

## Ready for this Fight

Psalm 144:1 Blessed be the Lord, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, *And* my fingers for battle

1 John 2:5-6 <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: <sup>6</sup> the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

If we belong to Jesus, our lives are constantly changing to look more like His life. We fight like Jesus fought!

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Jesus answered to call to walk into the trial of His soul. Have you made up your mind you will enter the fight?

Declaration: We are not afraid of the Devil or his works. He is a defeated foe because of Jesus' victory at the Cross. We will resist and fight and win against all the works of the devil!

<sup>2</sup> And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

Jesus's strength came from the Word of God within Him, which was His food even in times of physical weakness.

He could call it forth like a sword from its sheath in times of trial, temptation, and spiritual warfare.

Declaration: God's Word is the trusted Sword with which we fight. God will never turn from any of His good promises, or fail to fulfill any Word which He has spoken.

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil \*took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and \*said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On *their* hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Twisting words to deceive others is a favorite tool of the devil. Jesus resisted him with Spirit-led discernment and right understanding.

Declaration: The Spirit is the source of all discernment and knowledge. He will guide us into all truth! We will hold fast to Him when truth is being twisted!

"God is so sovereign I am exempt from all responsibility." "You need only be still..."

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil \*took Him to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus \*said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil \*left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

Jesus had consecrated His heart to do His Father's will. God was His God, and He would not worship or serve another.

Declaration: Our God is the one true God, and salvation is in only Jesus' name. We will worship the Lord our God and serve Him only!

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!