

The background of the image is a dramatic landscape at sunset. A large, dark wooden cross stands prominently on a rocky, mountainous peak. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong golden glow and long shadows. In the foreground, broken, dark metal chains and shackles lie on the ground, suggesting a theme of liberation or victory over oppression. Faint, stylized musical notes are visible in the upper left and right corners, adding a spiritual or musical dimension to the scene.

HYMNS

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DEFIANCE

SONGS THAT DECLARE A GREATER VICTORY

**What happens when you let fear
control your thinking?**

Hymns are more than familiar melodies. They are **declarations of biblical truth that remind us who **God** is, what **Christ** has accomplished, and where our **victory** is found.**

The thief comes only to steal and kill
and destroy; **I came that** they may
have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

**¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy,
saying, “Lord, even the demons are
subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸ And He
said to them, “I was watching Satan
fall from heaven like lightning.**

¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.²⁰

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

Luke 10:17-20

Defying the Enemy

1) Know Your Enemy

^{12b} “You had the seal of **perfection**,
Full of **wisdom** and perfect in **beauty**.

¹³ “You were in **Eden**, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering:
The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship of your settings
and sockets,
Was in you.
On the day that you were created
They were prepared.

¹⁴ “You were the **anointed cherub** who covers,
And I placed you there.

You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ “You were **blameless in your ways**
From the day you were created
Until **unrighteousness was found in you.**

¹⁶ “By the abundance of your trade
You were internally **filled with violence,**
And you **sinned;**

Therefore I have **cast you as profane**
From the mountain of God.
And I have **destroyed you,** O covering cherub,
From the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;
You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your
splendor.

I cast you to the ground;
I put you before kings,
That they may see you.

¹⁸ “By the multitude of your iniquities,
In the unrighteousness of your trade
You profaned your sanctuaries.

Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of
you;

It has consumed you,
And I have **turned you to ashes** on the earth
In the eyes of all who see you.

¹⁹ “All who know you among the peoples
Are appalled at you;
You have become terrified
And you will **cease to be forever.**””

Ezekiel 28:12b-19

¹² “How you have fallen from heaven,
O **star of the morning**, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!

¹³ “But you said in your heart,
‘**I will ascend to heaven;**
I will **raise my throne** above the stars of
God,
And I will **sit on the mount of assembly**
In the recesses of the north.

¹⁴ ‘I will **ascend above** the heights of
the clouds;
I will **make myself** like the Most High.’
¹⁵ “Nevertheless you will be thrust
down to **Sheol**,
To the recesses of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15

**Pride seeks the position that belongs
to God alone.**

Defying the Enemy

1) Know Your Enemy

2) Recognize Satan's Strategy

³ Now **the serpent** was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, **has God said**, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” ² The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴ The serpent said to the woman, “**You surely will not die!**” ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:1-6

Satan's temptation of Adam and Eve involved questioning God's Word, His goodness, and appealing to the desire to be like God.

“Through **pride the devil became the devil. Pride leads to **every vice**, it’s the complete **anti-God** state of mind.”**

-C.S. Lewis

Self-worship happens when we make
our **desires, preferences,**
accomplishments, or authority more
important than God's will.

1) Where are you allowing **pride to influence** your decisions/actions?

2) Where do you act like **your way is better** than God's way?

3) Are you pursuing the abundant life that Jesus offers or the life you **believe you deserve**?

Defying the Enemy

- 1) Know Your Enemy
- 2) Recognize Satan's Strategy
- 3) Follow the Example of Christ

Satan Says

Seek Self-exaltation

Desire Control

Place Self First

Resist God's Authority

Christ Shows

**Choose Humble
Obedience**

Submit to God's Will

Serve Others

Trust God's Purposes

Christ's humility led Him to the cross.
**What cross do you need to submit to
in order to follow Christ?**

Defying the Enemy

- 1) Know Your Enemy
- 2) Recognize Satan's Strategy
- 3) Follow the Example of Christ
- 4) Fight from a Place of Victory

⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “**Death is swallowed up in victory.**” ⁵⁵ **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”** ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but **thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

**Because the tomb is empty, anything
is possible!**

**We don't worship hoping that Jesus
might eventually defeat sin and
death. We worship because His
resurrection secured our victory over
sin and death!**

**Because Jesus lives, the enemy
doesn't get the final word over our
lives.**

Because He lives

- we can live with confidence when our futures are uncertain.**
- we have the courage and faith to surrender control.**

The enemy wants you **to believe that
life is better when you are in control.**

Jesus' example **proves that life is
found when you surrender control to
the Father.**

What is Your Next Step of Obedience?



Surrender



Baptism



Membership



Invite your
"1 More"