



# STANDING YOUR GROUND AGAINST THE ENEMY

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Included in the package of the Christian life is warfare, we are continually inundated with confrontations of various proportions by the enemy - the devil. Ephesians 6:13, 1 Peter 5:8.

However, the good news is that we are assured of victory before any battle appears on the horizon. Ephesians 6:13, Romans 8:37, 1 John 5:4, 2 Corinthians 10:4, Luke 10:19, Isaiah 54:17.

Victory of the enemy is our heritage and this heritage is a carryover from the old covenant where God promised His people victory always.

To enforce our guaranteed victory over the enemy, we have to understand how to stand our ground (Ephesians 6:13). But you can't stand your ground if you are not armed with the understanding of your position in Christ. Our position in Christ is that of rest which is expressed by a posture of sitting. Ephesians 2:6, Psalm 91:1, Joshua 21:44, 1King 5:4.

A clear path to consistently enforcing our victory is to:

1. Understand how to pray effectively (Ephesians 1:17-23; 3:14-21, James 5:16b). To pray effectively, we are primarily not praying for the fruit (results); rather, we are praying for the root (praying for an understanding of the situation from our position of rest in Christ).



2. Understand the nature of spiritual warfare and the goal of the enemy in engaging us. (Ephesians 6:12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 1 Peter 5:8). Sometimes we tend to draw a nexus between natural warfare and spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare is not carnal and the weapons of engagement are not carnal and the goal of the enemy is not carnal.
3. You must know who you are and understand what you have in Christ (Ephesians 2:5, Colossians 2:10, Romans 8:2). In Christ you are ALIVE, in Christ you are COMPLETE and in Christ you are FREE, just to mention a few.

#### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding (Ephesians 1:17).
2. Pray inner strength and empowerment in love (Ephesians 3:14-21).
3. Pray for people (others) who are facing various challenges (Ephesians 6:18).
4. Pray for people (others) to be strengthened (Colossians 1:9-10).
5. Pray for leaders in your nation, church, work or any organization you belong (1 Timothy 2:1-3).