

THE MIGHT OF THE LIGHT

It's A Faith Fight

I. **Proverbs 1-The main thrust of the enemy's attack is to get you to believe wrong, to believe lies thinking that you believe the truth**

A. The enemy is trying to get you to believe wrong and not see the truth

1. 10-These sinners are trying to entice him into believing this is a good way, a right way, a profitable way; if he believes that he believes wrong
2. 17-The idea is to spread the net in a way and in a place where the bird can't see it so that the bird will fly in a direction that they believe is safe, but they believe wrong because it's not safe and then get caught

B. The enemy is not overriding people's wills and forcing them to do stuff that they don't want to do

1. 10-14-You'll notice they don't grab you and force you to go this way and then you have a power struggle with them about which way you're going to go; it's them lying, trying to get you to believe wrong, seeing if you will
2. 17-This was not an overpowering of the bird and just grabbing it and catching it, it was deception; trying to get the bird to believe it was flying a safe path, which in truth was not safe
3. **Satan's not trying to catch you by force, but rather by deception**

C. Without light you can't discern what's right and you are in danger of believing a lie, believing wrong

1. If the bird has light it can see that it's not safe to fly that way and it can overcome and have victory; it's not a power struggle it's a faith fight
2. If the guy who's getting enticed has light he can see it's not safe to go with these sinners and he can overcome and have victory; it's not a power struggle it's a faith fight
3. **You cannot win the faith fight without the light (because without light you can't see and you'll believe wrong and you'll be defeated)**
 - a. Believing right would be faith in God; believing wrong would be believing the devils lies and being deceived
 - b. The enemy wants you to believe wrong and think it is right

D. You are not in a power struggle with the devil; you're in a faith fight

1. You are more powerful than him and have more power than him-1 John 4:4
2. For a weaker foe to defeat a stronger one he has to trick him

II. **This whole battle is about Satan trying to get you to believe wrong; that's what the fighting is about, that's what the wrestling is over; the enemy and wicked spirits trying to get you to believe lies, believe wrong and you resisting those lies and believing the truth**

- A. There are all kinds of contests and games; there are baseball contests, football contests, basketball contests, boxing contests and our contest is a faith contest; The fight is a faith fight-1 Timothy 6:12
1. **Fight**-To contend with adversaries, To struggle, A battle, A contest, To compete for a prize, enter a contest
 2. **Fight**-A battle, struggle, contest, the place of contest, the arena or stadium, a place of assembly, especially an assembly met to see games, the assembly of the Greeks at their national games, The contest for a prize at their games
 3. **If you show up to a baseball game with your football gear and trying to play football you're not going to win; and if you show up to a faith fight thinking that it's a power struggle you're not going to win**
- B. The fight is you fighting to keep your faith and believe right and the enemy fighting to get you to let it go and believe wrong
1. The fight of faith is you both you and the devil competing for your faith; he wants to take it from you and you want to retain it
 - a. He wants your faith (meaning he wants you to not have faith in God and believe right, but he wants you to believe lies, believing wrong)
 2. 2 Timothy 4:7-He fought the good fight of faith by keeping (firmly holding to) the faith (a good fight and the good fight are the same Greek); To fight and win the good fight of faith you have to hold firm to your faith
 - a. *EXB-I have fought the good fight [or competed well], I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*
 - b. *MSG-I've run hard right to the finish, believed all the way*
 - c. *VOICE-I have fought the good fight, I have stayed on course and finished the race, and through it all, I have kept believing*
 3. Hebrews 10:23-If nobody was trying to get your faith then this verse is not necessary and the very fact that he's telling you to hold fast to it means somebody is trying to get it from you and get you to let it go
 - a. **Hold fast**-Retain, Keep firm possession of
 - b. Somebody is out there trying to get you believe wrong, believe lies and let go of believing right, believing the truth
 - c. Hebrews 10:35-Cast not away your confidence
 - d. Acts 14:22-Continue in the faith; Hold fast to your faith, remain in faith
 - e. Colossians 1:23-Continue in faith; To stay at or with, To persevere, To continue
- C. This fight is all about believing; The enemy wanting you to believe wrong and there's a fight going on over your faith and what you believe

1. Ephesians 6:12-**Wrestle**-A contest between two in which each endeavors to throw the other and which is decided when the victor is able to hold his opponent down with hand upon his neck
 - a. They are wrestling trying to get you deceived and in unbelief; Your fighting to hold onto your faith; This contest is a faith fight
2. 2 Corinthians 10:3-**War**-To contend with carnal inclinations, to fight
 - a. This war is over your thinking your believing

III. If you have light you'll have might and believe right and fight the good fight; without light you'll have no sight and you'll lose the faith fight because you won't believe right