

# Victory Over Satan's Greatest Stronghold

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Satan's strongholds and devices take people where they never wanted to be. However, God has equipped His people with powerful tools to defeat any stronghold and device that Satan or his demons have, and it's so easy that a little child can do it. Hosea 4:6 does say, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."

## Key points:

- The *knowledge* mentioned in Ephesians 3 is referring to **God's revelation knowledge**. It is His power imparted to us as we **read** the Bible.
- Spend time each day reading the Epistles (Romans – Jude) to know who we are in Christ and what we have through Him. Look for all the *in Christ/Him, by Christ/Him, and through Christ/Him* verses.
- Thoughts are Satan's greatest power. If we accept his thoughts, we give him power in our lives. If we keep yielding to his thoughts, eventually, he can control us.
- We have authority in the Name of Jesus to defeat those thoughts.
- There are many ways to rebuke the devil (see Pastor Mel's book *If It's Not Good, It's Not God*). One way is to ignore him. Refuse to give attention to him.
- Victory and defeat are determined by what is in our mind. Change our thoughts, and we change our destiny!

## Scriptures:

- Ephesians 3:3-4 – by **reading**, we get the knowledge of the mystery of Christ
- Matthew 16:15-18 – upon this rock = revelation knowledge
- 2 Peter 1:19 – we have a more sure word
- Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33 – heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not
- John 4:24 – God is a Spirit
- Matthew 18:3 – become as a little child to enter into the kingdom of heaven
- Matthew 16:19 – keys of the kingdom = words
  - The words “loosed” and “bound” mean you will demolish and destroy whatever comes against you from the kingdom of darkness (the gates of hell)
- Ephesians 1:23 – the fullness of Christ
- Acts 8:18-19 – Simon tried to buy the power of God
- James 1:15 – sin, when it's finished, brings forth death
- Acts 8:20-23 – Simon got into wickedness by thoughts
- Isaiah 14:16 – they shall ask, is this the man who made the earth to tremble
- Proverbs 23:7 – as a man thinks in his heart, so is he
- Philippians 4:7 – the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus
- John 14:27 – Jesus gave us His peace
- Philippians 4:8-9 – whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest...think on these things
- John 17:17 – we are sanctified by the Word of God
- John 15:3 – we are made clean by the Word of God
- Matthew 22:29 – the Word of God is the power of God

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- 1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5 – we have the mind of Christ
- Ephesians 6:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:8 – put on the helmet of salvation
- Philippians 4:19 – God meets all of our needs according to His riches in glory
- 2 Peter 1:4 – He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises
- Hebrews 6:12 – through faith and patience we inherit the promises of God
- Hebrews 11:1 – faith is now
- Philippians 4:7 – the peace of God passes all understanding

## **Action Steps:**

- Read the Bible each day, particularly the Epistles (Romans – Jude).
- Don't let a thought linger if it doesn't line up with the Word of God.
- Put on the mind of Christ and the helmet of salvation by agreeing with the Bible says.