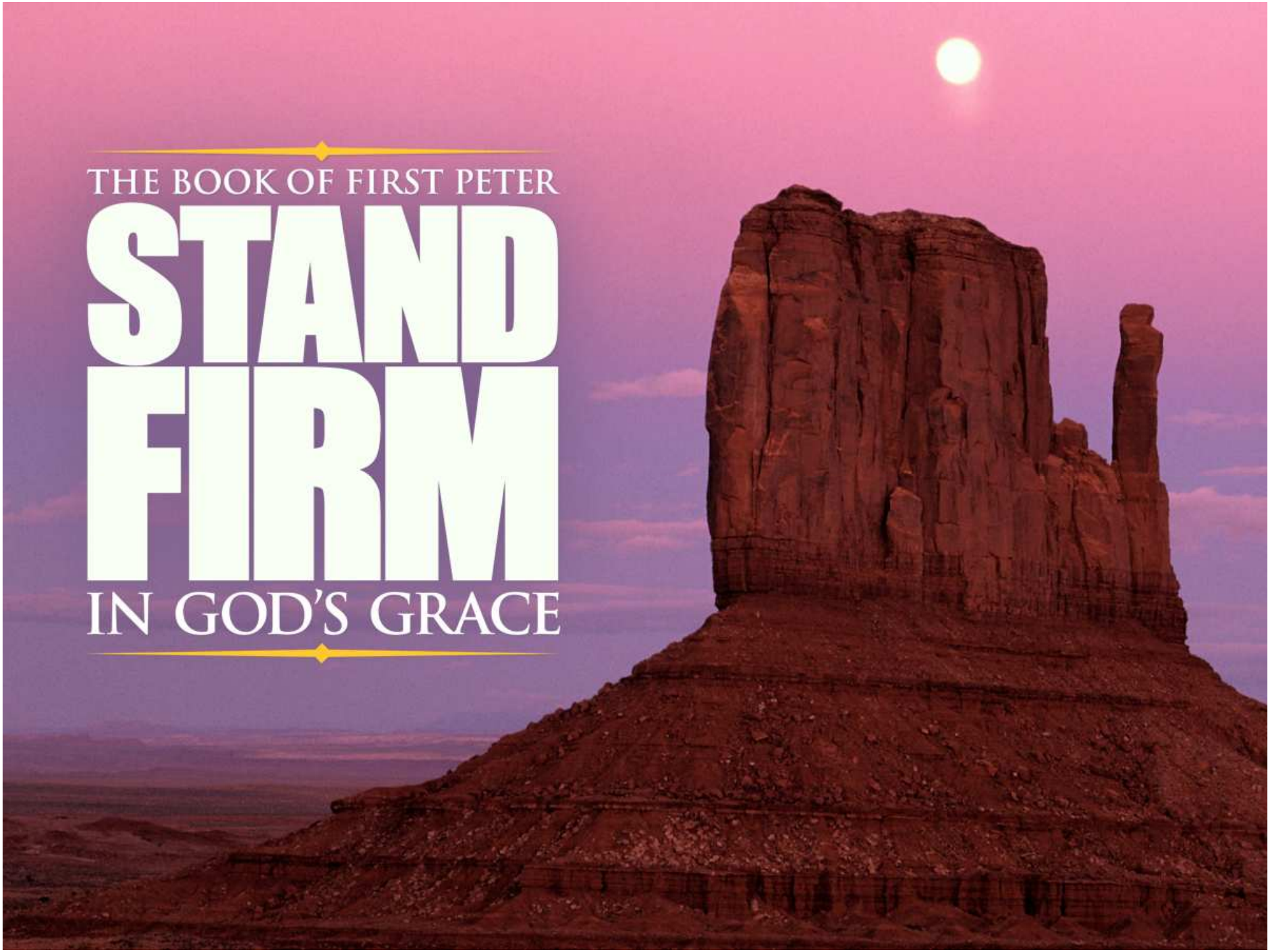
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Standing Firm Against the Adversary
1 Peter 5:8,9
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I. Be of sober spirit
II. Be on the alert
III. Resist the devil

I. “Be of sober spirit…”

1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Peter 4:7 “The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

2 Cor. 10: 4,5 “for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

II. Be on the alert

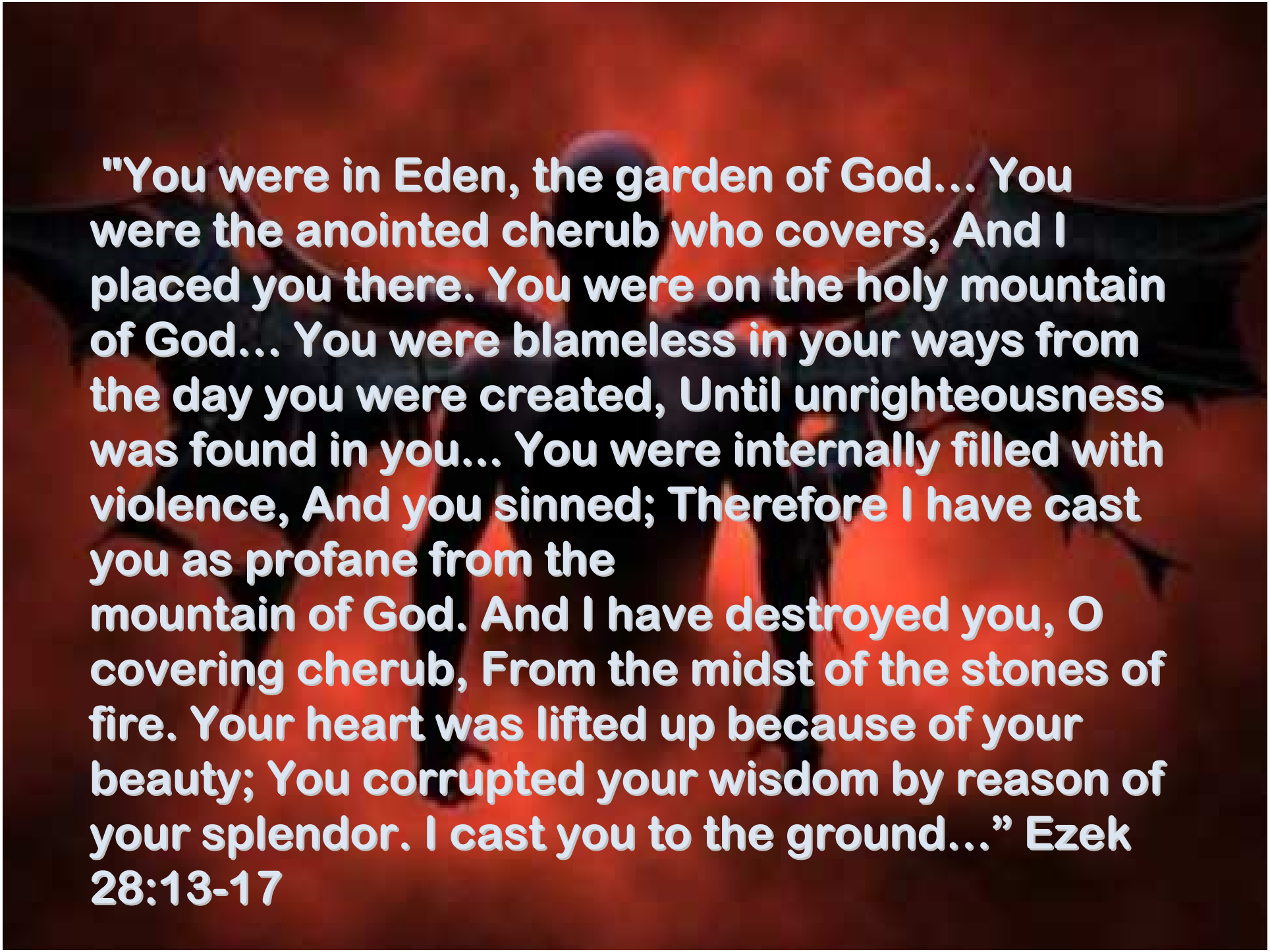
Be awake, watchful, attentive, aware, vigilant, prepared and ready to act.

Why?

We have an **adversary**



Manny Pacquiao photos


"You were in Eden, the garden of God… You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God… You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, Until unrighteousness was found in you… 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. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground…" Ezek 28:13-17

II. Be on the alert

the devil, *diablos meaning false accuser, slanderer*

He is called the “accuser of our brethren… who accuses them before our God day and night.” Rev. 12:10

II. Be on the alert

Satan is:

- the great dragon (Rev. 12:9)
- the serpent of old (Rev. 12:9)
- the evil one (1 John 5:19)
- the tempter (1 Thes 3:5)
- the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- the prince of this world (John 12:31)
- the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- a murderer (Jn 8:44)
- a liar and the father of lies (Jn 8:44)
- an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14).

He is a counterfeiter.

Matt. 13:24-26 … "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprang up and bore grain, then the tares became evident also."

1 John 4: 1,2 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God”

II. Be on the alert

"…the devil prowls about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour."





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III. Vs 9 “But resist him…”

How?

- James 4:7 “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

- “…firm in your faith”

  “The way to resist the devil is not with special formulas, or words directed at him and his demons, but by remaining firm in the Christian faith”.

  John MacArthur

Principles from Ephesians 6:10-18

6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

Zech.4:6 “Not by might , nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of hosts”

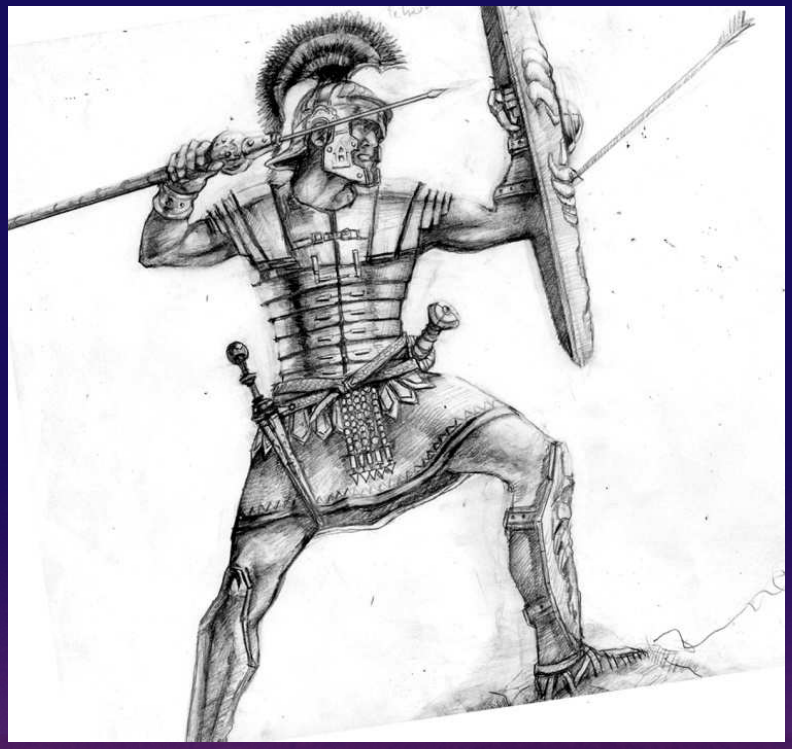
2Cor 10:3,4 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses”

Principles from Ephesians 6:10-18

6:11 “Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

6:13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.



“Take up the full armor of God…”

6:14 “…having girded your loins with truth,”



“Take up the full armor of God…”

“having put on the breastplate of righteousness,”



“Take up the full armor of God…”

6:15 “having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”



Take up the full armor of God…

6:16 “taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil *one.*”





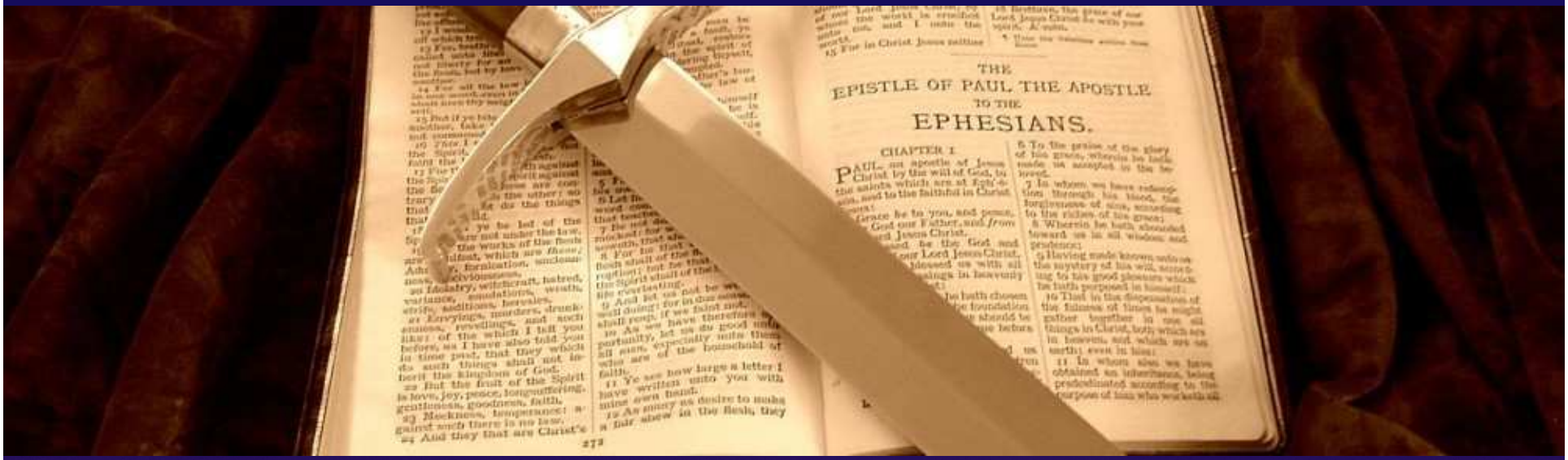
Take up the full armor of God…

Vs 17 And take the helmet of salvation,



Take up the full armor of God…

- *17b "and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

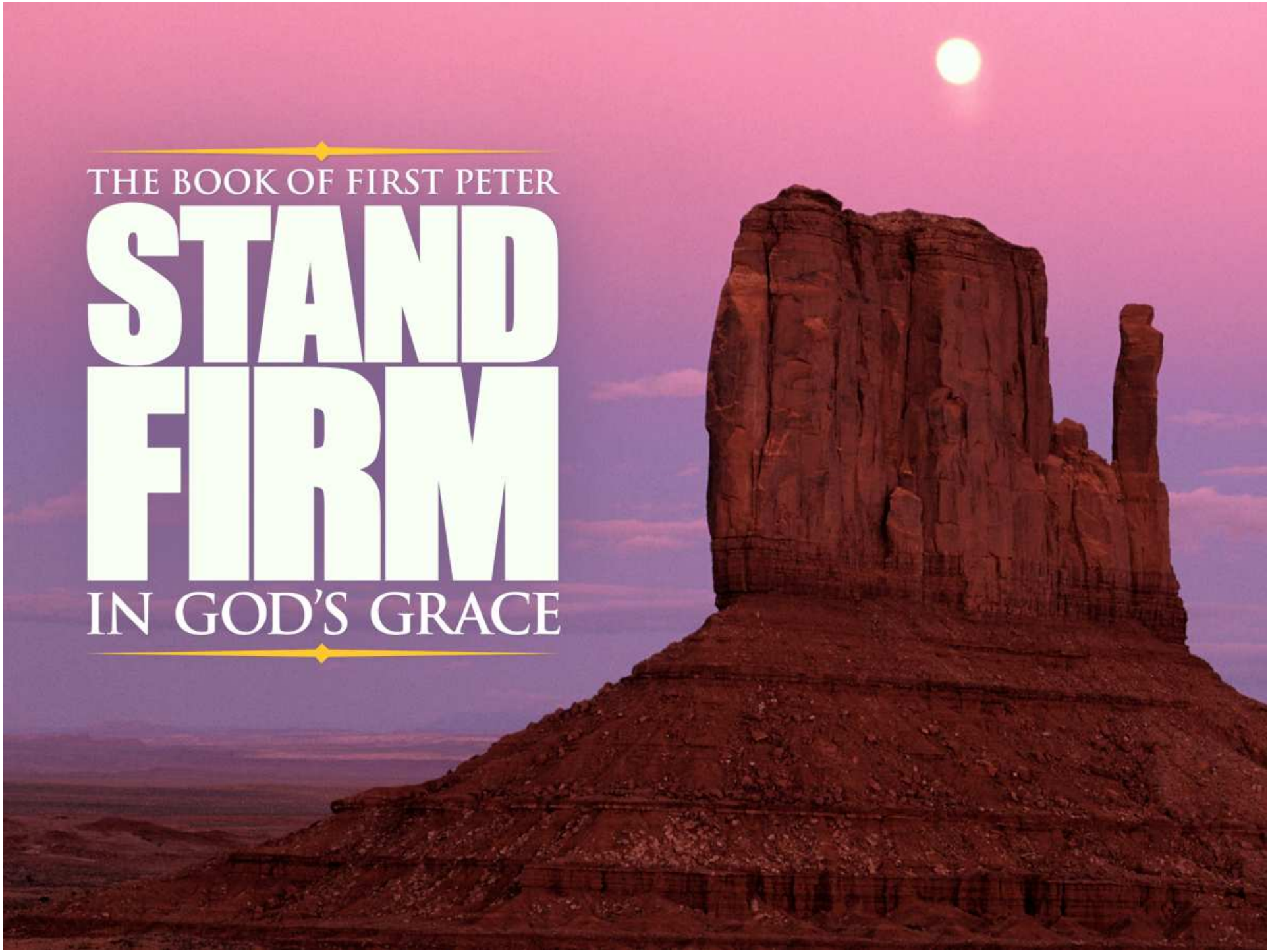


Take up the full armor of God…

Vs 18 “With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,”



1 Pet 5:9 “knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.”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