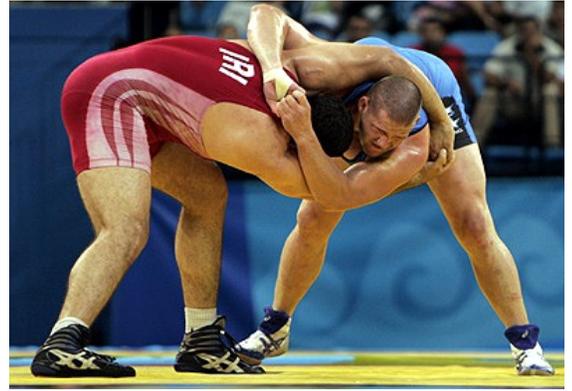


*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
Ephesians 6:12 KJV*



If spiritual warfare was physical, it would be much easier to identify and defeat the enemy. God's Word indicates that the unseen forces of evil are a system. We may perceive a human ruler as evil, but the true evil rulers are unseen. Spiritual wickedness is not a tangible visible entity – it is wickedness of the spiritual realm, ergo, Satan and his fallen angels. Yes, they are still angels and no, they are not grotesque and twisted in appearance. They are still beautiful. What is twisted and grotesque is their intent and purpose. Their weapons are evil thoughts, fiery darts, injected into the minds of unbelievers and believers alike. The only defense against them is faith, believing, trusting, and obeying God's Word. The enemy whispers evil thoughts to close friends and family, and pits brother against brother. You can look your enemy right in the eye and not see him. He is only detectable by his opposition to the Truth of God's Word. Anything or anyone that opposes Truth is being manipulated by the powers of darkness. It is an unrelenting exhausting battle. The only defense is to know Truth. *"Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall MAKE you free. Thy Word IS Truth. The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,"* is the only weapon which can defeat Satan's lying whispers. They can't be fought with mental or physical strength. Believers need healing and cleansing every day from the wounds and gore of the conflict. There is a healing *"balm in Gilead"* for the wounded and pure Water for cleansing in God's Word. Jesus said, *"Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you."* God's Word is under a massive attack from heretics to translations to unbelievers as Satan prepares to throw men into the teeth of God's wrath! Satan cares not for his followers. God does not require us to die for His sake, though we would gladly give our lives in His service. Rather, He asks us to be a *"LIVING sacrifice, holy and acceptable."* We do not labor TO OBTAIN salvation, we labor BECAUSE OF salvation. The conflict is nigh over and the End of Days is upon us. Beware of lurking insidious evil waiting for an opportunity to whisper evil and destroy friendships and relationships. The whispers of the mind oppose Truth and destroy mankind. Unbelief, denial, disobedience, apathy, and neglect all oppose Truth. Doubt opposes Truth! It is the core of unbelief! Jesus said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh to the Father, but by me."* Truth is the only door. The statement, *"Many paths lead to heaven,"* is a bald-face lie! We must know Truth, love Truth, and practice Truth. We must wield Truth with the skill that comes from intimate knowledge. Our enemy is unseen except where Truth is opposed or attacked. Satan deceives with lying wonders. He is the ultimate magician. *"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."* Don't even believe your senses, because your carnal body is sold under sin. Trust God's Word above all and let the Holy Spirit of God guide your thoughts into all Truth!

Our enemy remains unseen,
Except where lies and evil teem,
Beware the Truth attacking fiend,
E'en though they seem to be your friend. ~CGP

Truth, Truth, Truth, Truth, Truth! Defeat evil with Truth. When God's Word says, "You are wrong!" admit it.

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Romans 8:37 KJV