; the Word of God,
While they still tread this mortal sod. –CGP

You must see beyond couriers of evil to Satan, its source. Truth is your "night-vision" for seeing the hidden enemy. *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* We must emulate Christ when He Rebuked Peter's well meant proposal with, *"Get thee behind me, Satan!"* Peter was being used of Satan. How many times have you tolerated or participated in evil for fear of offending someone? We mustn't fear rejection for *"the fear of man layeth a snare. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom."* God Is The One Who Will *"Cast into hell fire where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."* Whom do you fear? Are you valiant for the Truth?

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the Faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." 1 Peter 5:8-9 KJV