

# Monthly Memory Verse March 2010

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# Publisher & Author Message

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**March**

**Message from the publisher and author**

## *Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes*

Dale's Notes are provided to be used as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,

Dale ☺

Dale A. Kaye

## *Message:*

## *Prayer request:*

Shared Interests and Personal

Pray with me in asking God for help to provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way. Please, remember my family as we make changes in our lives to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,

*Dale*

# Quick Bio-glance

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March

*Quick Bio-glance:*

## William Tyndale

1494 – 1536



Tyndale was born around 1490, possibly in one of the villages near Dursley, Gloucestershire. Within his immediate family, the Tyndales were also known at that period as Hychyns (Hitchins), and it was as William Hychyns that Tyndale was educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford. Tyndale was admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts at Oxford University in 1512, the same year he became a subdeacon. He was made Master of Arts in July 1515 and was esteemed to be a man of virtuous disposition with life unspotted.

The MA degree allowed him to start studying theology, but the official course did not include the study of scripture. He was a gifted linguist (fluent in French, Greek, Hebrew, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish in addition to his

native English).

Tyndale was a protestant reformer and scholar who, influenced by the work of Desiderius Erasmus and Martin Luther, translated considerable parts of the Bible into the Early Modern English of his day. While a number of partial and complete Old English translations had been made from the seventh century onward, and Middle English translations particularly during the 14th century, Tyndale's was the first English translation to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first to take advantage of the new medium of print, which allowed for its wide distribution. In 1535, Tyndale was arrested, jailed in the castle of Vilvoorde outside Brussels for over a year, tried for heresy and burned at the stake. He was strangled before his body was burnt.

Much of Tyndale's work eventually found its way into the King James Version (or "Authorised Version") of the Bible, published in 1611, which, as the work of 54 independent scholars revising the existing English versions, drew significantly on Tyndale's translations. The King James Version New Testament is 83.7 per cent Tyndale's work, with the KJV Old Testament 75.7 per cent Tyndale's.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Tyndale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Tyndale)

*Theology term:*

Heresy

Heresy is from the Greek [hairesis] meaning, choose, and by extension in Theological terms, "doctrines of men who have chosen to follow their own views." In general, heresy is a self-chosen doctrine not emanating from God's word. Any doctrine or teaching which is contradictory to established Church doctrine based on the Holy Bible is called a heresy. For example, Jesus being the Son of God is established Church doctrine based on the Bible. To forsake the word and choose to believe he is not, would be heresy!

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#heresy>

**Memory verse for the month: March 2010 (κλν)**

Dale's Notes

Read: 1 Peter 5:8-9

**MARCH - Part I**

*1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

*b) 1Pe 5:9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

***“Be sober, be vigilant; because...”***

English: “Be sober”

**Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary****G3525**

νήφω

nēphō

nay'-fo

Of uncertain affinity; to *abstain* from wine (*keep sober*), that is, (figuratively) *be discreet*: - be sober, watch.

English: “Be vigilant”

**G1127**

γρηγορεύω

grēgoreuō

**Thayer Definition:**

1) to watch

2) metaphorically give strict attention to, be cautious, active

2a) to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one

**Part of Speech:** verb**A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number:** from [G1453](#)**Citing in TDNT:** 2:338, 195***Be sober, be vigilant: because***

I do like the King James rendering of our memory verse (*The word “Because” is not found in the oldest manuscripts but I agree, when “because” is removed it intensifies the verse-*<sup>(1)</sup> *Read: Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary*): it starts with the three B's and can easily be remembered (***Be sober, be vigilant: because...***). The command to “be sober”, is a call to our current state of mind; meaning we are currently to “be sober”. This is an action word in the Greek, a verb, which requires effort on our part, we must do it! It's a command that comes from “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (*1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:1*); directed at you the reader. Like the apostle Paul, “Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess but be filled with the Spirit...” as in Eph 5:18! It's this kind of godly sobriety that is needed! The word from Peter is to have sober thinking not like drunkenness, or cloudy thought, but clarity of thinking! The command is not to confusion of directive but focus as in battle, be alert to your enemy, your adversary the devil! It's like the captain telling his infantrymen to pay strict attention, in the heat of battle, because you will face strong opposition for Christ (*2Tim 3:12; all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer...*). There is no doubt here as to what is at stake and the right thinking is to be sober about the matter of your life in Christ, lest it be taken and destroyed (gulped up, swallowed up, eaten up, devoured). O' how many men of God have been gobbled up in sin, fallen, and their light for Jesus Christ darken, their witness fallen, all because they didn't heed this

warning! The right thinking goes with what our beloved apostle Peter said earlier: to arm yourselves! The word “arm” is to equip [to take up arms, arm with weapon], the Greek is *hop-lid'-zo –the Strong’s simply: arm yourself!*

**1Pe 4:1** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves** likewise with the same **mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

You might have forgotten what the mind of Christ is; Paul spells it out with clarity in Philippians.

**Php 2:5** Let this **mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

**Php 2:6** Who, **being** in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

**Php 2:7** But **made** himself of no reputation, and **took** upon him the form of a servant, and was **made** in the likeness of men:

**Php 2:8** And **being** found in fashion as a man, he **humbled** himself, and **became** obedient unto death, **even** the death of the cross.

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:1 illustrates how we are to arm ourselves, having the same **mind** that Christ had himself with regards to suffering in the flesh. It’s the **mind** that needs the helmet of salvation (*Eph 6:17;*), to protect the head from ungodly thinking, so as to not be caught off guard but sober, vigilant, ready to do battle, to resist the enemy through faith in God.

Continue on in reading 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4 and we come to the subject of sound mind and watching in prayer: three times in this epistle Peter tells the reader to be sober (*1Pe 1:13; 1Pe 4:7; 1Pe 5:8 ;*).

**1Pe 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Don’t you see; this is the state of the Christian while in this world, always sober, always watching (*vigilant, awake*) and always praying, looking for the coming of his savior Jesus Christ!

Paul address the same mindset of sobriety in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians

**1Th 5:6** Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us **watch** and **be sober**.

**1Th 5:7** For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

**1Th 5:8** But let us, who are of the day, **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

How could we ever suffer the blows place upon us for the name of Jesus Christ, if we are not willing to suffer as he suffered (*2Tim 1:7-9*)! It’s not for the sake of suffering we claim victory but for Jesus Christ who suffered for us!

**2Ti 1:8** Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the **afflictions** of the gospel according to the power of God;

Read our memory verses 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8 and **9** (*...knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*)

Yes, they’re two different Greek words for “afflictions” but the general meaning is the same: to suffer, the difference is one’s (*personal*) suffering, affliction for Christ to overcome like his brethren in the world and 2Tim 1:8; is you **(2)** taking your share, portion of the suffering of the gospel together with others for Christ.

So we are without excuse; whether we are alone or together we suffer for the gospel to the glory of God.

### **Humility and submissiveness**

I fear our thinking has forgotten the scriptures with regards to humble servants of God; our Savior was a carpenter (*Mat 13:55; Mar 6:3 ;*), Peter was a fisherman (*Luk 5:2-3 ;*), and our beloved Paul was a tentmaker (*Act 18:3 ;*). They didn’t carry the academic clout of **(3)** university degrees of our day but were in fact humble servants of God. There is no misunderstanding what they live for and what they suffered for, and what they died for. Is

anyone confused? Does anyone not understand as to why these men endured such contradiction of sinners? Let me repeat what I said last month, pointing to the Hebrews writer:

**Heb 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

**Heb 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Heb 12:3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

**Heb 12:4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

**Heb 12:5** And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

**Heb 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

**Heb 12:7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Look at the context of our verse in chapter five; it sits among verses dealing with responsibility, pride, greed, humility, submission towards each other and towards God. The warning of Peter is to the elders to oversee and the younger to be humble, submitted to the elders and all them to submit to God and to each other (*Pro 3:34; Jam 4:6*);). There is an expressed concern for clothing themselves with garments of humility. This speaks volumes when we consider how easy a local church body can be set ablaze by prideful lofty thoughts and prideful workings.

Listen to Mary the mother of Christ concerning the proud:

**Luk 1:50** And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation.

**Luk 1:51** He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**Luk 1:52** He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He (Peter) brings to their remembrance that God resist the proud and gives grace to the humble. It's after he addressed the proper attitudes and behavior in the Church of God that he warns them of Satan their adversary.

All I can say is what a bad situation to be in: if God is opposing you because you are proud and Satan is looking to devour you. What is left but failure!

(KJV) **Pro 3:7** Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Paul speaks with regards to new Christian of the faith, desiring the office of overseer: not to give the office for he could fall into the judgment of the devil and the sin mention is prideful conceit of which is absent of all godly humility! Read [\(4\)](#) (*Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary – study notes references at the bottom*)

(ESV) **1Ti 3:6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

This is why Peter admonition implies repentance should the reader find himself in opposition to God because of their proud, unsubmitted, life. And I'm not all too sure it doesn't imply Satan is at work behind these kinds of sins. Why mention the devil in the context, if he has no bearing on the subject? Hmm, let's look at some of the keywords in our text: flock (*sheep*), elders (*Shepherds*), Chief Shepherd (*Jesus Christ*), and a lion (*devil*), well I guess that answer that. Satan does have bearing on our text with infiltrating the sheepfold of God and snatching up the sheep and this is why the shepherds (*Elders*) are to watch and the younger are to submit themselves to the elders and each of them submitted unto God for His protection! Read Revelation regarding Satan as he caused rebellion in Heaven where himself and other angels were cast out! He is vicious and a cruel enemy hidden to human eye! (*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." Eph 6:10-12*;) )

**Rev 12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels;

**Rev 12:8** And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

**Rev 12:9** And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

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Peter may have included in this warning his own personal experience with Satan when he denied the LORD and the Lord restore him in faith. <sup>(5)</sup> *(Jesus warns Peter of Satan - Luke 22:24-34; Jesus restores Peter- John 21:1-25 ;)*

Also, it could be Peter gives an earnest straight forward command to Wake Up! You are going to be eaten by the devil, if you don't resist him! The call is for them to actively do something! Submit to God and Resist the devil! The care here is forceful, urgent to contend for the faith, because of the words "Be sober, be vigilant: because..." The expression of the verse shouts out to us, you be on guard and ready to do battle with the adversary!

Anyway you look at it; they must contend with their adversary the devil and put him to flight through their steadfast faith! Many commentaries agree the current church was under persecution, going on in Pontus. Also, it takes into account they already know Satan with regards to their engagement with him. Why? Because he (Peter) doesn't give a detailed introduction of the devil, it's understood, "Your adversary the devil". Also, he (Peter) speaks to their understanding of the battle they are engage in. The battle is not new to them. Why? Because he (Peter) speaks of the tactics of the devil, "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"! He does not introduce the battle as to ignorance of the conflict but speaks to them as to the ways of their adversary. The voicing is similar to Paul's in Eph 6:11 "Put on the whole armor of God..." why? "...that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

They understood who was against them and Peter encourages them to stand fast in their faith in their afflictions (persecutions). Telling them, they can prevail over their enemy and put him to flight. He tells them you are fighting an enemy that prowls about like a roaring lion, ready to devour you, to swallow you up but resist him steadfastly in faith and he will flee! This is NOT an ambiguous resistance of ideas in faith but with the admonition he just gave them, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of GOD..."! There is a submission to powers, and to domains! You will submit to God or you will fall prey to your enemy, the devil!

James gives the same message in his epistle as the Apostle Peter:

*(ESV) Jas 4:7* Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the **devil**, and he will flee from you.

Apostle Paul gives the same admonition indirectly with regards to anger giving opportunity to the devil:

*(KJV) Eph 4:27* neither give place to the devil.

Because we are the children of God submit to him in every way, knowing you are not alone in your suffering but God has appoint you to share in the light afflictions of Christ.

*(ASV) 2Co 4:16* Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.

*2Co 4:17* For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory;

*2Co 4:18* while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

And so Peter pursues instruction concerning the afflictions being order by God who is in control of all things and he comforts their hearts with the goal.

*(KJV) 1Pe 5:10* But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

*1Pe 5:11* To him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*1Pe 5:12* By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

I don't know about you but I do know about me: it's so much better to endure suffering knowing the reward (*Heb 12:2; "...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..."*). The prize! The finish; that I'm a winner through Christ who has given me the victory (*1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*)! Peter comforts them in their afflictions by telling them it's "the God of all grace" who is with you. He comforts them by reminding them "Who" has called them to the current circumstance and that He (God) has called them to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus. Peter ties their current suffering to the statement "after that you suffered for a while" making it personal with the pronoun "you". This is all done to show who is in control and who will perfect them and who will establish them and who will strengthen them, and finally, who it is that will settle them forever! Then the Apostle gives praise after such a marvelous truth, "To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

I do think it's important Peter purposely made mention of others in this letter's closing.

"By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you..." (*Read the rest of the closing.*), this validates they are not alone concerning their afflictions being accomplished by their brethren in the world. It's not just Peter and them, but it is "the God of all grace", Peter, them and many other brethren throughout the world God has called to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus, His beloved son. What a comfort!

"[Heb 12:1](#) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses..."

### **Prayer:**

Our Heavenly Father, holy is your Name and it is, I pray that your Kingdom come and your will be done now and forever. Please hear my prayer Father and open your ear to my petition and have mercy on me. Remember my time is like a vapor, and I am a weak creature of dust under your command. Lift me up in your strength; open your blessings of Christ unto me. Refresh me with your Holy Spirit and give me light that I can see my way in this dark world. Forgive my transgressions and unyielding heart. Grant me grace to live before your presence in godliness and holiness that without you it could never be. Put your words into my mouth that I might sound the trumpet you have given me to warn men of your eternal judgment. Have grace on me that the love of Jesus Christ your son is visible in this clay pot.

Amen.

## MARCH - Part II

*1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

*(Include :) 1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

### *...as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

The bible does not speak of our adversary as a mythological identity but speaks of the devil in literal terms, as in Job. Two times in the first two chapters we find the Lord asking our adversary "From where do you come?"

**(ESV)Job 1:6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

**Job 1:7** The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

**(ESV)Job 2:1** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

**Job 2:2** And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

It's important to hear our adversary's answer for the Lord wrote it down. Let's pause a moment and think about this statement with regards to the illustration Peter gives of a lion. Most if not all of us have gone to the zoo. The Houston Zoo has quite a few lions in its display but if you look behind the viewing area you can see the lion's dens (cages). In those cages are monstrous cats, having paws with razor sharp claws and mouths filled with huge teeth! This brings to remembrance Daniel in the lion's den. After the Lord delivered Daniel from the lions' mouths, where he was seal up overnight in the lion's den, then King Nebuchadnezzar set Daniel free. But because Daniel's enemies forced the King to carry out punishment upon Daniel, through a wicked plot, the King threw them and all their families into the den of lions'. Read what happen.

**Dan 6:21** Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!

**Dan 6:22** My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

**Dan 6:23** Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**Dan 6:24** And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions--they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

What a horrifying end to these men and their children and their wives because they attempted murder against God's chosen man (*Daniel*), who casted all his cares upon the Lord who cares for him! Surely we can understand this verse in light of Daniel's actions before God!

**(ESV) 1Pe 5:6** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **1Pe 5:7** casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

But speaking of the lions, <sup>6</sup> there was no their children and their vicious beasts. I think it attention to the

nature of these creatures. It's not for no

the king of jungle! Back to the cages at the zoo, did you ever notice the pacing of these beasts? I've seen it in the



overpowering factor of chance for the men and wives to escape these only wise we pay close carnivorous and hostile reason these cats are call

tiger's cages as well. They walk back and forth, alone the barred display. I cannot imagine the fear of someone being hunted by one of these things or Daniel's initial human reaction being let down into the den with the stone closing over the den's mouth! You would not stick your hand into its cages at the zoo, would you? Of course not, it's absolutely absurd! So, it's a sobering reminder of what kind of adversary we are up against. No little tiny kitten but a beast which is fully capable of swallowing you up. Sifting you like wheat (*Luk 22:31*), as a cat does a mouse, when playing with it before its demise.

(ESV) *Luk 22:31* "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, *Luk 22:32* but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

### *Greek Word Devour:*

In our verse the words "he may devour..." is the Greek word "kat-ap-ee'-no" meaning to swallow up, drink down, and devour.

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary

G2666

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katapino

kat-ap-ee'-no

From G2596 and G4095; to drink down, that is, gulp entire (literally or figuratively): - devour, drown, swallow (up).

E-Sword -total KJV occurrences: 7

- swallowed (4): *1Co 15:54, 2Co 2:7, 2Co 5:4, Rev 12:16*
- devour(1): *1Pe 5:8*
- drowned (1): *Heb 11:29*
- swallow (1): *Mat 23:24*

### *Removing the strength of the enemy*

Am I saying that we should look out for lions? No. But you and I should understand not only the course of this world and the fallen nature of humanity is against us (the depravity of man –his sinful state). But there is a formidable enemy who is your accuser, tempter, devour, murder, and deceiver of the whole world who is against you! So be alert, beware, because it's reality; this should not falter us in our faith but equip us for the steadfast faith needed through God to overcome life circumstances or death to the glory of God through Jesus Christ our savor.

It's the God of all grace that has called you, not someone who is weak and unable to rescue the sheep of His eternal fold. *Joh 10:11* **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

(ESV) *1Pe 5:10* And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ**, will **himself** restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

My point is Jesus Christ removed the strength of our adversary (with regards to death) upon the cross and delivered us from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of his son.

*Col 1:11* May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

*Col 1:12* giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

*Col 1:13* He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews tells us Christ shared in our flesh and blood to destroy him who held the power of death, the devil, which lorded over us because of sin. The bible teaches the sting of death is sin because sin is a violation of God's law. The power of sin is the violations against the purity and absoluteness of God's righteous law that is enforce against us for our transgressions. So the enforcement against us is the power of God's eternal holy law that says "the soul that sins it shall died... (Ezek 18:20)"

The power of death

(ESV) Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,  
Heb 2:15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

The power of sin is the Law

(ESV) 1Co 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

There is no chance for man in his earthly, natural, state to overpower Satan. Our war fair is in the spiritual realm and this war requires spiritual power to advert and thwart the enemy's advances. You don't understand if you think you can treat this matter as a child's tale and go about doing your daily business. We are to be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour.

Read the apostle Paul with regards to our warfare:

(ESV) 2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2Co 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Now that is a sound mind, "Be sober, Be vigilant, Because..." I do think it's proper to remind ourselves it's not just knowledge of these truths but it's about Faith in the word of God and God who spoke the truth. Peter and James (1Pe 5:6-7; Jas 4:7;) tell us we can put our adversary to flight by humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God but Peter clarifies for us it's through faith we humble ourselves unto God casting all our cares on Him and it's His power that lifts up in due time.

When we continue to read on from our bible verse Peter tell his readers and hears to resist in faith but when speaking of their suffering he ends with the God of all grace doing the lifting up, strengthening, establishing and settling showing who is at work over all things, yes, even the conflicts with the devil.

You are expected to suffer while in this world. Time would fail me to list all biblical accounts of suffering saints mentioned in the scripture and that's not to speak of the saints that underwent extreme persecution to our current day. Our Bio-Glance this month features a beloved saint William Tyndale who was strangled and burned at the stake for translating the bible into the English language, where a very large portion of his work brought about the completion for the Old and New Testament books of the King James Version 1611.

Heb 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Heb 11:36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Heb 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

### *Join the fight of faith:*

(KJV) 1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I love these words; they always encourage me to take on the responsibility God has called me too. As Paul told Timothy, it's a call to the good fight, it's a call to the good fight of faith! The gospel! Your faith, my faith and all those who have come to know Jesus Christ our Savior through the gospel, once delivered unto us (*Jud 1:3* ;).

(ESV) Jud 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints

It's a battle of faith; have you engage the enemies of our mind in Christ. All of this goes with the understanding we are called to walk in love, within and without! That is we walk in love within ourselves before God and within in the brotherhood of God (the Family of God) and without, those who are outside the love of God, in need of a savior whom the god of this world has blinded their minds to the glorious gospel in Christ.

### *Prayer:*

Thank you Heavenly Father for your grace. You are the God of all grace, who has given your only son Jesus for us. Thank you for such grace and mercy in the face of our ungodliness. O' Holy Father, grant us strength and insight in our dark world to be the lights you have called us too. Forgive us our sins were we have turned aside to foolish things. Help us to redeem the time for the days are truly evil and help us to make the most of what you have given us. I love you Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and those who are yours through faith in the gospel.

Amen.

## Study Note Reference and continued Commentary:

- 1 Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary: “because — omitted in the oldest manuscripts The broken and disjointed sentences are more fervid and forcible. Lucifer of Cagliari reads as English Version.” ([back](#))  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucifer\\_of\\_Cagliari](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucifer_of_Cagliari) and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arianism>
- 2 The Verse 2 Timothy 1:8 is Paul calling his beloved Timothy to take his share in the afflictions of the gospel, not to shrink back because God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and sound mind! 2 Tim 1:7-8; ([back](#))
- 3 My thought is they (Jesus, Peter, and Paul) didn’t carry professional career degrees as our day but should you argue for Paul, I will point to his profession; the tentmaker-no degree but this is not to say Paul wasn’t a learned man at the feet of Gamaliel: Acts 22:3. He lived humbly before God with the gospel, in all vocation of life! ([back](#))
- 4 **Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary**([back](#))  
 1Ti 3:6  
**not a novice** — one just converted. This proves the Church of Ephesus was established now for some time. The absence of this rule in the Epistle to Titus, accords with the recent planting of the Church at Crete. Greek, “neophyte,” literally, “a young plant”; luxuriantly verdant (Rom\_6:5; Rom\_11:17; 1Co\_3:6). The young convert has not yet been disciplined and matured by afflictions and temptations. Contrast Act\_21:16, “an old disciple.”  
  
**lifted up with pride** — Greek, literally, “wrapt in smoke,” so that, inflated with self-conceit and exaggerated ideas of his own importance, he cannot see himself or others in the true light (1Ti\_6:4; 2Ti\_3:4).  
  
**condemnation of the devil** — into the same condemnation as Satan fell into (1Ti\_3:7; 2Ti\_2:26). Pride was the cause of Satan’s condemnation (Job\_38:15; Isa\_14:12-15; Joh\_12:31; Joh\_16:11; 2Pe\_2:4; Jud\_1:6). It cannot mean condemnation or accusation on the part of the devil. The devil may bring a reproach on men (1Ti\_3:7), but he cannot bring them into condemnation, for he does not judge, but is judged [Bengel].
- 5 It is interesting a dispute broke out between them (the disciples) concerning who was to be the greatest in the kingdom **Luke: 22:24-34** and the following dialog introduce Satan as desiring to sift Peter as wheat. It could be said here the disciples faced prideful thoughts of themselves and had much to learn of Christ’s ways of service. I find it important to notice pride was present among them (the disciples) when Satan name was mention.  
  
 The restoration of Peter is found in John 21:1-25 it’s so beautiful, wonderful, and gracious of our God to have recorded it for us whom have failed Him (the Lord) too. Jesus restores Peter’s faith to such a degree that Jesus tells him (Peter) that he will follow Him (Christ) to the same type of death as his savior! Confirming the words that were first spoken in Luk 22:31-32 “...that your faith may not fail...” and in Joh 21:18-19 the Lord gives added revelation concerning Peter’s death showing by which way he should die for Him (Christ). ([back](#))
- 6 **Lion webpage**
  - <http://777denny.wordpress.com/2009/07/01/what-is-your-knowledge-about-what-part-lions-play-in-the-bible-take-this-quick-quiz-to-find-out/>
  - [http://777denny.files.wordpress.com/2009/07/lions-mauling-a-zebra\\_are\\_you\\_next.jpg](http://777denny.files.wordpress.com/2009/07/lions-mauling-a-zebra_are_you_next.jpg) ([back](#))

