**Practical Application:** Invite God's peace into decisions and relationships. Let His peace rule your emotions.

### 9. God Forgives - Satan Reminds You of Guilt

**Psalm 103:12 (NKJV)** As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV) Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...

Revelation 12:10 (NKJV) ...the accuser of our brethren... has been cast down.

**Zechariah 3:1 (NKJV)** Then he showed me Joshua... and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

**Spiritual Application:** God forgives and forgets. Satan accuses and torments.

**Practical Application:** Don't dwell on forgiven sins. Live free and remind yourself of your identity in Christ.

## 10. God Gave His Son – The Devil Tries to Destroy Sons

John 3:16 (NKJV) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...

Romans 8:32 (NKJV) He who did not spare His own Son... will freely give us all things.

Matthew 2:16 (NKJV) ... Herod... sent forth and put to death all the male children...

**Revelation 12:4 (NKJV)** ...the dragon stood before the woman... to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

**Spiritual Application:** God gave us His best. Satan opposes the next generation to block God's purpose.

**Practical Application:** Invest in your children and others'. Pray, protect, and raise them in God's Word.



# Knowing Our God and Understanding Our Enemy March 23, 2025

Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

**Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**1 Peter 5:9 (NKJV)** Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

#### Know the Difference

#### 1. God Gives Life – The Devil Steals It

**John 10:10 (NKJV)** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)** And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

**1 John 3:8 (NKJV)** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**Spiritual Application:** God breathes life; the devil drains it. Jesus came to restore life abundantly.

**Practical Application:** Reject destructive behaviors. Choose daily to live aligned with God's purpose and vitality.

#### 2. God Is Just and Merciful - The Devil Is the Accuser

**Psalm 89:14 (NKJV)** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

**Micah 6:8 (NKJV)** What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Revelation 12:10 (NKJV)** ...for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

**Spiritual Application:** God tempers justice with mercy. The devil uses guilt to enslave.

**Practical Application:** Receive God's forgiveness. Stop partnering with condemnation. Walk in mercy toward others.

#### 3. God Tells the Truth - The Devil Lies

John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..."

John 8:32 (NKJV) And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:44 (NKJV) [The devil] is a liar and the father of it.

Spiritual Application: God's truth sets free; Satan's lies bind.

**Practical Application:** Fill your mind with Scripture. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment daily.

## 4. God Heals – The Devil Oppresses

Exodus 15:26 (NKJV) For I am the Lord who heals you.

**Acts 10:38 (NKJV)** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Luke 13:16 (NKJV) Whom Satan has bound... should be loosed...

**Spiritual Application:** Healing is in God's nature. Sickness and bondage reflect the enemy's influence.

**Practical Application:** Pray boldly for healing. Speak and live as someone redeemed and whole in Christ.

# 5. God Provides – Satan Withholds and Destroys Resources

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) And my God shall supply all your need...

Psalm 34:10 (NKJV) Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

James 1:17 (NKJV) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...

Job 1:12 (NKJV) And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power..."

**Spiritual Application:** God blesses and gives. Satan attempts to take and ruin.

**Practical Application:** Trust God's provision. Don't panic in times of lack—speak faith and act wisely.

#### 6. God Leads with Love – The Devil Leads with Fear and Hate

1 John 4:18 (NKJV) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...

**Romans 5:8 (NKJV)** But God demonstrates His own love... while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear...

John 8:44 (NKJV) [The devil] was a murderer from the beginning...

Spiritual Application: Love is the nature of God; hate and fear are tools of the devil.

**Practical Application:** Reject fear-based thinking. Walk in the assurance of God's love and extend it to others.

#### 7. God Frees – The Devil Enslaves

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) Stand fast... in the liberty by which Christ has made us free...

John 8:36 (NKJV) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

**2 Peter 2:19 (NKJV)** ...by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

**Spiritual Application:** God gives freedom from sin and shame. Satan uses bondage to trap.

**Practical Application:** Break spiritual chains. Stay in community and accountability. Live in Christ's liberty.

# 8. God Gives Peace – The Devil Brings Chaos

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV) His name will be called... Prince of Peace.

John 14:27 (NKJV) Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you...

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV) For God is not the author of confusion but of peace...

**Revelation 16:14 (NKJV)** ...spirits of demons... go out to the kings... to gather them to the battle...

**Spiritual Application:** God brings peace in mind, home, and heart. Satan thrives in confusion and conflict.