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LESSON 1

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SUNDAY MORNING

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Revelation 12:7-11 (NASB)

⁷ And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

⁸ and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹ "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

Psalms 18:30-34 (NASB)

³⁰ As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

³¹ For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God,

³² The God who girds me with strength And makes my way blameless?

³³ He makes my feet like hinds' feet, And sets me upon my high places.

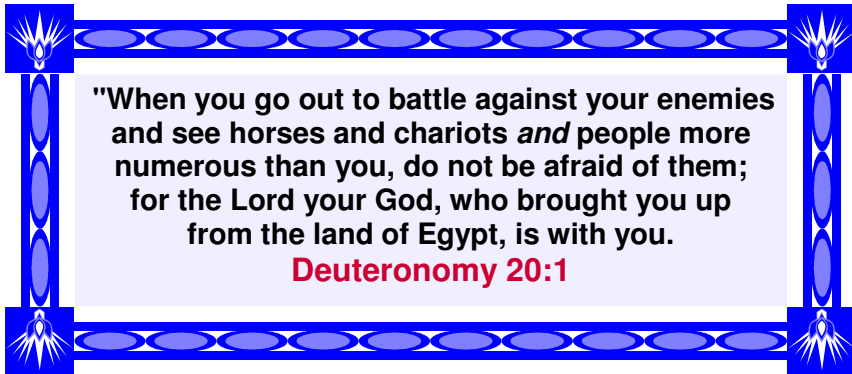
³⁴ He trains my hands for battle, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

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1. The Fact of The Struggle

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When we were born again, we were transferred into the kingdom of God's dear Son. God caused us to be born again, therefore we are now from above, and no longer just from below. Having been born again, having been delivered from the domain of darkness, we must be prepared, through teaching, to take our place as the released. We must be prepared to press through trial, temptation, and spiritual forces of wickedness that seek to prevent us from walking in the newness of life that is ours. We must internalize the sound teaching offered to us in Christ, so that we can be trained as disciples, and overcome our Adversary the Devil.



You need to declare war. It is not enough for you to merely acknowledge, in general, that there is a battle. You must accept the fact of the struggle, and accept the responsibility of learning how to war wisely. There are times when you must aggressively confront forces that seek to invade your life. Do not passively wait for every battle to pass by, hoping that the Lord will send someone to rescue you. In battle, you must act. There are times when you need to declare war.

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God's word is a healing word, a word that is at work in those who receive it as the word of God—a word that was sent to bring us to Him. We must not allow God's word to remain as mere information to us. We must accept the fact of the struggle, and ready ourselves to aggressively declare war, when necessary. We must act on God's word, knowing that the Lord will support us as we trust Him to watch over and perform His word.

Acts 14:21-22 (AMP)

²¹ When they had preached the good news (Gospel) to that town and made disciples of many of the people, they went back to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch,

²² Establishing *and* strengthening the souls *and* the hearts of the disciples, urging *and* warning *and* encouraging them to stand firm in the faith, and [telling them] that it is through many hardships *and* tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Psalms 18:37-39 (NASB)

³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed.

³⁸ I shattered them, so that they were not able to rise; They fell under my feet.

³⁹ For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
