

“Slice Away The Lies”

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What can you, a Believer, do if you find yourself in circumstances in which you did everything you knew to do and things still seemed to be falling apart. Resist the temptation to throw up your hands in despair, or wring your hands with worry. Just because a temptation "knocks", does not mean it must be embraced. Scripture tells us:

13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Eph. 6:13 (NIV)

"Stand?!" you may say, "How can I stand strong with this problem, and that worry and..."

Our great God tells us, in Ephesians 6:14-17, six tools, or pieces of armor, he has given us to help us "stand" when so many things seem to be falling apart.

"How," you may ask, "do I fight all these awful or worrisome thoughts that come into my head, or awful words that I or others have said?" Ahh, that's where one

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Matt.
5:45

of these tools, "the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (vs. 17) is helpful. Many times I have heard the Sojourner instruct people to put the scriptures every day into their hearts so they (you) will be ready when confronted by the enemy's lies. You can then compare the words you are hearing or saying and the thoughts that pop into your head to the scriptures. If those words or thoughts do not agree with the scripture, then you know to not believe them. Sometimes the "facts" and the enemy's lies may seem to agree, but we must remember that God's Word is truth, and truth can change fact to line up with it. The more we verbally apply the Word to situations, we will see the lies of the enemy sliced away and God's true will for that situation take shape.

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Leviticus 23:26-32



The second book of Moses, in Exodus 30:10, tells of when the Priest was to go into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle the blood of the sacrificed lamb on the Ark of the Covenant. This was to take place only once each year at the appointed time set by God, himself.

¹⁰ Once a year Aaron shall make atonement on its horns. This annual atonement must be made with the blood of the atoning sin offering for the generations to come. It is most holy to the LORD."

The Day of Atonement

Jesus Christ became our sacrificial lamb and made atonement^[1] for our sins. Christ's work on the cross brought us salvation. No one could stand at the judgment on their own behavior no matter how good they had ever been in their life

here because man has no righteousness of his own, but man's righteousness is found in the work of Christ alone!

Our High Priest

The Book of Hebrews in Chapter 4 tells us Jesus is our high priest:

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Jesus found himself in the presence of the High Priest who felt Jesus needed to answer to him. What folly this was. It was the high priest who would need to answer to Jesus one day. There is a report of this encounter in the Gospel of John 18. Jesus has been brought before the High Priest who is questioning him. Jesus' answer is seen as disrespectful and met with indignation.

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kaw-far'
A primitive root;
to cover;
figuratively to
expiate or
condone,
to placate
or cancel:—
appease,
cleanse,
disannul,
forgive,
be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).

Scripture:

Leviticus 23:26-32 (NIV)

Day of Atonement

²⁶ The LORD said to Moses, ²⁷ "The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, ^[a] and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. ²⁸ Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹ Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people. ³⁰ I will destroy from among his people anyone who does any work on that day. ³¹ You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. ³² It is a sabbath of rest for you, and

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Or *and*
fast

you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath."

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²⁰ "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." ²² When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

Remember!

It is important we remember who is the High Priest in our life—it is not we but Jesus Christ. When we ask in prayer regarding a matter it is we who must not be indignant as though we were an official higher than Jesus in our lives. His answer is his answer, therefore, it is the right and righteous answer. It is through him every day is a day of atonement for us every day is the day of salvation. Jesus must be our Sabbath rest as we let grace and peace fill our lives.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

