

The Prince of the Power of the Air

Series 1-25

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Introduction – Why This Series Matters

You ever notice how the Bible always seems two steps ahead of the news cycle? Paul said it plain: Satan is *“the god of this world”* (2 Cor. 4:4), blinding the minds of them that believe not. He’s also *“the prince of the power of the air”* (Eph. 2:2). You think that means nothing in 2025, when the whole world is glued to airwaves, Wi-Fi, satellites, and fiber-optics? The devil’s got more pulpits than any preacher ever dreamed of, and he’s blasting his sermon 24/7.

That’s why we’re having this series. God gave us **the Good News — the Gospel of Jesus Christ**. The devil counterfeits it with **his bad news — the endless stream of fear, confusion, scandal, and distraction**. And most of God’s people are getting disciplined more by CNN, Fox, and TikTok than by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They’ll binge on headlines for hours but can’t stay in a Bible chapter for five minutes. That’s why their faith is thin, their discernment is dull, and their joy is gone.

This series matters because we are living in the dress rehearsal for the Strong Delusion (2 Thess. 2:11). Every “breaking story,” every fake panic, every celebrity circus is practice for the coming Antichrist broadcast. The devil is training the masses to bow when the Beast steps onstage. And too many Christians are already swallowing the bait.

So we’re going to rip the mask off this machine. Each essay will tackle a piece of the system: the fear cycles, the idolizing of names, the scripted segments, the political theater, the fake miracles, the “always something” news cycle. We’ll show how the Bible diagnosed all of it centuries ago. And we’ll show how a Christian can resist — not by living in paranoia, but by submitting to God, renewing the mind, and anchoring in the everlasting Gospel that never changes.

Why does this matter in these last days? Because the Book says, *“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”* (Rom. 12:2). If you’re not careful, the devil will renew your mind for you — with headlines instead of Scripture, with imaginations instead of truth, with fear instead of faith. The choice isn’t whether you’ll be influenced. The choice is **who** will influence you.

We're having this series because the time is short, the noise is loud, and God's people can't afford to be ignorant of Satan's devices. Heaven will get the last word (Rev. 14:6), but until then, the devil is filling the air with lies. You better know how to tune your ears.

That's why this series matters. And that's why we start now.

1 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The God of This World (2 Corinthians 4:4)

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” – 2 Corinthians 4:4

Introduction – Pulling Back the Curtain

Folks, you've been living in a theater production and most don't even know it. You think that screen in your living room, that device in your hand, that talking head with a tie and a teleprompter, is giving you reality. It isn't. It's giving you *their reality*. The Bible told you two thousand years ago that this world is run by a counterfeit “god” — lowercase g. He blinds minds. He spins narratives. He controls the airwaves. He's the god of this world, and Paul names him in black and white.

The tragedy? Most Christians are more tuned into his broadcast than into God's Book. They can tell you what CNN said, or Fox, or Tucker, or Hannity, or Maddow, but they couldn't quote Habakkuk 1:1 if their life depended on it. They're being catechized — not in Scripture, but in headlines.

So here's the truth right out of the gate: the devil has a pulpit. It's not in a church with stained glass. It's in your living room. It's in your earbuds. It's on your social feed. It's blasting fear, anxiety, lust, and confusion. And it works. You're watching millions of souls bow before the altar of 24/7 news and never even question who's behind the curtain.

The God of This World

Paul didn't mince words. He said Satan is *the god of this world*. That means he's got authority here — not ultimate authority, but permitted authority. And he uses it well. He's not running brothels and crack houses alone. That's too small. He's running *institutions*.

He's running *networks*. He's got governments, corporations, universities, and media conglomerates wrapped around his finger.

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan offered Him "all the kingdoms of the world" (Luke 4:5-6). You ever think about that? He couldn't offer it if he didn't own it. Jesus didn't call him a liar. He simply rebuked him. That tells you exactly who's in charge of the levers of this world's system.

And now, in the modern age, the devil's throne has an upgrade. He's plugged directly into the *air*. The Bible called him *the prince of the power of the air* (Eph. 2:2) before a single radio wave ever traveled the globe. Now you've got satellite dishes, internet, 5G towers, cable networks — all of them piping his sermon notes into every household on earth.

Media as the Devil's Pulpit

You want to know what modern preaching looks like? It isn't a pastor with a King James Bible and a pulpit. It's a suited-up anchor reading off a teleprompter. His text isn't inspired Scripture — it's scripted copy. His gospel isn't the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ — it's fear, outrage, and division.

Turn on the nightly news. Notice the rhythm:

- **Opening liturgy:** "Good evening, I'm here to tell you what matters tonight."
- **Scripture reading:** They roll clips, quotes, statistics.
- **Homily:** They interpret what you saw, tell you what to think, frame the narrative.
- **Invitation:** They push the emotional button — fear of disease, anger at politicians, outrage at tragedy.
- **Closing benediction:** "Stay tuned, more tomorrow."

That's church. A false church. A counterfeit service for a counterfeit god. And Christians lap it up while ignoring their own Book.

The Blinding of Minds

Paul says Satan "blinds the minds of them which believe not." How does he blind them? He doesn't do it with a baseball bat. He doesn't do it with duct tape. He does it with ideas. With images. With information. He floods the senses until the soul can't see.

It's like a flashlight in your eyes. You stare into the beam long enough, and you can't see anything else. That's what the media does. It blinds you by overload. You're so bombarded with images, stories, names, and dramas that the *light of the glorious gospel* can't get in. It's not that the gospel lost its power. It's that people's eyes are distracted, their attention hijacked.

Ever notice how people know the names of every celebrity divorce, every sports scandal, every political gaffe — but ask them to name the twelve apostles and they draw a blank? That's not just ignorance. That's blindness. And it's engineered.

Fear as a Faith Replacement

Romans 10:17 says, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" That's God's formula. You hear His Word, you believe, you grow.

The devil has his counterfeit formula. Fear cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of CNN, Fox, MSNBC, TikTok, or Twitter. You sit there, hearing, hearing, hearing — and faith gets replaced by fear.

Think about it: if you feed on God's Word daily, your faith grows. If you feed on news daily, your fear grows. That's the trade-off. That's why so many Christians are nervous wrecks, angry wrecks, bitter wrecks. They've been disciplined by the headlines instead of disciplined by the Bible.

Philippians 4:8 vs. the Devil's Programming

God told you exactly what to think about: "*Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report... think on these things.*" That's the Spirit's prescription for your thought life.

Now compare that to the devil's prescription. What does the news give you?

- Scandals (not honest).
- Crimes (not pure).
- Murders and wars (not lovely).
- Smears and slanders (not of good report).

Every single command of Philippians 4:8 is inverted by the news cycle. And Christians wonder why their minds are in a fog. You can't think on "whatsoever things are lovely" when you're binging "whatsoever things are ugly."

Always Something – The Devil's Consistency

Ever notice the cycle? It's always something. One week it's a virus. The next week it's a war. Then it's a celebrity death. Then it's a political scandal. Then it's a mass shooting. Then it's another virus, another war, another scandal.

It's never nothing. There's never a week where the anchor says, "Folks, nothing happened today. Go home and read your Bible." No, it's always something. Because the devil knows you've got to keep the feed running, the fear pumping, the minds blinded.

And here's the kicker: it's always just enough. Just enough panic. Just enough tragedy. Just enough outrage. They'll spoon it to you in the exact dose that keeps you addicted. That's how junkies are made. Not by overdosing you, but by feeding you daily, consistently, predictably.

Case Studies of Blindness Through Media

Let's take it out of the abstract and into the real world. Look at the past twenty years. If you want to see the god of this world blinding minds, just turn on the replay.

- **9/11.** The whole world froze watching those towers fall. For weeks the news ran the same clip over and over. Did people open their Bibles to Psalm 91? Did they repent of sin, turn to Christ, or seek eternal security? No — most turned to the news, waiting for the next update, the next threat level color code. Fear ruled. Faith dwindled.
- **COVID-19.** The media baptized the globe in fear. Daily tickers with numbers flashing in red. Experts contradicting themselves every other week. "The science is clear," they said, while changing the script every month. And people who wouldn't open their Bibles once a day would open the case counts five times an hour. Fear replaced faith. The devil's pulpit ran 24/7, and churches sat empty.
- **Celebrity Deaths.** Remember when Michael Jackson died? Kobe Bryant? Queen Elizabeth? More recently, stories about Ozzy Osbourne and Charlie Kirk. The world mourned as if their own soul had perished. They knew the funeral schedule, the tributes, the casket photos. But they didn't know John 11:25: *"I am the resurrection,*

and the life.” They mourned without hope because their hope was in names, not in Christ.

You see the pattern? The devil uses media as an intravenous drip of distraction. It blinds the eyes and dulls the heart.

The Devil’s Trinity – Fear, Anger, Confusion

Let’s break down his favorite sermon points.

1. **Fear.** He keeps you scared of the next disease, the next war, the next economic crash. Fear is his substitute for faith. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God; fear comes by hearing the word of man.
2. **Anger.** He keeps you mad at “the other side.” Left vs. right, red vs. blue, conservative vs. liberal. As long as you’re foaming at the mouth at some politician, you’ll forget that the real battle is spiritual. Ephesians 6:12 says we wrestle not against flesh and blood. But the devil loves to see Christians wasting their energy fighting flesh and blood.
3. **Confusion.** He keeps you dizzy. One day the experts say wear a mask, the next day don’t. One day the economy is booming, the next it’s crashing. One day you’re told to eat eggs, the next you’re told they’ll kill you. Confusion is his smokescreen. A confused mind never finds peace.

Fear paralyzes. Anger divides. Confusion exhausts. That’s his unholy trinity, and it’s preached louder and clearer than most pulpits on a Sunday morning.

God’s Counterstrategy – The Gospel

But Paul doesn’t stop at exposing the blinding. He shows the antidote: *“the light of the glorious gospel of Christ.”*

Do you realize the Gospel is God’s news? The *Good News*. While the devil feeds the world his daily bad news, God has already written His eternal headline: *“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day”* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). That’s news that doesn’t expire. That’s truth that doesn’t shift every 24 hours.

The media wants you addicted to their constant drip. God wants you anchored in one finished fact: the cross is empty, the tomb is empty, and the throne is occupied. That

doesn't change tomorrow. It doesn't change next week. You don't need a "breaking news" ticker to remind you. You need the Spirit of God to engrave it on your heart.

What the Bible Says About Your Eyes and Ears

Scripture is blunt about what you watch and hear. Psalm 101:3 says, "*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.*" Isaiah 33:15 speaks of the righteous man who "shutteth his eyes from seeing evil." Proverbs 23:7 warns, "*As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*"

You put garbage in your eyes, you'll get garbage in your soul. You pipe fear into your ears, you'll live in dread. You binge on confusion, you'll never walk in peace. That's why Colossians 3:16 commands: "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*"

The Word of God cleanses. The Word renews the mind. Romans 12:2 tells you to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind." But you can't renew your mind if it's on autopilot in front of CNN, Fox, or TikTok. The only renewal comes when the Book takes first place in your thought life.

Always Something – But Never Enough

One of the devil's oldest tricks is consistency. He doesn't let up. Every day there's another headline, another tragedy, another story. It's always something.

But here's the irony: it's never enough. People binge news for hours, but they're never satisfied. They always need the next update. Why? Because the devil's news doesn't fill you. It drains you.

Contrast that with God's Word. Psalm 23:1 says, "*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*" One chapter fills more than ten hours of headlines. One verse can anchor a soul through a storm. One promise can outshine a week of fearmongering. That's the difference between the devil's daily dose and God's eternal supply.

The Real Enemy

Ephesians 6:12 pulls the curtain back: "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*"

Your enemy is not the politician in Washington. It's not the celebrity in Hollywood. It's not even the anchor behind the news desk. They're puppets. The real strings are being pulled by unseen hands — principalities and powers.

That's why it's foolish to waste your life raging against people. The Christian is called to submit to God, resist the devil, and preach the Gospel. You don't fight lies with louder lies. You fight lies with truth. You don't overcome fear with more fear. You overcome fear with faith.

The Curtain Pulled Back

The Wizard of Oz showed it plainly — a little man behind the curtain pulling levers, making smoke, creating illusions. The Truman Show showed it too — a man living in a fake world, his every move scripted, while the audience laughed and cried at his ignorance.

That's not fiction. That's the world you live in. The devil rubs it in your face and laughs. Most people shrug it off as entertainment. Very few realize it's the blueprint of how this world really works.

But the Bible exposed him long before Hollywood did. You don't need Toto pulling curtains. Paul already pulled it in 2 Corinthians 4:4. The god of this world blinds minds. The cure isn't curiosity or conspiracy. The cure is conversion. It's the glorious Gospel of Christ shining through.

Conclusion – Choose Your News

So here's the question: Which news are you feeding on? The devil's or God's?

If you're hooked to the devil's broadcast, you'll be anxious, fearful, angry, confused, blind. That's his goal. If you're anchored in God's Book, you'll be faithful, hopeful, peaceful, clear-eyed. That's the Spirit's goal.

One of those broadcasts is temporary, changing, and deceitful. The other is eternal, unchanging, and truthful. One feeds your flesh. The other renews your spirit. One blinds your eyes. The other opens them.

The devil may be the god of this world, but he isn't God Almighty. His reign is short. His pulpit is loud, but it's fading. His broadcast is constant, but it will be cut off. One day the airwaves will carry a different message: *"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ"* (Revelation 11:15).

Until that day, don't let him blind you. Don't let his broadcast replace your Bible. Don't let his bad news drown out the Good News.

Because the devil's headline is always "Fear today, more fear tomorrow." But God's headline hasn't changed in two thousand years: "*Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.*" That's the only news worth believing.

2 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Ephesians 2:2

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." – Ephesians 2:2

Introduction – Paul Wasn't Guessing

You think Paul didn't know what he was writing? He hit it dead center. Long before satellites, cell towers, Wi-Fi routers, and fiber optic cables, the Holy Spirit had Paul pin it down: "*the prince of the power of the air.*" Not the sea, not the ground, not the mountains — the air.

You know what travels through the air? Signals. Waves. Frequencies. Vibrations. Every news anchor, every political broadcast, every rock concert, every Hollywood script — it all rides on air. And the devil is the prince of it.

When Paul wrote that, there wasn't a single television, no radios, no internet. Just air. And yet here we are, two thousand years later, swimming in a soup of signals. Radio waves, microwaves, cell data, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi — it's all invisible, intangible, yet it rules your life. You can't see it, but you can't live without it. That's how Satan likes to work.

The Course of This World

Paul says, "*ye walked according to the course of this world.*" That's the flow, the direction, the current. And what drives the course? Air. You're steered by what you hear, what you see, what gets piped into your mind.

Think about it:

- You wake up and check your phone. That's the prince of the air, pushing his notifications.
- You drive to work listening to the radio. That's the prince of the air, blasting his soundtrack.
- You sit at your desk scrolling news feeds. That's the prince of the air, shaping your fear and your focus.
- You fall asleep with the TV humming in the background. That's the prince of the air, whispering into your subconscious.

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the air is alive with signals. And the prince of it all is grinning.

From Radio to Wi-Fi – The Devil's Evolution

Let's trace it.

1. **Radio.** In the early 1900s, Marconi sent the first wireless signal. Everyone thought it was a miracle. "Imagine — sound traveling through the air!" Christians should have known right away who had the deed to that territory. It didn't take long before radio was used for propaganda. Hitler's speeches? Broadcast over the air. World War news bulletins? Broadcast over the air. Swing music that carried half a generation into booze halls? Broadcast over the air. The devil had his first mass pulpit.
2. **Television.** Then came the glowing box. Pictures through the air. Families sat in dark living rooms staring at a flickering altar. Preachers with Bibles got swapped out for talk-show hosts with scripts. In one generation, family devotions disappeared and sitcoms took their place. By the 1960s, the devil had an entire pulpit in every living room.
3. **Satellites.** By the 1980s, it wasn't just local. It was global. CNN went live from anywhere on the planet. One war, one scandal, one speech could be broadcast instantly across continents. Revelation talks about the whole world seeing the same event (Rev. 11:9–10). Now you see how. The prince of the power of the air has his global net.
4. **Internet.** Enter the 1990s and 2000s. Information traveling at light speed through invisible signals. Whole libraries condensed into your pocket. And yes, the Gospel could go out that way — but so could pornography, propaganda, gambling, and lies. Guess who flooded the air with his content first? Not God's people.

5. **Smartphones and Wi-Fi.** Now the air is so thick with signals you can't escape it. From the café to the bedroom, you're bathing in it. You're carrying the devil's pulpit in your pocket. He doesn't even need you to sit in a pew. He can preach to you while you sit on the toilet.

Spirit in the Children of Disobedience

Paul doesn't just call him prince of the power of the air. He says, "*the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.*" You know what that means? The devil doesn't just control the medium — he controls the message. And he works through people.

That "spirit" animates Hollywood producers, journalists, influencers, rock stars, politicians. They're his mouthpieces. He pumps the signal, they deliver the sermon. That's why you hear the same buzzwords across every channel. "Safe and effective." "Our democracy." "Trust the science." "Stay tuned." It's scripted. Same spirit, different voices.

And notice the word: disobedience. Not neutrality, not ignorance, not confusion. Disobedience. When people reject God, they don't float in neutral space. They come under the sway of another spirit. There is no vacuum. You're either indwelt by the Holy Spirit or you're animated by the spirit of disobedience. That's why lost people eat up the media like candy. The broadcast is tuned to their frequency.

How Air Blinds Minds

2 Corinthians 4:4 said Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers. Ephesians 2:2 shows you how — through the air. The signals are his smokescreen.

Think of it like this: air pollution. When smog fills a city, you can't see the skyline. When signal smog fills your head, you can't see truth. You're blinded, not by lack of evidence, but by overload of garbage.

Ever notice how people can't focus anymore? They've got the attention span of a goldfish. Why? Because their brains are being fried by signals. Every ping, every buzz, every notification is another little jolt. And behind all of it is the same prince, keeping them so distracted they never consider eternity.

The Devil's Air Wars

Here's the battle plain and simple:

- God sends His Word through preaching, written Scripture, and the Spirit’s voice.
- The devil sends his words through airwaves, networks, and glowing screens.

It’s an air war. Who controls the air controls the mind.

Look at the Bible’s language about spiritual warfare: “*casting down imaginations*” (2 Cor. 10:5). “*Bringing into captivity every thought.*” “*Take the helmet of salvation.*” These are all battles in the realm of thought. Where do your thoughts get shaped? By what you hear and see. And where do you hear and see most? Through the air.

Examples of the Devil’s Broadcast

- **Advertising.** The spirit of disobedience whispers, “You’re not enough. You need more. Buy this. Wear this. Drive this.” Billboards, commercials, pop-ups — all carried through the air.
- **Music.** Lyrics about lust, drugs, rebellion, violence — all broadcast. Teenagers memorize songs word for word, but can’t quote John 3:16. Who’s preaching harder?
- **News.** Fear cycles, outrage, political theater — always something, always bad news. Never Good News.
- **Entertainment.** Sitcoms mocking fathers, movies glorifying sin, streaming services cramming filth into your home. All broadcast through the air.

And you wonder why the world is blind, angry, confused, hopeless. They’re being disciplined every day, not by pastors, but by programmers.

Prophecy and the Global Broadcast

You don’t need to be a scholar to see where this is heading. The Bible gave us snapshots thousands of years ago. Revelation 11:9–10 talks about the whole world seeing the two witnesses lying dead in the streets of Jerusalem. John wrote that before anyone had a radio, a camera, or a satellite. How could the “whole world” see anything at the same time? Simple — air. Television. Internet. Global streaming.

And notice — what’s the world’s reaction? They celebrate, they exchange gifts, they rejoice over murder. That’s not the Gospel; that’s the devil’s broadcast. The same “spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2) will be pumping the signal then, just like now.

Later in Revelation, the beast speaks great things and blasphemies (Rev. 13:5). How do you suppose the world hears him? In person? Not a chance. Through broadcast. Through screens. Through satellites. The devil's pulpit will be plugged into the air right up until Christ cuts the power.

The Air We Breathe

Here's the terrifying reality: you can't escape it. You're breathing it right now. The same invisible air that gives you oxygen is thick with signals. Walk down the street and your phone automatically connects to towers, routers, satellites. You can't see it, but it's there.

- **5G towers** beam microwaves through neighborhoods.
- **Wi-Fi routers** fill homes with invisible webs.
- **Bluetooth** pulses through earbuds all day long.
- **Satellites** blanket the globe with GPS, news, and surveillance.

Now, don't misunderstand me. The technology itself isn't inherently sin. You're reading this essay through the air. God can use it. The Gospel can travel through it. But the dominant use of it? Garbage. Fear. Lust. Blasphemy. Disobedience. The devil has filled the air with his junk food and left Christians nibbling crumbs instead of feasting on the Word.

How the Devil Uses the Air

Let's break down some of his favorite tactics:

1. **Addiction.** Social media feeds are engineered to hook your brain. Every swipe is a new sermon point. Every ding is a call to worship. People are so addicted they panic if they leave their phone in the other room.
2. **Normalization.** Sin gets pumped constantly through shows, songs, memes. Before long, what once shocked people now entertains them. Isaiah 5:20 warns, "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.*" That's broadcast morality.
3. **Misdirection.** While people argue about right vs. left, blue vs. red, the real enemy — principalities and powers — goes unnoticed. The devil doesn't care which team you yell for, as long as you never look up.

4. **Noise.** The sheer volume of information blinds you. Paul said “blinds the minds.” Not with nothing, but with too much. You can’t focus on the eternal because your brain is frying on the temporal.

The Antidote – God’s Broadcast

Now here’s the hope. God doesn’t need satellites or 5G. He’s been broadcasting since Genesis 1: “*And God said.*” His Word created the world, and His Word sustains it. While the devil fills the air with signals, God fills it with Scripture. The problem is, most people don’t tune in.

Romans 10:17 says, “*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” You want faith? Don’t scroll the feed. Open the Book. You want peace? Don’t watch the nightly news. Read Philippians 4. You want clarity? Don’t chase conspiracy theories. Meditate on Psalm 119.

The Christian has a choice of broadcasts every day: the devil’s constant air war, or God’s eternal voice. One leaves you blind; the other opens your eyes.

The Helmet of Salvation

Paul gave us armor for this very battle. He said take “*the helmet of salvation*” (Eph. 6:17). Why a helmet? Because the mind is the battlefield. The prince of the power of the air wants your thoughts. He wants your imagination. He wants your perception. He wants your interpretation of reality.

And God says, “Guard it. Put on the helmet.” Don’t let every signal fry your brain. Don’t let every buzz and beep command your attention. Protect your mind with the truth of salvation, the assurance of Christ, the promises of Scripture.

Casting Down Imaginations

2 Corinthians 10:5 tells us to cast down imaginations and bring every thought into captivity to Christ. That means when the devil pipes in his lies through the air, you filter them. You don’t swallow them. You measure them against the Word of God.

The news says, “Be afraid.” The Bible says, “Fear not.”

The world says, “Trust the science.” The Bible says, “Trust in the Lord.”

The broadcast says, “Hate your neighbor.” The Bible says, “Love your neighbor.”

If you don't have the Word in you, you'll get swept by the wave. But if you're anchored in truth, you can spot the lie instantly.

The Devil's Days Are Numbered

Here's the part that makes me shout: his broadcast won't last forever. Revelation 20:2 says Satan will be bound a thousand years. His microphone will be cut off. His broadcast will go silent. The "air" he's ruled will be purged, and Christ Himself will reign.

Right now, he's the prince of the power of the air. But one day, the air will be filled with something else: trumpets. The trumpet will sound, the dead in Christ will rise, and the church will be caught up (1 Thess. 4:16–17). His signals won't matter then. The real broadcast will drown him out: the shout of the archangel, the voice of God, the glory of Christ.

Conclusion – Which Frequency Are You On?

So here's the question: what's your mind tuned to? The air is full of signals. Are you tuned to the devil's frequency — fear, lust, confusion, anger? Or are you tuned to God's frequency — faith, hope, truth, peace?

Paul nailed it. Two thousand years ago, he told you who runs the air. You can't change that for now. But you can choose who runs your heart.

The devil's broadcast is temporary. God's broadcast is eternal. The devil's airwaves blind minds. God's Word opens eyes. The devil's pulpit leaves you in fear. God's pulpit gives you peace.

Don't be a passive listener. Don't be a zombie scrolling your way into blindness. Put on the helmet. Open the Book. Tune your ear to the Shepherd's voice. Because while the devil runs the air, Christ still rules the throne. And the day is coming when the air will be clear again — not filled with Wi-Fi, not filled with lies, not filled with propaganda — but filled with the glory of God covering the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).

3 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The Gospel vs. The Devil's News

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." – Romans 10:17

Introduction – Two Competing Headlines

Every day you wake up to two possible broadcasts. One comes from the throne of God, eternal, unchanging, written in black and white on the pages of your Bible. The other comes from the pit of hell, blaring through headlines, apps, and anchors, changing every 24 hours to keep you hooked. One produces faith. The other produces fear.

The question isn't, "Am I listening to something?" The question is, "Which one am I feeding on?" You will either be disciplined by the Good News or disciplined by the bad news. You'll either be filled with faith or filled with fear. There is no middle ground.

Faith by Hearing the Word of God

God's method is simple. He speaks. We listen. We believe. That's faith.

- **Creation.** *"And God said, Let there be light"* (Gen. 1:3). The universe existed because God spoke.
- **Salvation.** *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Rom. 10:13). You heard the Gospel, believed it, and were saved.
- **Sanctification.** *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"* (John 17:17). Your Christian growth depends on hearing and obeying the Word.

Faith doesn't come by visions, feelings, or signs. Faith comes by hearing God's Word. Period. If you want more faith, you don't need another emotional high. You need more Bible.

Fear by Hearing the Devil's News

Now flip it. The devil copies the formula. He speaks. You listen. You believe. That's fear.

- **Creation of panic.** The anchor says, "Markets crash, terror threat, virus outbreak." Fear is born.
- **Salvation by works.** The broadcast says, "Do your part, obey the experts, trust the system." You scramble to save yourself, always unsure, always worried.
- **Sanctification in sin.** The shows say, "Drink this, sleep with that, laugh at this sin." Your conscience gets dulled day by day.

Fear doesn't come from thin air. It comes by hearing. You fill your ears with the devil's sermons long enough, you'll live in dread, anger, and anxiety.

Competing Fruit

The fruit of God's broadcast is faith, peace, hope, love. The fruit of the devil's broadcast is fear, dread, confusion, hatred. Compare them.

- God says: "*Fear not.*" The devil says: "Be very afraid."
- God says: "*Be careful for nothing.*" The devil says: "Panic about everything."
- God says: "*Set your affection on things above.*" The devil says: "Obsess over things below."

It's not hard to see which one most Christians are tuned into. They can quote stock prices and case counts but can't quote three verses on assurance. That's not spirituality. That's indoctrination.

The Devil's News Cycle

The devil doesn't need to invent new tricks. He runs the same playbook over and over.

- **Fear.** Daily fear updates. "This disease might kill you. This politician will destroy you. This crisis could end it all."
- **Drama.** Always a face, always a name. "Charlie Kirk assassinated. Ozzy Osbourne dead. Another celebrity meltdown."
- **Division.** Left vs. right, black vs. white, rich vs. poor. Always another wedge.
- **Hopelessness.** Rarely good news, always bad. Rarely encouragement, always despair.

That's the sermon. And Christians swallow it like communion wafers. They check the feed more faithfully than they check their Bibles.

What You Meditate On Shapes You

The Bible says, “*As he thinketh in his heart, so is he*” (Prov. 23:7). You meditate on God’s Word, you become Christlike. You meditate on the world’s news, you become fearful, bitter, cynical.

Psalm 1 contrasts the blessed man and the ungodly. The blessed man meditates in God’s law day and night. The ungodly are like chaff blown around. Now ask yourself: who are you more like? Anchored and fruitful, or tossed by every headline?

Philippians 4:8 tells us what to think on — things true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report. The devil gives you the exact opposite — lies, scandals, crimes, filth, ugliness, gossip. If your head is full of that junk, don’t wonder why your heart is cold.

Case Studies – When Fear Ruled

- **The Y2K scare.** Remember the panic that planes would fall, banks would collapse? Billions spent, hearts racing, all over nothing. Fear by hearing the world’s broadcast.
- **The Great Recession (2008).** Headlines screamed “collapse, depression, doom.” People lost hope, some lost their lives by suicide, because fear replaced faith.
- **COVID-19.** The ticker ran daily. Fear became religion. Masks became sacraments. “Trust the science” became creed. The Book was closed while the news was glued open.

And through all of it, God’s Word never changed: “*Fear thou not; for I am with thee*” (Isa. 41:10). “*Be not afraid of sudden fear*” (Prov. 3:25). “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear*” (2 Tim. 1:7). But most Christians didn’t listen. They had their ears tuned to the wrong preacher.

Two Broadcasts, Two Spirits

Paul wasn’t confused. He said there are *two spirits at work*. One is the Spirit of God, producing faith. The other is the spirit of disobedience, producing fear. One fills you with peace, the other with panic. One gives you boldness to witness, the other makes you tremble at shadows.

And here’s the kicker: both use the same entry point — the ear. Romans 10:17 says, “*Faith cometh by hearing.*” The devil knows that formula. That’s why he floods the air with his “sermons.” He can’t create faith, so he substitutes fear. He can’t preach truth, so he preaches lies. But the method is identical: you hear, you believe, you live accordingly.

Fruit of the Gospel vs. Fruit of the News

Let's put the two side by side.

- **The Gospel says:** *"Be anxious for nothing"* (Phil. 4:6).
The News says: "Be anxious for everything."
- **The Gospel says:** *"Fear not, I am with thee"* (Isa. 41:10).
The News says: "Fear daily, danger surrounds you."
- **The Gospel says:** *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Ps. 46:10).
The News says: "Never be still — always scroll, always refresh."
- **The Gospel says:** *"Set your affection on things above"* (Col. 3:2).
The News says: "Set your obsession on things below."

It's black and white. You can't straddle both. You will either feed faith or feed fear. You will either tune in to God's frequency or the devil's.

Why Fear Sells

The devil knows fear sells better than faith. Faith requires meditation, patience, trust. Fear requires only one thing: your imagination. All he has to do is plant a seed of terror and let your mind run wild. That's why news stories are vague, dramatic, and repetitive. "Could this disease spread?" "Experts warn of possible disaster." "What you don't know might kill you."

Notice the language — never certain, always open-ended. Why? To keep you coming back for the next update. Fear is addictive. It's the devil's drug of choice. And the masses are strung out.

The Daily Bread of Heaven vs. The Daily Bread of Hell

God gave you daily bread — His Word, sufficient for each day. *"Give us this day our daily bread"* (Matt. 6:11). The devil counterfeits it with his own daily bread — the news cycle. Just enough crisis every day to keep you hooked. Never too much, never too little. Always something.

Think about it: if nothing major happens, they'll invent drama. "Celebrity feud." "Political gaffe." "Sports scandal." Why? Because the altar of fear must be fed daily.

Contrast that with God's manna. It satisfied. It sustained. It pointed to Christ, the Bread of Life. The devil's manna leaves you starving for more, always unsatisfied, always empty.

Examples from Scripture

This isn't new. The devil has always used fear as his news.

- **Numbers 13.** The spies came back with a report: "We saw giants. We can't take the land." That was bad news. Fear spread. The people panicked. Only Joshua and Caleb believed God's good news. The majority report was fear. The minority report was faith.
- **1 Samuel 17.** For forty days, Goliath gave the morning and evening "broadcast." He mocked Israel, threatened them, and paralyzed them with fear. Then David showed up with a different message: faith in God. The army heard fear for forty days; one boy's faith silenced it in one afternoon.
- **Acts 27.** On the stormy sea, sailors and soldiers panicked. Paul stood up with God's message: "Be of good cheer." One voice of faith overpowered a boatload of fear.

The Bible shows it plain: the majority always leans toward the devil's news. Faith is always the minority report.

Practical Application – What Are You Hearing?

Now let's get practical.

- If you're more fluent in headlines than in Scripture, you're being disciplined by the wrong preacher.
- If you panic more over the economy than over eternity, your ears are tuned to the wrong broadcast.
- If you check your feed more than your Bible, don't be shocked when your heart is full of fear instead of faith.

Christians love to say, "God is in control." Then they spend four hours watching news that convinces them He isn't. That's not spirituality — that's double-mindedness. James 1:8 says, "*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*" That describes half the church today.

Renewing the Mind

Romans 12:2 says, “*Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.*” The devil conforms minds through repetition. The Spirit transforms minds through revelation. The only way to renew your mind is to flood it with Scripture.

The devil wants you scrolling endlessly. God wants you meditating deeply. The devil wants your thoughts racing. God wants your thoughts anchored. The devil blinds. God enlightens.

Prophetic Implications

Here’s the prophetic angle. In the last days, deception will saturate the world. Jesus warned, “*Take heed that no man deceive you*” (Matt. 24:4). Paul said there would be “*strong delusion*” (2 Thess. 2:11). John said the false prophet would deceive the nations with miracles (Rev. 13:14).

How do you think that deception spreads? Through the air. Through broadcasts. Through global news cycles. Through viral videos. The infrastructure is already built. The devil’s news has prepared the masses to accept whatever lie fits the narrative.

The Gospel’s Eternal Broadcast

Now contrast that with the Gospel. Revelation 14:6 speaks of an angel flying through the midst of heaven, preaching the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. That’s God’s broadcast. It won’t be Fox or CNN; it’ll be heaven itself, filling the skies with truth.

The devil’s news ends in despair. God’s news ends in eternal life. The devil’s cycle never satisfies. God’s Word satisfies forever. The devil’s bad news blinds. God’s Good News opens eyes.

Conclusion – Which News Will You Believe?

At the end of the day, you have to decide. Which preacher do you believe? The one with a suit and a teleprompter, or the one with nail-scarred hands and an empty tomb? Which headline shapes your day? The fearmongering of men, or the promises of God?

The devil says, “Be afraid, it’s always something.” God says, “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” The devil says, “Panic, there’s no hope.” God says, “Fear not, I am

with thee.” The devil says, “Trust the experts.” God says, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.”

Faith comes by hearing. Fear comes by hearing. It all depends on who you’re listening to. Tune out the devil’s broadcast. Tune in to the Gospel. Because while the bad news changes every day, the Good News hasn’t changed in 2,000 years: *Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.* That’s the only headline that matters.

4 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Whatsoever Things Are Lovely (Philippians 4:8)

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” – Philippians 4:8

Introduction – The Battlefield of the Mind

Christian, let’s face it: your battlefield isn’t Washington, Hollywood, or Wall Street. It’s between your ears. The devil doesn’t need to burn your Bible if he can simply hijack your thought life. And he does it through his favorite medium — the air. Headlines, tweets, broadcasts, entertainment. Twenty-four hours a day, he’s got his sermon streaming.

But God gave you a command that slices right through the fog: *“Think on these things.”* Things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report. That’s the Holy Spirit’s thought filter. If what’s in your mind doesn’t match those categories, you’ve tuned into the wrong preacher.

Why Philippians 4:8 Matters in the Age of News

Most Christians today can quote Philippians 4:13 (*“I can do all things through Christ”*), but Philippians 4:8? Forgotten. And yet it’s the very verse that tells you how to guard your mind in a world gone mad.

Notice what God commands:

- **True.** Not rumor, not speculation, not spin.

- **Honest.** Not gossip, not deception, not satire dressed as news.
- **Just.** Not biased, not slanted, not crooked.
- **Pure.** Not filthy, not lustful, not corrupt.
- **Lovely.** Not violent, not depressing, not vile.
- **Good report.** Not bad news, not fear mongering, not slander.

Now compare that to the average news cycle. Lies, dishonesty, injustice, filth, ugliness, bad reports. Exactly the opposite. Which means if you're feeding on the news, you're disobeying Philippians 4:8. Period.

The Devil's Thought Filter

The devil has his own Philippians 4:8 — the inverted version:

- Whatsoever things are **false** (fake headlines, propaganda).
- Whatsoever things are **dishonest** (spin, corruption, bias).
- Whatsoever things are **unjust** (riots, crime, perversion).
- Whatsoever things are **impure** (pornography, filth, blasphemy).
- Whatsoever things are **ugly** (violence, gore, despair).
- Whatsoever things are of **bad report** (fear, scandal, division).

Think on these things — that's the devil's command. And millions obey him daily.

The Power of Meditation

Psalm 1 says the blessed man meditates in the law of the Lord day and night. Meditation is the loop of your mind. Whatever you loop, you live. You loop God's Word, you live by faith. You loop the devil's news, you live in fear.

Here's the question: what plays on repeat in your head? Headlines? News clips? Celebrity names? Or Scripture? Hymns? Promises of God?

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). Garbage in, garbage out. Gospel in, godliness out.

Case Studies – Minds Corrupted by Headlines

- **Eve.** The devil didn't drag her to the tree. He planted a thought: "*Yea, hath God said?*" She meditated on the wrong thing and fell.
- **Saul.** He feared what people thought of him more than what God said. He looped insecurity instead of obedience, and it destroyed him.
- **Modern Christians.** They loop COVID case counts, political polls, celebrity scandals, and war rumors. No wonder they're nervous wrecks. Their meditation is in direct violation of Philippians 4:8.

The Result of Thinking Wrong

Isaiah 26:3 says, "*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.*" If your mind isn't stayed on Him, you won't have peace. It's that simple.

The devil knows that. So he keeps your mind stayed on headlines. Stayed on fear. Stayed on bad news. And the result? Anxiety, dread, sleepless nights, cold hearts.

Look around. Christians are panicking about elections, terrified of disease, angry at strangers, cynical about everything. Why? Wrong meditation. Wrong filter. Wrong thought diet.

God's Command Is Clear

Notice Paul doesn't say, "*It'd be nice if you thought on these things.*" He commands it: "*Think on these things.*" That's imperative, not optional. The Christian doesn't have the luxury of letting his mind wander aimlessly through the sewage pipes of this world. You've got orders. You are to fix your mind on truth, purity, loveliness, and good report.

Why? Because God knows what you meditate on becomes what you are. You don't rise above your thought life. If your thoughts are corrupt, your life will be corrupt. If your thoughts are pure, your life will reflect it.

The Devil's News Violates Every Category

Let's test it.

- **True?** Most news is spin, propaganda, half-truths. Fail.

- **Honest?** Politicians and pundits twisting words, hiding agendas. Fail.
- **Just?** Selective outrage, crooked justice, biased reporting. Fail.
- **Pure?** Violence, lust, scandals, filth. Fail.
- **Lovely?** Murder, war, corruption, outrage. Fail.
- **Good report?** Ninety-nine percent bad news. Fail.

Which means if you live in the news cycle, you're living in direct disobedience to Philippians 4:8.

Why God Chooses "Lovely"

Out of all the words Paul could have used, "lovely" stands out. It doesn't mean soft or sentimental. It means "worth loving, worth admiring, worth dwelling on." What's worth loving? Christ. What's worth admiring? His Word. What's worth dwelling on? His promises, His works, His coming kingdom.

The devil gives you images worth hating, fearing, or lusting after. God gives you truths worth loving. Which one do you loop in your head?

Practical Examples

- **The News:** A murder trial dominates headlines for months. People replay the details, imagine the crime scenes, argue about guilt. Minds loop ugliness.
The Bible: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Ps. 23:1). Lovely. Pure. Peaceful. Which one do you think produces stability?
- **The News:** A celebrity scandal. "Who slept with who? Who cheated? Who divorced?"
The Bible: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). Lovely. Sacred. Worth thinking on.
- **The News:** Economic fear. "Stocks crash, layoffs loom, poverty spreads."
The Bible: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Lovely. Secure. Anchoring.

Every headline has a counter-verse. The question is: which one gets your meditation?

The Curse of the Scrolling Mind

The modern mind is addicted to scrolling. Infinite feeds, endless headlines, constant updates. You can't meditate if you're scrolling. Meditation is focused, steady, slow. Scrolling is distracted, shallow, endless.

The devil knows if he can keep you scrolling, he can keep you from Scripture. He doesn't need to make you wicked; he just needs to keep you busy. The curse of the scrolling mind is death by distraction.

Casting Down Imaginations

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:5, *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."*

That's warfare language. You don't let thoughts run free. You arrest them. You interrogate them. "Does this thought line up with Christ? Does this headline pass the Philippians 4:8 test? Is this worth looping?" If not, cast it down. Don't feed it. Don't scroll it. Don't share it. Kill it.

The Spirit's Alternative Feed

Galatians 5:22–23 lists the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. That's the Spirit's feed. That's the lovely, pure, good report.

Contrast it with the devil's feed: lust, anger, fear, outrage, division, confusion. That's what dominates headlines. You can tell instantly which preacher someone has been listening to by which fruit they produce.

Prophetic Glimpse

One day, the devil's feed will be cut. Revelation 21:27 says, *"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth."* The New Jerusalem won't have news cycles, scandals, or outrage. It'll be pure loveliness. Eternal meditation on the Lamb.

Right now, the devil controls the air. But one day, the air will be filled with the shout of Christ, the trumpet of God, the voices of angels. That will be the only broadcast worth hearing. Until then, you choose daily which feed you let run your mind.

Conclusion – Choose Your Meditation

Philippians 4:8 isn't a suggestion; it's survival. You can't have peace if you feed on filth. You can't have joy if you meditate on fear. You can't have stability if your loop is outrage.

So choose.

- The devil's news: lies, fear, filth, ugliness.
- God's Word: truth, purity, loveliness, good report.

One leaves you anxious. The other leaves you anchored. One blinds. The other enlightens. One feeds fear. The other feeds faith.

“Finally, brethren... think on these things.”

That's not just good advice. That's God's command. Obey it, and you'll walk in peace while the world drowns in panic. Disobey it, and you'll drown with them.

5 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Not Ignorant of His Devices (2 Corinthians 2:11)

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” – 2 Corinthians 2:11

Introduction – The Devil's Playbook

Most Christians today are as gullible as toddlers when it comes to spiritual warfare. They think Satan is some cartoon in a red suit with a pitchfork. They think his work is obvious — seances, pentagrams, heavy metal bands. Friend, that's child's play. The real battleground is subtle. It's scripted. It's psychological. And Paul warned us: don't be ignorant of his devices.

But the church *is* ignorant. They lap up the devil's news every night, crying about the next tragedy, debating the next headline, reposting the next scandal — all the while blind to the fact that the devil is the one writing the script.

The news cycle is not random. It's not accidental. It's not coincidental. It's carefully staged theater. Headlines are sermons. Dramas are rituals. Emotional cycles are tools. And behind all of it is one puppeteer — the god of this world, the prince of the power of the air.

What Are His Devices?

A device is a tool. A strategy. A contraption designed to achieve an effect. Satan has many, but when it comes to media, let me spell out a few of his favorites:

1. **Fear-Mongering.** Pump terror into the bloodstream of the people.
2. **Repetition.** Play the same clip, the same phrase, the same buzzword until it becomes gospel truth in their minds.
3. **Idolatry of Names.** Fill people's heads with celebrities, politicians, athletes — anything but Jesus Christ.
4. **Emotional Whiplash.** Rotate fear, outrage, grief, hope, fear again. Keep people dizzy.
5. **Never Silence.** There must never be a quiet day. Always another story, always something brewing.

If you don't recognize these devices, you'll be a puppet. If you *do* recognize them, you can cut the strings.

Headlines as Sermons

Look at a headline. It's a sermon title. That's all it is. "World on Edge After Attack." "Stocks Collapse." "Celebrity Dies Tragically." Each headline is designed to pull your attention, stir your emotion, direct your meditation. It's not just information — it's indoctrination.

The Bible says meditate on God's law day and night (Ps. 1:2). The devil says meditate on *his* headlines day and night. And most Christians obey the devil more faithfully than they obey the Book.

Ever notice how headlines are phrased? Short, punchy, dramatic. They're hooks. They don't tell you the whole story. They just bait you into clicking, watching, consuming. The devil doesn't care if the story is accurate. He just wants you hooked on his narrative.

Dramas as Rituals

Every big news story follows the same ritualistic structure:

1. **The Setup.** Something shocking happens. A death, a disaster, a scandal.
2. **The Flood.** Media outlets swarm it. Every channel, every feed, every angle.
3. **The Faces.** Focus on names, photos, families. Humanize it.
4. **The Experts.** Bring in voices of "authority" to interpret the event.
5. **The Funeral.** Show the casket, the tears, the ceremonies.
6. **The Aftermath.** Roll the think pieces, the debates, the long-term "what it means."

You've seen it a hundred times. Doesn't matter if it's a shooting, a celebrity death, a political scandal. Same script. Same ritual. Because the devil knows how to stir the same emotions every time.

Emotional Cycles

Think about it:

- **Fear.** "A tragedy has struck! Danger looms!"
- **Grief.** Show the crying widow, the casket, the funeral.
- **Anger.** "Who's to blame? Demand justice!"
- **Division.** Left blames right, right blames left. Families argue. Social feeds erupt.
- **Relief.** "It's over now. The villain is caught. Justice served."
- **Repeat.** Next week, another crisis.

That's not random. That's a cycle. It's a *device*. The devil scripts it to keep your emotions fried, your faith shaken, your mind distracted.

Always Something

You ever notice it's never *nothing*? There's never a day when the anchor says, "Folks, nothing happened today. Go read your Bible and trust Christ." No, it's always something. Because the machine can't stop. If the devil stopped the cycle, people might wake up.

So there's always a crisis, always a tragedy, always a name to chew on. It's consistent junk food for the mind. Different flavors, same poison.

Case Study – 9/11

Look back at September 11, 2001. The world stopped. The cycle kicked in:

- **Fear.** Planes crashing, towers falling. Endless loops of destruction.
- **Grief.** Interviews with widows, footage of funerals, bagpipes.
- **Anger.** "Who did this? Let's bomb somebody!"
- **Division.** Political fights, security debates, conspiracy theories.
- **Relief.** "We're stronger now. We've rebuilt."

Same device, different event. And for months, people meditated on nothing but fear. The devil had a captive audience.

Case Study – COVID-19

Fast forward to 2020. Another cycle, just longer.

- **Fear.** Red numbers flashing on screens. "Millions could die."
- **Grief.** Images of body bags, sobbing nurses, funerals over Zoom.
- **Anger.** "Wear a mask!" "Don't tell me what to do!" Division everywhere.
- **Division.** Families split, churches split, nations split.
- **Relief.** "Trust the vaccine. Trust the experts."

And through it all, people tuned in religiously. More faithful to CNN updates than to Bible reading. They were discipled — not by Christ, but by the god of this world.

Why Christians Fall for It

You'd think God's people would be wiser. You'd think the ones who have the Spirit of Truth indwelling them would spot the con game a mile away. But most Christians fall for the devil's devices like fish on a hook. Why?

1. **Biblical Ignorance.** They don't read the Book. If you don't know truth, you can't spot lies. Hosea 4:6 says, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*" That's not talking about calculus; that's Bible knowledge.
2. **Curiosity.** Eve didn't need the serpent's lecture, but she was curious. Christians today are the same. They can't resist peeking at the devil's headlines, drinking in the drama, chewing on the gossip. Curiosity kills more Christians than persecution ever did.
3. **Carnal Appetite.** Let's be honest — bad news tastes good to the flesh. Gossip, scandal, tragedy — the flesh eats it up. Proverbs 18:8 says the words of a talebearer go down like wounds. That's the news cycle: gossip for the masses, dressed up as journalism.
4. **Fear.** Christians forget 2 Timothy 1:7, "*God hath not given us the spirit of fear.*" Instead, they drink the devil's fear daily and call it "staying informed." No, it's staying deceived.

How to Spot the Device

If you want to obey Paul and not be ignorant of his devices, learn to ask three questions every time you're confronted with a headline, a drama, a cycle:

1. **Who benefits?** Follow the trail. Who gains power, influence, or money by you believing this? Nine times out of ten, it isn't Christ.
2. **What fruit does it produce?** Does this headline make you more prayerful, more holy, more loving? Or more fearful, bitter, and distracted?
3. **Does it pass Philippians 4:8?** True, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report? If not, trash it.

The devil hates discerning Christians. He doesn't mind you attending church if you're still a sucker for his devices. But the moment you filter his garbage through Scripture, you've broken his cycle.

How to Fight Back

Paul didn't just warn us; he armed us.

- **Scripture Saturation.** Flood your mind with the Book. Psalm 119:11 — *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”* If your mind is filled with headlines, you'll sin. If it's filled with verses, you'll stand.
- **Prayer.** Philippians 4:6 says be careful for nothing, pray about everything. That means the next time a headline shouts, “Fear!”, you drop to your knees and pray instead of panicking. Prayer is the Christian's unsubscribe button from the devil's feed.
- **Separation.** Sometimes the holiest thing you can do is turn it off. Don't give the devil your ears. Don't give him your eyes. Psalm 101:3 — *“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.”* That includes the endless circus of fearmongering.
- **Renewing the Mind.** Romans 12:2 says be transformed by the renewing of your mind. That means you don't just avoid junk; you replace it with truth. Scripture, hymns, sermons, testimonies — fill your head with what's worth meditating on.

The Prophetic Punch

Now let's pull this into prophecy. Revelation 12:9 says Satan *“deceiveth the whole world.”* That's his global device. Not a few folks. Not just pagans. The *whole world*. How? Through the broadcast. Through the signals. Through the media empire.

And Revelation 13 shows the beast speaking great things, blasphemies broadcast globally. The world will eat it up. Why? Because they're already trained. They're conditioned by decades of headlines, dramas, cycles. They're used to believing whatever the screen tells them.

But Revelation 20:10 gives the ending. The devil that deceived them is cast into the lake of fire. His devices won't survive. His propaganda machine will be smashed. His headlines will go silent. His cycle will end in flames.

The Contrast – Christ's Broadcast

While the devil scripts lies, Christ speaks truth. While the devil blinds, Christ opens eyes. While the devil feeds fear, Christ feeds faith.

Listen — Christ doesn't need breaking news. His news has been breaking hearts and setting captives free for 2,000 years: *“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day”* (1 Cor. 15:3–4). That's news that never expires. That's truth that never changes. That's a headline you can meditate on for eternity.

Conclusion – Don't Be a Sucker

So here it is:

- The devil has devices.
- They're scripted, planned, repeated.
- They run through headlines, dramas, cycles.
- They trap minds in fear, outrage, and distraction.
- Most Christians are ignorant of them — and pay the price.

But you don't have to be. Paul said we are *not* ignorant. That means you can recognize the pattern, spot the lie, refuse the bait, and fix your mind on Christ.

The next time the world screams its headlines, ask yourself: Is this true? Honest? Just? Pure? Lovely? Of good report? If not, turn it off and turn back to the Book.

Because the devil's devices are loud, but they're temporary. The Gospel is quiet, but it's eternal. His broadcast ends in fire. Christ's broadcast ends in glory.

Choose wisely which one you feed on.

6 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Scripted Segments: The Devil's Liturgy

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness...” – 2 Corinthians 11:14–15

Introduction – Welcome to the Devil's Church

You thought the news was neutral? You thought it was just information? Wake up. You've been attending the devil's church service and didn't even know it. Every night, millions gather before glowing altars (television screens, smartphones, tablets) to hear their liturgy. They've got their preachers (anchors), their deacons (experts), their worship team (commercial jingles), and their offering plate (advertisers).

It looks nothing like a cathedral, but it functions exactly like one. And the sad part? Most Christians are more faithful to this service than they are to the midweek prayer meeting. They wouldn't miss the devil's liturgy for the world, but they'll skip the Book, skip prayer, skip soulwinning, skip church.

The Opening Hymn – “Good Evening”

Every service starts the same way. At 6:00 sharp, the organ swells (intro music), and the high priest (anchor) steps to the pulpit (desk). His opening hymn? “Good evening.” It's not a greeting; it's a summons. The congregation leans forward. The liturgy begins.

Notice the tone: solemn, dramatic, authoritative. It's designed to quiet the mind and prepare the heart for the sermon to come. Just like a hymn settles a church service, the news intro settles the audience into a state of receptivity.

The Call to Worship – Headlines

Next comes the call to worship: the headlines. “Tonight's top stories...” That's the invocation. The anchor sets the agenda. You don't pick the text; he does. And you'll listen, because you've been trained that these are the things that “matter.”

The Bible calls us to meditate on what's true, pure, lovely, of good report (Phil. 4:8). The devil's liturgy calls you to meditate on crime, scandal, death, and outrage. That's his worship set. That's what he wants you singing in your head all week long.

The Scripture Reading – Clips and Footage

In church, the preacher reads the text. In the devil's service, the anchor rolls the footage. Video clips, soundbites, “on-the-scene” reports — that's the scripture reading. The congregation watches silently, absorbing the text chosen by the priest of propaganda.

Notice the structure: a tragedy, a villain, a victim. It's not random; it's ritual. These stories are picked because they push buttons. The devil doesn't want you to meditate on truth; he wants you to marinate in fear.

The Sermon – Expert Analysis

Every church service needs preaching. Enter the analysts, the commentators, the panels. They don't just tell you what happened — they tell you what it *means*. That's the sermon.

And notice how uniform it is. Flip the channels, same talking points. CNN, Fox, NBC, doesn't matter. They argue about details, but the framework is the same: fear, anger, division. Just like false prophets in Jeremiah's day, they cry "Peace, peace" when there is no peace, or else they cry "Doom, doom" when God hasn't spoken. They're all preaching from the same script.

The Worship Team – Commercials

What's a church service without music? Cue the commercials. Catchy jingles, happy faces, promises of joy if you just buy this product. That's the worship set. That's the choir. Between doses of fear, you get choruses of consumerism.

Buy this car. Eat this food. Take this pill. And you'll be safe, happy, whole. That's their gospel invitation. And people give. They tithe to the advertisers. They obey the call to worship.

The Offering – Sponsors and Ads

Make no mistake: this isn't free. The devil's liturgy is financed. Those "sponsored by Pfizer" banners? That's the offering plate being passed. The whole service is designed to extract your money and your mind.

In church, the offering is worship to God. In the devil's service, the offering is worship to Mammon. Matthew 6:24 says you cannot serve God and Mammon. But millions bow to Mammon every night, wallets open, hearts closed.

The Confession – "Tell Us How You Feel"

Every liturgy has a confession of sins. In God's church, it's confession before Christ, honest repentance at the foot of the cross. In the devil's service, it's not about sin against God — it's about catharsis before the screen.

They drag out the man on the street interviews. *"Tell us how you feel."* They shove microphones in faces. They ask traumatized families for tearful words. They want the congregation to join in the emotional purge.

It's not about truth — it's about release. It's a ritual that keeps the audience bonded, makes them feel like they've shared in something holy. And it cements the narrative: this is what happened, this is how you should feel, this is the collective sin we're all supposed to confess together.

But there's no absolution. No forgiveness. No blood of Christ. Just perpetual outrage, perpetual tears, perpetual recycling of guilt. That's not confession — that's control.

The Benediction – “Stay Tuned”

Every service needs a benediction, a closing word of blessing. The devil's liturgy gives you this: *"Stay tuned."*

That's it. That's the blessing. You're dismissed, but don't wander too far. Keep your heart tethered to the screen. Come back for the evening service. Come back for the morning bulletin. The liturgy never ends — it just pauses.

God's benediction sends you out with peace, courage, and grace. The devil's benediction sends you out with anxiety, suspicion, and unresolved tension. He wants you restless, itching for the next update, the next sermon, the next manipulation.

"Stay tuned" is the devil's "Go in peace." Only there's no peace, just dependence.

The Altar Call – Obey and Buy

What's a service without an altar call? In the devil's liturgy, it comes packaged in two ways:

1. **Obey.** The news cycle always ends with an action step. "Do this." "Don't do that." "Support this." "Condemn that." That's the altar call of obedience. Not to God, but to the spirit of the age. You're not invited to the cross; you're shoved toward compliance.

2. **Buy.** Right after the sermon, here comes the commercial altar call: “If you want safety, joy, meaning, buy this.” Instead of “Come to Jesus,” it’s “Come to Amazon. Come to Pfizer. Come to Apple.” That’s the devil’s invitation system.

And people come. They raise their hands with credit cards, they walk the aisle to checkout counters, they bow the knee to product logos. The altar call works every night.

Practical Application – What Christians Need to See

So what’s the takeaway? That you’ve been attending the wrong church service without realizing it. You’ve been more faithful to the devil’s liturgy than to God’s assembly.

- You never miss the 6 o’clock service but you skip Sunday night.
- You binge sermons from anchors but don’t crack the Bible.
- You give your offerings to advertisers but not to missions.
- You meditate on bad news instead of good news.
- You sing the jingles more than you sing the hymns.

That’s why your faith is weak, your joy is thin, your witness is powerless. You’re getting catechized by the wrong priesthood.

The fix? Unplug from the liturgy. Get back to the real Book. Attend the real assembly. Worship the real God. Submit to the real Spirit.

Prophetic Punch – The Devil’s Liturgy Ends in Fire

One day, this false church service will reach its climax. Revelation 13 says the whole world will worship the Beast. His image will speak. His liturgy will become mandatory. No more voluntary attendance. Miss the service, and you die.

The nightly news cycle is rehearsal for that day. Every “Good evening,” every “Tonight’s top story,” every “Breaking news” is training the masses for the final liturgy. The devil has his priests, his choir, his sacraments, his offering plates, his altar calls. It’s all a warm-up for the ultimate service of idolatry.

But Revelation 18 gives the ending: Babylon — the devil’s media empire, his commercial church, his liturgy of Mammon — falls in one hour. The screen goes black. The anchors go silent. The commercials vanish. The “stay tuned” dies in smoke.

And then Revelation 19 opens with the true worship service: heaven rejoicing, saints singing, Christ returning on a white horse. That's the real liturgy. That's the one that never ends.

Conclusion – Pick Your Service

So here's the question: whose church are you attending daily? The devil's or God's? The one with anchors or the one with apostles? The one with ads or the one with Scripture? The one with fear or the one with faith?

You can't serve both. You can't sit through both. So pick. Because one ends in ashes, the other in glory. One is scripted propaganda, the other is everlasting truth. One is Mammon's mass, the other is Christ's Gospel.

Don't waste your life in the devil's liturgy. Get in the Book. Get in church. Get on your knees. Worship the living God, not the glowing screen.

Because when the smoke clears, only one liturgy will remain: *“Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”* (Rev. 19:6)

7 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Names as Idols

“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?”
– Isaiah 2:22

Introduction – The Idol Factory of Names

The devil doesn't need statues anymore. He doesn't need golden calves, Baal altars, or Asherah poles. He's got something better: headlines. He's turned the modern press into a nonstop idol factory, and the idols are names.

Ozzy Osbourne. Charlie Kirk. Trump. Biden. Taylor Swift. Elon Musk. Doesn't matter who. The god of this world plasters their names across screens until they're burned into your imagination. They become more real to you than Christ. More important than the apostles. More familiar than the Word of God.

And Christians sit there, hypnotized, talking about men the way the early church talked about Christ. Paul warned you not to glory in men. But modern Christianity has joined the world in bowing to names.

Why Names?

You ever wonder why the news never just says, “*A man died today*”? No, they’ve got to say the *name*. They’ve got to put the face, the biography, the backstory. Why? Because the devil knows names stick. Names become idols.

1. **Names humanize the story.** A nameless tragedy passes quickly. But attach a name, and it lingers in your mind.
2. **Names divide.** Mention Trump or Biden, and you’ve instantly split the room. That’s division on demand.
3. **Names distract.** While you’re chewing on one celebrity scandal, a dozen real events slide by unnoticed.
4. **Names idolize.** People start weeping over celebrities they never met, while ignoring the God who died for them.

That’s why the devil loves plastering names. It’s his substitute for worship.

The Bible’s View of Names

The Bible doesn’t shy away from names, but it treats them differently.

- When the Bible names men, it shows their weakness. “*Noah drank.*” “*David sinned.*” “*Peter denied.*” The spotlight isn’t on them — it’s on God’s grace.
- When the Bible elevates a name, it’s Christ. “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). That’s the only name worth exalting.

Paul rebuked the Corinthians for turning apostles into idols: “*I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas.*” He blasted them: “*Is Christ divided?*” (1 Cor. 1:12–13). Yet today, Christians do the same with politicians, celebrities, even preachers. It’s the same carnality, just with different names.

The Cult of Celebrity

The modern world doesn't worship statues. It worships celebrities.

- Red carpets are altars.
- Award shows are religious ceremonies.
- Paparazzi are priests, documenting every move.
- Fans are worshippers, screaming, fainting, offering money.

And the devil sits back laughing. The same idolatry that once bowed to Baal now bows to Beyoncé. The same worship that once praised Caesar now praises Swift. Names have become gods.

The Political Idol Factory

It's not just Hollywood. Washington runs the same racket. Every election, names dominate headlines. As if salvation will come from a man with a suit and a slogan.

God told Israel plainly: don't trust in princes (Ps. 146:3). But modern Christians practically deify politicians. They'll fight harder for Trump or DeSantis than they will for the Gospel. They'll defend Biden or Obama with more zeal than they defend the Bible.

Friend, that's idolatry. Plain and simple.

Case Studies – When Names Became Idols

- **Michael Jackson (2009).** The world mourned as if God had died. Candlelight vigils, tears, tributes. They couldn't quote John 3:16, but they could sing "Thriller" word for word. That's worship.
- **Kobe Bryant (2020).** Tragedy struck, and the world froze. People wept for days, couldn't function, as if their savior had perished. Sports had become their religion, and Kobe their priest.
- **Queen Elizabeth (2022).** The world bowed in reverence, lined up for miles to view her casket, treating her as immortal royalty. Yet many of those same souls wouldn't bow once to the King of Kings.

That's the devil's device. Elevate man. Distract from God.

Names as Distractions

Here's how the devil plays it: while you're busy talking about some celebrity scandal or political meltdown, you're not talking about Christ. You're not meditating on the Word. You're not praying. You're not witnessing. You're chewing on a name the devil fed you, like a cow on cud.

That's the strategy. Paul said the god of this world blinds minds (2 Cor. 4:4). He doesn't blind them with darkness; he blinds them with spotlights. Too much glare. Too much noise. Too many names. The light of the glorious Gospel gets drowned out by the constant flicker of famous faces.

The Manufactured Feuds

Ever notice how the media always pairs names against each other? Trump vs. Biden. Taylor Swift vs. Kanye. Musk vs. Zuckerberg. Doesn't matter the field — politics, entertainment, business. The formula is the same: set up rivalries, feed the public, let them take sides.

That's not journalism; that's theater. That's the devil's bread and circus. As long as you're picking teams, you're missing the real war: not left vs. right, but truth vs. lies, Christ vs. Antichrist.

The Prophetic Trajectory – The Antichrist's Name

This idolatry of names is conditioning the world for the final name: the Antichrist.

Revelation 13:17–18 speaks of a mark tied to “the name of the beast.” Not just his number — his *name*. Why? Because the devil knows how to exalt names. He knows how to turn men into gods. The whole world will worship that name, just like they worship names now.

The news cycle is training the masses. If they can idolize a dead singer, a ballplayer, or a politician, they'll worship the beast without hesitation. It's the same spirit, just amplified in the last days.

Contrast – The Name Above Every Name

But here's the good news: the Bible lifts up one Name that blows every idol out of the water.

Philippians 2:9–11: *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

That’s the Name the devil wants hidden under a pile of headlines. That’s the Name he wants drowned out by noise. That’s the Name he wants mocked, slandered, and ignored. But one day, it’s the only Name anyone will be able to say.

The Christian’s Duty

So what do you do in the meantime?

1. **Stop feeding on names.** Don’t let the devil’s idols dominate your thought life.
2. **Filter the news.** Ask yourself: does this glorify Christ, or does it just elevate a man?
3. **Exalt the right Name.** Make Christ the center of your conversation. Don’t just mention Him at church. Talk about Him in your home, at work, online. If the world won’t exalt Him, you should.

Psalms 34:3 says, *“O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.”* That’s your calling. Not to magnify celebrities or politicians, but to magnify Christ.

Conclusion – Cease Ye from Man

Isaiah 2:22 nails it: *“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?”*

Why worship names that will rot in the grave? Why weep over idols that can’t save you? Why obsess over celebrities who can’t deliver you from sin, death, or hell?

The devil feeds you names as idols to blind you from the only Name that matters. Don’t fall for it. Don’t be ignorant of his device. Recognize the scam, smash the idol, and bow your heart to the Name above every name — the Lord Jesus Christ.

Because when the dust settles, there won’t be a single headline about Ozzy, Trump, Taylor, or Musk. There will only be one headline written across eternity: *“Jesus Christ is Lord.”*

8 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Fear, Anger, Confusion: The Devil’s Trinity

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
– 2 Timothy 1:7

Introduction – The Devil’s Favorite Sermon Points

If Satan had a pulpit outline — three points and a poem — it wouldn’t be grace, mercy, and peace. It would be fear, anger, and confusion. That’s his trinity. That’s his cycle. That’s the content of every broadcast he pushes through the air.

Turn on the news. You’ll find one of the three in every segment. Fear of a disease, anger at a politician, confusion over the economy. Switch the channel — same trinity. Scroll your feed — same trinity. It never changes. Because it works.

Fear – The Devil’s Substitute for Faith

Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing. The devil twists it: fear comes by hearing. He knows faith is the engine of Christian living, so he replaces it with fear.

- **Fear sells.** If the headline doesn’t scare you, you won’t click it. If the anchor doesn’t alarm you, you won’t keep watching.
- **Fear controls.** Whole nations bow to tyrants because of fear. The pandemic proved it. People surrendered freedom, fellowship, and even faith because fear was piped into their ears 24/7.
- **Fear blinds.** When you’re afraid, you can’t think straight. That’s why Isaiah 41:10 says “*Fear thou not.*” God wants clear-headed believers. Satan wants panicked pawns.

Anger – The Devil’s Substitute for Love

God says love your neighbor. Satan says hate him. And the news cycle is his biggest pulpit for rage.

- **Division.** Anger splits families, churches, nations. The devil doesn’t care if you’re left or right, as long as you’re screaming at each other.

- **Distraction.** Anger blinds you to the real enemy. Instead of fighting principalities and powers, you're foaming at the mouth at flesh and blood.
- **Destruction.** Proverbs 14:17 says a quick-tempered man acts foolishly. Entire movements have burned cities, ruined lives, and destroyed testimonies because anger was stoked.

The devil's liturgy has entire services dedicated to anger. Talk shows, debates, viral clips — nothing but rage bait. And Christians gobble it up as if it were righteous indignation.

Confusion – The Devil's Substitute for a Sound Mind

2 Timothy 1:7 says God gives a sound mind. The devil counters with confusion.

- **Mixed Messages.** One day, "this is safe." Next day, "it'll kill you." One year, "war is necessary." Next year, "war is evil." It keeps the masses dizzy.
- **Contradictory Experts.** "Follow the science," they said, while contradicting themselves every month. That's not science; that's sorcery.
- **Hopelessness.** Confusion leaves you paralyzed. You don't know who to trust, what to do, where to stand. That's exactly where Satan wants you.

God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33). But Satan is. He writes it into every script, every cycle.

The Cycle – Fear, Anger, Confusion

Here's the genius: he doesn't stop at one. He cycles them.

1. **Start with fear.** A tragedy, a threat, a danger.
2. **Stoke anger.** Find a villain, a scapegoat, a face to blame.
3. **End in confusion.** Contradict the details, drag the debate, muddy the waters.

Then repeat. Every story runs that cycle. Shootings, pandemics, elections, scandals. Different content, same formula. Fear to paralyze, anger to divide, confusion to exhaust.

Case Study – COVID-19

- **Fear.** "Millions will die. Hospitals are collapsing." Red tickers ran daily.

- **Anger.** “It’s China’s fault!” “It’s Trump’s fault!” “It’s your unmasked neighbor’s fault!”
- **Confusion.** “Two weeks to flatten the curve.” “No, two years.” “Wear a mask.” “Don’t wear a mask.” “Trust the vaccine.” “The vaccine doesn’t stop spread.”

Same cycle, over and over, until Christians were more fluent in CDC updates than in the Psalms.

Why It Works So Well

The devil isn’t creative — he’s a counterfeiter. Just like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form a holy Trinity of life, Satan apes it with his unholy trinity of death: fear, anger, confusion. It works because it hits all parts of the human condition.

- **Fear grips your spirit.** You feel paralyzed, powerless.
- **Anger inflames your flesh.** You feel justified, self-righteous.
- **Confusion clouds your mind.** You feel helpless, directionless.

Spirit bound, flesh burning, mind scrambled — that’s total paralysis. That’s the goal. You don’t pray. You don’t think clearly. You don’t witness. You just sit there, scrolling, trembling, ranting, muttering. The devil’s got you exactly where he wants you.

Breaking Free – God’s Trinity

But praise God, there’s a counter-trinity. 2 Timothy 1:7 lays it out: *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*

- **Power replaces fear.** Instead of trembling, you stand firm in Christ.
- **Love replaces anger.** Instead of raging, you forgive and serve.
- **A sound mind replaces confusion.** Instead of being dizzy, you’re anchored.

That’s the Spirit’s broadcast. That’s the frequency heaven is on. The only way to beat the devil’s trinity is to tune into God’s.

Biblical Examples

- **Peter in the storm.** Fear gripped him when he saw the waves. Anger erupted when he cut off Malchus’ ear. Confusion paralyzed him when he denied Christ. But after

Pentecost? Power, love, and a sound mind. He preached with boldness, loved the flock, and wrote with clarity. That's God's trinity.

- **Israel in the wilderness.** Fear of giants, anger at Moses, confusion in the camp. Forty years wasted. Why? Because they listened to the wrong broadcast.
- **Paul in prison.** He had every reason to fear, rage, and despair. But instead he wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4). That's power, love, and a sound mind.

The Prophetic Picture

Jesus said in Luke 21:26 that in the last days men's hearts would fail them *for fear*. Revelation shows nations raging against God, their anger boiling over. And 2 Thessalonians 2 speaks of strong delusion — confusion on a global scale.

The devil's trinity will climax in the Tribulation. Fear will drive men to take the mark. Anger will drive them to persecute the saints. Confusion will keep them blind until it's too late. But then Christ returns, and His kingdom replaces fear with peace, anger with joy, and confusion with perfect clarity.

How to Live Above the Cycle

1. **Recognize it.** Don't be ignorant of his devices. When you spot fear, anger, or confusion being pumped into your ears, call it what it is: the devil's broadcast.
2. **Reject it.** You don't have to swallow it. Change the channel, close the app, walk away. Philippians 4:8 gives you a checklist. If it fails, trash it.
3. **Replace it.** Fill the vacuum with Scripture. Sing hymns. Pray. Quote promises. Talk about Christ. Don't just empty your mind — fill it with the right broadcast.

Conclusion – The Devil's Trinity vs. God's

Here it is in plain English:

- The devil's trinity is **fear, anger, confusion**. It paralyzes.
- God's trinity is **power, love, a sound mind**. It liberates.

Every day, you pick which pulpit you'll sit under. Will you feed on the devil's cycle and live in panic? Or will you feast on God's promises and live in peace?

Because one day soon, the devil's broadcast will be cut. His cycle will end in flames. And all that will remain is the voice of the Shepherd, saying, "*Fear not... my peace I give unto you... well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

Choose wisely now. Don't be a slave to the devil's trinity. Walk in the Spirit's.

9 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The Daily Bread of Bad News

"Give us this day our daily bread." – Matthew 6:11

"And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna." – Exodus 16:15

Introduction – Bread From Heaven, Bread From Hell

God fed Israel manna in the wilderness. It came fresh every morning, just enough for the day, and it taught them dependence on Him. Jesus Christ called Himself the Bread of Life, the true sustenance of the soul.

The devil looked at that system and said, "I'll counterfeit it." So he started feeding mankind his own kind of manna — bad news. Fresh every morning, just enough to chew on, just enough to keep you coming back tomorrow.

The news cycle is nothing more than the devil's daily bread. God says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." The devil says, "Man shall not live by the Word, but by every headline out of the newsroom."

The Recipe of Bad News

The devil's bread has a recipe. It's not nutritious, but it's addictive.

1. **Fear as flour.** Every loaf begins with fear. That's the base.
2. **Anger as yeast.** Stir in rage to make it rise.
3. **Confusion as spice.** Add a dash of contradiction to keep the taste unpredictable.
4. **Celebrity as sugar.** Sweeten it with names and faces people recognize.
5. **Repetition as heat.** Bake it by repeating the same line until it sticks.

Then serve it hot on every screen, every feed, every device. The congregation eats.

Just Enough for the Day

Notice the cycle: there's always *just enough* crisis. Never too much, never too little.

- A big tragedy? That'll feed the people for weeks.
- A small scandal? That'll cover a slow day.
- A celebrity death? That'll get them through the weekend.

But never silence. Always something. Because if there's nothing to chew on, the flock might wander off and pick up the Bible. The devil can't let that happen.

God's manna spoiled if you hoarded it. The devil's manna spoils if you *don't* hoard it. He wants you stockpiling fear, outrage, trivia until your spiritual pantry is full of rot.

Compare the Two Breads

- **God's manna:** White, sweet, sustaining, heaven-sent.
- **The devil's manna:** Dark, bitter, draining, hell-sent.
- **God's manna:** Builds faith, points to Christ.
- **The devil's manna:** Breeds fear, points to man.
- **God's manna:** Satisfies.
- **The devil's manna:** Never enough. You keep eating, but you're always hungry.

Which table are you eating from every day?

The Daily News Ritual

Think about how ritualized it is.

- Morning: Check the headlines with your coffee.
- Noon: Scroll updates at lunch.
- Evening: Sit down for the six o'clock service.
- Bedtime: One last check before sleep.

That's not information gathering. That's devotion. That's daily bread. Millions of Christians skip daily devotions with the Word but never skip devotions with the news. They're faithful to the wrong preacher.

Case Study – The Weather Channel

Look at weather coverage. Storms are natural, but watch how they dramatize it. Every storm is “the worst we've seen,” every hurricane is “catastrophic.” Red graphics, sirens, countdown clocks. Why? To keep you chewing fear daily.

God said in Genesis 8:22 that “seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter” won't cease. But the devil's weather prophets act like every season is a new apocalypse. Just enough crisis to keep you tuning in tomorrow.

Case Study – Market Reports

The same with money. Dow Jones up, panic. Dow Jones down, panic. They'll tell you you're rich at breakfast and broke by dinner. God says riches make themselves wings and fly away (Prov. 23:5). But the devil says your whole life depends on the next tick of a chart.

Daily bread of bad news. Never stability, always anxiety.

The Health Effects of Bad Bread

God designed food to nourish. The devil designed his “bread” to poison. And just like rotten bread makes the body sick, bad news makes the soul sick.

- **Spiritually Malnourished.** Feed on fear all day, and you'll never have strength for prayer or witness. Hebrews 5:14 says strong meat belongs to those who are mature. The devil's bread keeps you a babe.
- **Emotionally Bloating.** Junk food makes you sluggish. Bad news makes you anxious, bitter, and exhausted. Proverbs 12:25 says anxiety in the heart weighs it down. That's the devil's bread at work.
- **Mentally Distracted.** Try reading your Bible after binging headlines. Your mind wanders. Your thoughts replay the stories. You can't meditate on God's Word because your belly is full of Satan's bread.

The devil doesn't need to burn your Bible. He just needs to feed you enough bad news to make you lose your appetite for it.

God's Table vs. the Devil's Table

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:21, "*Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.*" That's the contrast.

- **At God's table:** Bread of Life, living water, meat of the Word, honey from the Rock.
- **At the devil's table:** Moldy bread of fear, sour wine of outrage, empty calories of gossip.

And here's the kicker — most Christians eat three meals a day at the devil's table and try to snack once a week at God's. No wonder they're weak. No wonder they're anxious. No wonder their faith is starving.

The Devil's "Enough for the Day" Strategy

Think about the precision of it. Just enough bad news.

- Not so much that you collapse.
- Not so little that you forget.
- Just enough to keep you coming back tomorrow.

It's the counterfeit of Matthew 6:34 — "*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*"

God says: each day has enough trouble; trust Me with it. The devil says: each day has enough trouble; dwell on it. Same text, different teacher. One builds faith, the other feeds fear.

Prophetic Picture – The Famine of Hearing

Amos 8:11 prophesied of a famine — not of bread, but of hearing the words of the Lord. That famine is here. People gorge on the bread of bad news but starve for the Bread of Life. They know the names of every politician, but can't quote a verse beyond John 3:16. They can tell you stock trends, but not the Beatitudes.

That's no accident. That's by design. The devil runs the bakery, and the world lines up daily for its ration.

Breaking the Habit

How do you quit eating this bad bread? Same way Israel had to learn in the wilderness:

1. **Trust God's provision.** Stop thinking you'll starve without the latest update. God gave you the Word — that's enough.
2. **Discipline your appetite.** Train yourself to turn off the feed and turn on Scripture. At first, it feels like withdrawal. But soon you'll realize God's bread satisfies.
3. **Taste and see.** Psalm 34:8 says, "*O taste and see that the Lord is good.*" Once you've feasted on His promises, the devil's moldy loaves lose their flavor.

Christ, the True Bread

Jesus said in John 6:35, "*I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger.*" That's the answer. Not the bad news, not the headlines, not the devil's bakery — but Christ Himself.

The devil's bread gives you ulcers. Christ's bread gives you peace. The devil's bread keeps you craving. Christ's bread satisfies. The devil's bread fades daily. Christ's bread endures unto eternal life.

The End of the Bakery

Here's the good news: one day, the devil's bakery will shut down. Revelation 18 shows Babylon's merchants weeping when their markets collapse. Their delicacies, their "dainties," all gone. That includes the trade in souls, the trade in fear, the trade in headlines.

In that day, the only bread served will be the marriage supper of the Lamb. No more daily bad news. No more nightly panic. No more drip-feed of fear. Just eternal satisfaction in the presence of Christ.

Conclusion – Which Bread Are You Eating?

So here's the question: whose bakery do you frequent? Do you eat the Bread of Life daily, or do you line up for the devil's ration of fear?

- God gives bread that builds faith.
- Satan gives bread that feeds fear.
- God's bread points to heaven.
- Satan's bread traps you on earth.

"Give us this day our daily bread." That's the prayer. But make sure it's His bread, not the devil's. Because one nourishes your soul, and the other poisons it.

10 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – I Will Set No Wicked Thing Before My Eyes

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." – Psalm 101:3

Introduction – Guarding the Eye-Gate

The Bible doesn't mince words. David said it plain: *"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes."* That's not optional. That's not "if convenient." That's a vow. In an age of glowing rectangles, it's the most ignored command in the Bible.

Modern saints spend hours setting wicked things before their eyes. Movies glamorize sin. News parades scandals. Social feeds overflow with lust, gossip, and rage. Christians who wouldn't walk into a strip club sit on their couch and stream worse filth into their living room. And they wonder why their hearts are cold and their prayers bounce off the ceiling.

The devil knows the power of the eye gate. You can't unsee what you've seen. Once it's in, it sticks. That's why he saturates screens with images. He's aiming at your eyes to get to your imagination, and once he's got your imagination, your heart follows.

The Biblical Principle of the Eyes

The Bible is clear: the eyes shape the heart.

- **Eve.** She *saw* that the fruit was pleasant to the eyes (Gen. 3:6). Sin entered by sight.

- **Achan.** He saw the Babylonish garment, the gold, and he took them (Josh. 7:21). His eyes doomed a nation.
- **David.** He saw Bathsheba bathing (2 Sam. 11:2). One glance destroyed his family.
- **Job.** He fought it the right way: *“I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?”* (Job 31:1).

The eyes are the gateway. What you see affects what you think. What you think affects what you do. What you do shapes who you are. No wonder David vowed to set no wicked thing before his eyes.

What Is a Wicked Thing?

Let’s be plain. What counts as “wicked” today?

1. **Pornography.** The biggest plague on earth. Entire industries built on it. Millions of Christians addicted to it. One click, one glance, and it cleaves to the heart like glue.
2. **Entertainment Filth.** Movies glorifying fornication, murder, profanity. Christians justify it as “just a show.” David didn’t.
3. **News Propaganda.** Fear, lies, slander, gossip — dressed up as journalism. The Bible calls it talebearing (Prov. 18:8).
4. **Idolatry.** Endless worship of celebrities, athletes, politicians. Christians can name every player on a team but not the twelve apostles.
5. **Occult Imagery.** Horror, witchcraft, demonic themes. God said, “neither give place to the devil” (Eph. 4:27).

If David said “none of it,” why do modern saints think they can handle it?

The Devil’s Devices for the Eyes

Satan knows exactly how to bait the eye-gate:

- **Images that tempt.** Lust-filled ads, half-dressed models.
- **Images that terrify.** Bloody scenes, violent headlines, fear-porn.
- **Images that distract.** Endless reels, memes, nonsense trivia.
- **Images that idolize.** Faces plastered everywhere until they’re etched in your brain.

Jesus said the light of the body is the eye (Matt. 6:22). If your eye is single, your body is full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body is full of darkness. That's not poetry. That's reality. Garbage in, garbage out. Gospel in, godliness out.

Lot's Wife and the Danger of One Look

Jesus said, "*Remember Lot's wife*" (Luke 17:32). What did she do? She looked back. One glance cost her everything. She didn't go back physically — just with her eyes. And God judged her for it.

How many Christians today are half-salted Lot's wives? They look back at the world daily. They scroll wickedness. They stare at filth. And spiritually, they're frozen. Cold. Useless.

The Hypocrisy of Modern Holiness

Christians cry about holiness, but their eyes are glued to filth. They'll quote Psalm 101:3 in a sermon, then go home and stream adultery, violence, profanity. They'll boycott a beer company while watching movies that glorify the same sins.

Friend, holiness isn't about what you boycott — it's about what you set before your eyes. David said *none of it*. But you've got Christians defending their favorite shows, saying, "It doesn't affect me." Oh really? Eve thought the same. Achan thought the same. David thought the same. And they all fell.

Guarding the Eye-Gate – Practical Steps

If David could make that vow sitting on a throne in Jerusalem with no smartphone, no TV, no billboard ads, how much more do we need it today? You've got filth piped into your living room, your phone, your pocket. Guarding your eyes isn't optional; it's survival.

Here's how:

1. **Make a Covenant.** Do what Job did (Job 31:1). Make a covenant with your eyes. Put it in writing. Pray it before God. "Lord, I will not set wickedness before my eyes."
2. **Shut Off the Source.** Jesus said if your eye offends you, pluck it out (Matt. 5:29). He wasn't talking about literal gouging. He was saying cut off access. Delete the app. Cancel the subscription. Block the site.

3. **Replace the Vision.** Don't just turn off junk; turn on Scripture. Fill your eyes with verses, hymns, biographies of saints, testimonies of God's work. Psalm 119:37: *"Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way."*
4. **Set Boundaries.** You don't walk into a strip joint to "be a witness." Don't scroll Instagram reels or binge Netflix filth under the same excuse. Flee it. Draw lines. Stick to them.
5. **Accountability.** Ecclesiastes 4:9 says two are better than one. Get someone who will ask you, "What did you set before your eyes this week?" Shine light on it, and sin loses power.

The Prophetic Warning – The Image of the Beast

Revelation 13 says the false prophet will make an *image* of the beast and cause the world to worship it. Don't miss that word: image. Sight. Eyes.

The devil is prepping the world to worship through their eyes. Screens have already conditioned people. They don't read — they watch. They don't meditate — they scroll. When the Antichrist shows up on every screen, the masses will bow, because they've been trained for decades to obey what they see.

That's why Psalm 101:3 matters. Guard your eyes now, or you'll be enslaved later.

Contrast – Beholding the Lord

The Christian's eyes aren't meant for filth. They're meant for glory. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image. Did you catch that? You become what you behold.

- Behold wickedness, and you'll reflect wickedness.
- Behold Christ, and you'll reflect Christ.

Colossians 3:1–2 says set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. That includes your eyes. Set them above. Fix them on Christ.

Examples of Godly Vision

- **Stephen.** Facing death, he looked up and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). His eyes were fixed above, not on the stones.
- **Isaiah.** In the year King Uzziah died, he saw the Lord high and lifted up (Isa. 6:1). One vision of God's holiness changed him forever.
- **John.** On Patmos, exiled, he saw Christ in His glory (Rev. 1:12–16). That vision birthed the Revelation.

They set no wicked thing before their eyes. They fixed them on the Lord. And it transformed them.

The End of Wicked Vision

One day, wicked images will vanish. Revelation 21:27 says nothing that defiles will enter the New Jerusalem. No porn. No violence. No propaganda. No idols. Only the Lamb and His light.

Psalm 17:15 says, *“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.”* That's the Christian's hope — to see Christ face to face. That's the sight worth living for.

Conclusion – Choose Your Vision

So here's the line:

- The world says, “Set whatever you want before your eyes.”
- God says, “Set no wicked thing before your eyes.”

The world says, “It won't hurt you.”

God says, “It'll cleave to you.”

The world says, “It's just entertainment.”

God says, “It's wickedness.”

You can't have it both ways. You either feed your eyes with the devil's filth or with God's glory. You either set wicked things before your eyes or you set the Word before your eyes.

David made his vow. Job made his covenant. Lot's wife ignored the warning. Which one will you be?

Because one day soon, every eye shall see Him (Rev. 1:7). And in that moment, you'll wish you had guarded your eyes on earth. Don't wait until then. Make the vow now: *"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes."*

11 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – World War Headlines: Propaganda as Power

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
– Ephesians 6:12

Introduction – The Front Page Is the Front Line

Wars aren't just fought in trenches and skies. They're fought in headlines. Every major war of the last century has had two fronts: the battlefield and the newspaper. And more often than not, the newspaper determined the battlefield.

The devil, as the prince of the power of the air, knows this better than anyone. He weaponizes fear through propaganda, pumps nations full of rage, and blinds minds with lies. Bullets may kill bodies, but headlines shape souls.

Propaganda Defined

Propaganda isn't information. It's weaponized information. It's not meant to inform you — it's meant to move you. To fear, to hate, to obey.

- **World War I.** Posters screamed, "Destroy the Hun!" Demonize the enemy, dehumanize him, make it righteous to kill him.
- **World War II.** Films painted Nazis and Japanese as monsters, while glorifying Allied soldiers as saviors of humanity. Was there truth? Some. But the tone was calculated.
- **Cold War.** Every headline was a chess move. "Red Scare," "Nuclear Threat," "Space Race." Nations trembling at shadows, driven by propaganda cycles.

The devil doesn't care who wins the war. He just wants both sides worshipping fear instead of God.

Headlines as Weapons

A headline in wartime does the same thing a bomb does: it explodes in your mind. It produces shock, panic, reaction.

- *“Pearl Harbor Bombed!”* stirred a sleeping nation into war.
- *“Weapons of Mass Destruction”* marched a generation into Iraq.
- *“Terror Threat High”* kept airports and hearts under surveillance.

Notice how it works. One phrase. One blast. And millions change behavior overnight. That’s not journalism; that’s warfare.

Fear as Ammunition

The Bible says God hasn’t given us the spirit of fear (2 Tim. 1:7). That means every war headline that runs on fear is a devil’s broadcast.

Fear drives men to enlist, to kill, to hate neighbors, to surrender freedoms. Politicians know it. Generals know it. The devil knows it. That’s why war coverage never ends at the battlefield — it’s pumped daily into your living room.

Case Study – Vietnam

Vietnam was the first “television war.” Cameras brought blood and gore into American homes. The government thought the war was being fought overseas; in reality, it was being lost in headlines at home.

Every night, Walter Cronkite preached the liturgy of defeat. Casualty counts scrolled like hymnals. Fear and anger spread, and the nation crumbled from within.

That wasn’t accidental. That was propaganda. And it worked.

Case Study – Desert Storm and Iraq

Fast forward. Desert Storm coverage looked like a video game. Glowing night-vision bombs, patriotic music, quick victories. It was propaganda with a smile. The same machine that fed fear in Vietnam now fed confidence. Same devil, different flavor.

Then Iraq: “Weapons of Mass Destruction.” That headline alone justified an invasion. Never mind whether the evidence existed. The phrase did the job. Fear was weaponized.

Why It Works

Because headlines bypass logic. They go straight to emotion. You don’t stop and analyze. You react. Fear makes you obey. Anger makes you fight. Confusion makes you give up. That’s the devil’s trinity (fear, anger, confusion) packaged in wartime headlines.

Christians and War Headlines

Believers have always had to live through wars. Rome burned Jerusalem. Crusaders marched with crosses. Hitler marched with swastikas. And every time, the headlines screamed. But here’s the thing: Christians aren’t called to swallow propaganda. We’re called to discern.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:6, “*And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled.*” Did you catch that? Wars and rumors of wars. That’s headlines. That’s propaganda. Christ warned us not to let it trouble us.

But modern Christians panic with the world. They tweet like the lost, they rant like the pagans, they stockpile like atheists. Why? Because they’ve forgotten that our kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36).

The Devil’s Goal in War Headlines

Why does Satan pump propaganda? Because it serves his agenda.

1. **To Distract.** While you’re foaming about politics, you’re not preaching the Gospel.
2. **To Divide.** War pits nations, races, and even churches against each other.
3. **To Deceive.** Lies wrapped in patriotism look holy. The devil knows Christians will swallow anything if it’s dressed in a flag.

That’s why Paul said the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Cor. 10:4). You’re not called to fight the devil with tanks and bombs, but with truth and prayer. Yet propaganda has most saints charging into the wrong battle.

Prophetic Wars and Headlines

The Bible already wrote the big war headlines.

- **Ezekiel 38–39.** Gog and Magog. Russia, Persia, allies marching on Israel. You'll see the headlines when it comes. Don't be fooled by the spin — God already said the outcome.
- **Matthew 24.** Nation rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom. Wars increasing as birth pangs.
- **Revelation 16.** Armageddon. The kings of the earth gathered by unclean spirits for the final battle.

Notice something: the devil will use propaganda even then. Revelation 16:14 says, *“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth... to gather them to the battle.”* Lies will move armies more than bullets.

The Antichrist and the Propaganda State

When the man of sin shows up, propaganda will be his right hand. Revelation 13 says the false prophet will deceive the world with miracles and cause all to worship the beast's image. That's propaganda perfected. The devil has been rehearsing through centuries of war headlines. He'll climax with the greatest deception ever: peace through the Antichrist.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 says, *“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them.”* That's a headline if there ever was one. Peace and safety — propaganda slogan of the beast system.

How Christians Should Respond

1. **Don't Panic.** Jesus said don't be troubled. Panic is disobedience.
2. **Don't Swallow Lies.** Filter every headline through Scripture. If it contradicts God's Word, trash it.
3. **Preach the Gospel.** While the world rages about war, you preach peace with God through Jesus Christ. That's the only peace that lasts.
4. **Look Up.** Luke 21:28 says when these things begin to come to pass, lift up your heads. Don't bury them in headlines. Look for Christ.

The Final Headline

Revelation 11:15 gives you the last headline that'll ever matter: *“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*

That's the end of propaganda. That's the end of fear-mongering. That's the end of war headlines. The Prince of Peace will sit on the throne, and His Word will be the only broadcast.

Until then, remember: the devil's propaganda is temporary. The Gospel is eternal.

Conclusion – Stop Reading, Start Believing

The devil frames wars through headlines. He weaponizes fear, manipulates nations, blinds Christians. But God already wrote the real story. Don't let propaganda shape your faith. Don't let headlines be your Bible.

Let the Book interpret the wars. Let Christ anchor your heart. And let the Spirit remind you daily: wars and rumors of wars are just stage props. The curtain is about to rise on the King of Kings.

12 of 25: 9/11 and the Global Script — Trauma Replayed Endlessly to Reshape Nations

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers...against spiritual wickedness in high places.” — Ephesians 6:12

Introduction — A Day That Became a Template

There's a moment in history that changed more than the skyline — it changed how the world listens. September 11, 2001 was not merely an act of terror; it became a script. It supplied the producers in the prince-of-the-air's studio with a template for how to manufacture mass trauma, how to lock a nation into fear, and how to sell permanent changes to law, liberty, and thought as unavoidable necessities.

Let me say this plain: 9/11 is a case study in how the devil — the god of this world — uses spectacle, footage, and endless replay to carve grooves in a nation’s imagination. He doesn’t have to invent new horrors every time; he just learns how to replay the worst one to achieve wholesale cultural reshaping. That day showed how a single traumatic image could be used to legitimize a global security state, reshape foreign policy, normalize surveillance, and tune a population’s heart to fear.

Paul said we don’t wrestle against flesh and blood. He didn’t mean we ignore human actors. He meant there are invisible forces — principalities, powers — that have strategies and playbooks. One of their most effective plays is the trauma-replay play. 9/11 taught them how to do it well. And once you understand the method, you see it elsewhere — recycled, repackaged, made to look new. The job of the Christian is not merely to critique the politics that followed 9/11, but to see the spiritual operation behind the politics and to refuse to be shaped by the fear it sells.

The Image that Refused to Leave the Mind

Think: two towers, smoke streaming, a plane in the air, people jumping, a hole in the Pentagon, a field in Pennsylvania. One picture, one looped reel, a thousand times repeated until it became a burning symbol in the mind of a generation. The human mind is designed to remember images; it’s the devil’s favorite property. If he can get the same striking image playing in your head over and over, he owns a piece of your imagination.

What happens then? The image becomes shorthand: “existential threat,” “we must defend ourselves at all costs,” “trust the experts,” “give up a little freedom to be safe.” The image doesn’t argue; it intimidates. No reasoning. No subtlety. The picture demands a reaction, and the reaction is usually the one that benefits rulers and the ruling spirit.

David said, “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes” (Psalm 101:3). The world did the opposite: it set the worst thing before its eyes and replayed it. The result: policies and psyche bent to the frequency of fear.

The Replay Machine — How Media Turns Trauma Into Policy

You need to understand how the replay machine works. It’s not some mystical conspiracy; it’s a mechanics-of-propaganda reality. It has steps:

1. **Shock and Saturation.** Immediate images, rolling live. People watch in horror. Emotion is raw. The anchors' tone is grave. That's important — the tone is an instrument. It teaches hearts how to feel.
2. **Repetition.** Same clip, different angles, expert interviews, panels. The more you see it, the more "true it feels." You don't evaluate it; you absorb it.
3. **Framing.** Look how footage was narrated: "Attack on America." "Axis of evil." Notice the choice of words. Words make enemies. They name a narrative and arrange allegiance around it.
4. **Legitimation.** Officials come on-screen. They appear calm and authoritative. "We need new laws." "We need to secure our airports." The nation trusts the calm voice. That trust is invested into policy.
5. **Normalization.** Months become a year, then years. The changes become "normal." People don't notice the slow erosion — they just adapt because the footage keeps reminding them of the cost of not adapting.

That is how an image becomes law. That is how fear becomes a legal justification. That is how a 9/11 reel can birth a global security architecture and a surveillance culture. And because the reel never fully stops — anniversaries, memorials, documentaries, newscasts — the shaping continues generation after generation.

Trauma's Spiritual Work

Trauma does something to the spirit. It narrows trust: trust in institutions or trust in God? Often the devil seizes the moment to redirect trust away from God and toward human systems. After 9/11, the message implied itself in a hundred ways: "Only state power can save you," "science and intelligence will secure you," "safety is primarily a product of policies and technologies." That's understandable in the flesh — but spiritually dangerous.

Romans 8:35–39 talks about what can separate us from the love of Christ: tribulation, distress, persecution — yet Paul's answer is rooted in assurance in God's sovereignty. The world's replay machine offers a different catechism: you are defined by your fears, and the remedy is human control. Believers must resist that catechism. The proper script for a Christian in the face of terror is Isaiah 26:3 — whose mind is stayed on the Lord, He will keep in perfect peace.

The Politics of Permanent Emergency

When trauma is replayed as theology, politics becomes a theology of emergency. Governments can claim emergency powers that are said to be temporary but which grow tentacles and never fully retract. Look at the legal justifications and new institutions that followed 9/11: new departments, new authorities, new surveillance networks — many presented as necessary to prevent “another day like that.”

This is the devil’s practical success: he transforms fear into permanent structures. Men who would have recoiled from invasive monitoring were persuaded by footage and rhetoric. Dignity and liberty gave way to the promise of safety. The nation that once boasted about liberty now accepted controls because an image had taught it terror.

Scripturally, beware of regimes that justify endless control in the name of “protection.” Jesus warned about those who make laws and watch over others, but the Lord’s kingdom is built on loving your neighbor, not surveillance. The Christian witness is to hold both justice and mercy, trusting God’s sovereignty and praying for leaders, while refusing to let fear become a new god.

The Global Script — Exporting the Trauma

There’s more: once a trauma becomes a national template, it can be exported. The 9/11 script didn’t stay within American borders; it resonated globally: “If it happened to them, it can happen to you.” That phrase is the freight that moves militarized foreign policy, “coalitions of the willing,” universalized counterterror measures, and globalized intelligence sharing.

The prince of the air loves a global script because it scales his mechanics of fear. One set of images can justify interventions in other nations, the passage of laws in other parliaments, the creation of security states beyond the original location. By broadcasting the trauma, you make the whole world feel vulnerable, and then you justify “global responses” that reshape sovereignty and the public square’s moral imagination.

For the Christian, this means seeing how fear can be used to make the world’s rulers speak the same language: “we must secure, surveil, preempt.” That language is the product of a spiritual strategy — call it “fear as governance” — and it is antithetical to the Gospel’s rhythm of mercy and repentance. The Gospel never says, “fear first, then obey.” It says, “repent and believe the Good News.”

The Ritual of Remembrance — Between Remembrance and Indoctrination

There is a line between honoring victims and feeding the replay machine. Memorials are sacred; they hold the dead before God and the living to repentance. But ritual can become ritualized propaganda when remembrance is structured to maintain a state of perpetual trauma.

Every anniversary becomes an opportunity for the replay machine to press its case: characters are reintroduced, suspects are re-sentenced in public opinion, the narrative is sharpened, the emotional cord tightened. Soon the commemoration functions less as a sacred pause and more as a booster shot of fear.

Christians must protect the difference. Mourning in Christ is holy: we grieve, we pray, we repent. But public memorial ritual that keeps a nation in fear must be critiqued. Scripture calls us to remember the dead but also to bind up the brokenhearted and to preach liberty to captives (Isaiah 61). The appropriate Christian posture is mourn, but do not be mastered by the memory; let the memory bring you to prayer, not paralysis.

Deeper: How Trauma Rewires Culture

Psychology tells us trauma rewires attention and memory. The biblical mind notes the same: when fear dominates, faith atrophies. The global script causes cultural shifts in entertainment, education, law, and theology. Literature and film begin to center surveillance, suspicion, and preemption as virtues. Children grow up in a world that expects danger everywhere, and so their moral imagination, their sense of the neighbor, and their trust structures are altered.

That alteration is spiritual. The devil is not content with one political victory; he wants a civilization that thinks in the language of fear. He wants educational institutions that teach preemption as wisdom, courts that accept secret evidence, and churches that whisper, “Pray for protection,” while remaining silent about repentance and the cross.

The Christian response is countercultural: preach repentance, call the flock to fear God alone, teach children to trust God’s providence, and model courage and charity that does not calculate every risk through the lens of terror.

When People Stop Believing in the Good — The Gospel Response

The devil’s machinery aims not only to secure compliance but to erode faith. People who once believed that God providentially rules now put their faith in systems: intelligence

agencies, weapons, borders, and policies. Those are not ultimately bad in themselves, but when they replace trust in God, they become idols.

Romans 13 speaks of governing authorities as God's servants for good. A Christian must pray for leaders and use wisdom in politics; but we must also be wary when "security" becomes the highest secular sacrament. The Gospel says that true security is found in Christ. The Good News is not a strategy for avoiding all risk; it is the promise that God is sovereign even in calamity, and that death is not the final verdict for those in Christ.

Preach the Gospel when the reels run. Teach that repentance and faith do what legislation cannot: they change the heart. Safety is temporary; salvation is eternal. Remind the people: the final word is not terror, but triumph in Christ (1 Corinthians 15).

Practical Steps for Christians in a Trauma-Saturated Age

If the devil's script is trauma replayed to reshape nations, what then? Here are plain, Ruckman-style applications:

1. **Refuse Permanent Panic.** Do not let images on loop become an idol. Don't allow the state of fear to master your life. The Psalmist says, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" Likewise, a Christian must rebuke the soul's decay in the face of replayed terror.
2. **Discern the Narrative.** Ask: who benefits from the perpetual replay? What policies follow? If the answer is: "the powerful gain oversight," then ask if that oversight respects the least, or mainly expands control.
3. **Pray for Wisdom, Not for More Security.** Cry to the Lord for righteous leadership and for courage to be Christian in a frightened age. Pray for the victims, yes; but pray also for the Church to remember her mission.
4. **Teach the Young a True Catechism.** Train children to know Scripture that frames fear rightly — "God is our refuge and strength" (Psalm 46). Teach them to distinguish memory from idol.
5. **Keep Memorials Holy and Short.** Remember the dead; do not let the ceremonies calcify into perpetual fear feeding rituals.
6. **Resist Laws That Make Fear Permanent.** Vote, lobby, and pray against measures that use fear to justify permanent erosions of liberty without oversight and repentance.

7. **Proclaim the Cross.** The world will replay scenes to sell submission to power. Offer instead the submission to Christ: “Take up your cross and follow me.” The cross does not promise a terror-free life; it promises a conquered death.

Part 1 — Closing Beat

9/11 was not merely a date. It was a script that showed the world how to combine spectacle, repetition, and authority into an apparatus that can reshape nations. The devil loves a method he can scale. The global replay of trauma is exactly that: a method. If we only critique the politicians, we miss the puppeteer. If we only debate policy, we miss the spiritual addiction.

Christians must be the ones who look at the reels and say, “No. We will not bow to the altar of permanent fear.” We must mourn, pray, and work for justice. We must defend liberty and the dignity of the person. And above all, we must teach the Gospel until the Gospel displaces the image. There is no substitute for a people who fear God and live courageously for Christ.

The Anniversary Machine – Rituals or Indoctrination?

Every September, the cycle revives. Networks air montages. Anchors choke back tears. Old footage rolls again. What is this if not ritual? A memorial can honor the dead, yes. But repeated the same way, with the same footage, with the same emotional hooks, it ceases to be memory and becomes indoctrination.

Biblically, remembrance is meant to turn people to God. Israel was told to keep memorials so they would not forget God’s deliverance (Ex. 12:14; Josh. 4:7). But our world uses remembrance to chain people to fear. “Never forget” has become “Never recover.” Instead of turning hearts upward, it locks them into trauma loops. That’s not biblical memory. That’s spiritual manipulation.

The Permanent State of Emergency

Look at the legal trail that followed. The Patriot Act. Homeland Security. Surveillance expansion. Foreign wars justified. Each was billed as “temporary measures.” Two decades later, they’re normal. That’s the devil’s genius: he turns an emergency into a new baseline.

Daniel 7:25 says the enemy will “wear out the saints.” That’s exactly what endless “emergency” does — it exhausts faith, drains liberty, and conditions people to accept control as the price of survival. Christians must recognize the trick. Fear made permanent is slavery. Christ came to set captives free, not to live forever in lockdown.

The Cultural Fallout

After 9/11, entertainment changed. Suddenly movies and shows featured constant threats, counterterror plots, surveillance heroes. Children grew up expecting danger around every corner. Airports became fortresses. Privacy became a luxury. Fear became the background music of culture.

The devil doesn’t just use trauma for politics — he rewires imaginations. Proverbs 23:7 says, “*As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*” If a culture thinks danger constantly, it becomes paranoid. If it thinks safety only in human power, it becomes idolatrous. That’s exactly what happened.

Prophetic Parallels

Now let’s zoom forward. Revelation 13 warns of the Beast whose image will be worshipped worldwide. How will that be possible? Trauma replay conditioning. Generations trained to bow to images, to obey broadcasts, to trust the screen more than their own eyes.

9/11 was rehearsal. It showed the devil how to unite nations through fear, how to use an image to create compliance. It was a dress rehearsal for global control. The coming Antichrist won’t invent propaganda from scratch — he’ll use the script perfected on days like 9/11.

The Gospel Response

But here’s the anchor: the Gospel is trauma’s antidote. The devil says: replay the worst day endlessly. Christ says: remember My death and resurrection. That’s why He gave us communion. “*This do in remembrance of me.*” Not remembrance of trauma that enslaves, but remembrance of triumph that frees.

The world says: “Never forget 9/11.” God says: “Never forget Calvary.” One locks you in fear. The other delivers you from fear. One justifies endless war. The other proclaims peace with God.

What Christians Must Do

1. **Refuse Fear as Your Catechism.** Don't let news footage be your teacher. Let Scripture catechize your heart.
2. **Distinguish Memory from Manipulation.** Honor the dead. Pray for victims' families. But don't swallow fear sold as remembrance.
3. **Preach the Greater Story.** 9/11 was terrible, but it is not the world's defining event. The cross and resurrection are.
4. **Model Courage.** The world is trained to panic. Christians should model trust in God. Fear not them which kill the body (Matt. 10:28).
5. **Look Ahead.** While the world looks back to trauma, we look forward to Christ's return. That's where hope is.

The Final Headline

Revelation 21:4 says, *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”*

That's the ultimate end of the replay machine. No more footage of terror. No more endless loops of disaster. No more trauma used as chains. In Christ's kingdom, the only replay is eternal joy.

Conclusion – Break the Script

9/11 showed how the devil uses trauma to reshape nations. But Christians don't have to live in that script. We know a better one. The devil says: fear. Christ says: faith. The devil says: bow to the image. Christ says: look unto Me and be saved.

So stop letting the replay machine write your theology. Stop letting trauma teach you fear. Start letting the Word teach you peace. Remember Calvary more than catastrophes. And look not back at the towers that fell, but up to the Lord who will descend.

Because when the smoke clears, only one foundation stands — Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone.

13 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Celebrity Deaths and Cultural Obsession

“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?”
– Isaiah 2:22

Introduction – A World Addicted to Famous Funerals

Every time a celebrity dies, the news cycle treats it like a global apocalypse. Elvis dies — people act like the Second Coming got canceled. Michael Jackson dies — fans collapse in the street, weeping like their savior got crucified. Kobe Bryant’s helicopter goes down — the world holds vigils like the resurrection of Christ is on hold.

The devil knows the human heart is an idol factory. If it isn’t bowing to a golden calf, it’ll bow to a microphone or a basketball. And when the idol dies, the worshippers grieve louder than most Christians grieve over Calvary. That’s not an accident. That’s a device. The prince of the power of the air runs the obituaries, and he knows exactly how to script them.

Death as a Spectacle

The Bible says *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* (Heb. 9:27). Death is serious. But the world turns death into theater.

When Elvis died in 1977, people lit candles, sang his songs, swore he was still alive. His grave became a pilgrimage site. They call it “Graceland.” You talk about blasphemy — calling a rock-and-roll mansion “Graceland” while ignoring the grace of God found in Christ Jesus.

When Michael Jackson died in 2009, it was a global liturgy. Memorial services broadcast like Easter Sunday, fans crying out his name like a prayer. But not a prayer to the Lord — a prayer to a fallen idol.

When Kobe Bryant died in 2020, basketball arenas became cathedrals. Jerseys draped like vestments. Murals painted like stained glass. Fans confessing their grief on camera like it was testimony service. Death turned into spectacle.

Why Celebrity Death Works

The devil loves this trick because it works every time. Why?

1. **It personalizes death.** The average Joe dies and nobody notices. But when a celebrity dies, millions take it personally. The grief feels communal. That makes it easier to manipulate.
2. **It glorifies man.** The spotlight shifts to the achievements of the dead. Songs, championships, films — all paraded like credentials for sainthood.
3. **It distracts from judgment.** Hebrews says after death comes judgment. But the news never mentions judgment. They preach legacy instead of accountability.
4. **It deepens idolatry.** Fans don't stop worshipping after death. They worship harder. Death makes the idol immortal in memory.

That's why the news loves a celebrity funeral. It's not just reporting. It's liturgy.

The Funeral as a Liturgy

Watch how it works:

- **Opening Hymn.** Clips of the star's greatest hits. Music swells. Anchors speak reverently.
- **Scripture Reading.** Quotes from the celebrity, replayed like holy writ. "Elvis once said..." "Kobe once said..." That's their gospel.
- **Eulogies.** Friends, family, politicians all line up to testify of greatness.
- **Congregational Mourning.** Crowds gather outside arenas, lighting candles, holding vigils. That's the worship service.
- **Closing Benediction.** "He lives on in our hearts." That's the devil's substitute for resurrection.

It's a fake church service every time. A funeral turned into a cathedral of idolatry.

The Bible's Take on Famous Deaths

When Scripture records deaths, it's blunt. "*And he died.*" That's the refrain of Genesis 5. Kings live, kings reign, kings die. No hype. No spectacle. Just the truth: they lived, and now they stand before God.

Only one death gets exalted in Scripture — the death of Jesus Christ. "*Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures*" (1 Cor. 15:3). His death wasn't legacy, it was atonement.

His funeral wasn't worship, it was mockery — but His resurrection flipped the script. That's the only death worth preaching.

Compare that with the news. They exalt the death of fallen men, but they downplay the death of the risen Savior. They'll give you hours of coverage for a rock star but not five seconds for the Rock of Ages. That tells you whose pulpit they're preaching from.

Examples of Idolatry in Death

- **Elvis Presley.** They call him “The King.” Revelation 19:16 says Jesus Christ is “KING OF KINGS.” See the counterfeit?
- **Michael Jackson.** They called him the “King of Pop.” Another king. Another counterfeit.
- **Kobe Bryant.** Called a “legend” and “immortalized” on murals. Yet James 4:14 says life is a vapor. Nothing immortal about it without Christ.
- **Princess Diana.** Millions wept like she was a saint. Shrines appeared overnight. Media called her “the people's princess.” Notice — titles, honor, reverence. That's worship.

It's not reporting — it's religion.

Cultural Funerals as Rehearsals

Every time the world pauses for a celebrity death, it's a rehearsal. The anchors whisper, the candles flicker, the crowds cry. That's training. It teaches the masses how to unite around a name, how to emote together, how to suspend judgment and exalt man.

And if you don't see how that's paving the road for the Antichrist, you're blind. Revelation 13 says the whole world will worship the Beast, saying, “*Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*” (Rev. 13:4). Sound familiar? “Who was like Kobe?” “Who was like Elvis?” “Who was like Michael?” Same script, different actor.

Celebrity deaths condition people to bow when the right name shows up on the screen.

The Manufactured Immortality

Notice the language:

- “He lives forever in our hearts.”
- “Her legacy will never die.”
- “Gone too soon, but immortalized.”

That’s fake resurrection. That’s a satanic counterfeit of eternal life. The Bible says only those in Christ shall rise incorruptible (1 Cor. 15:52). But the world offers fake immortality through memory, legacy, and murals. It’s a lie. The dead don’t live in hearts — they live in eternity, either with Christ or in judgment.

The devil feeds immortality talk to keep people from asking the real question: *Where is this soul right now?* Hebrews 9:27 gives the answer — judgment. But you’ll never hear that on CNN.

Why the Devil Loves Famous Deaths

Because he gets to do three things at once:

1. **Distract from Christ’s Death.** If the world is mourning Elvis or Kobe, they’re not meditating on Calvary.
2. **Deepen Cultural Idolatry.** Fans spend days, weeks, months glued to the spectacle, worshipping a name.
3. **Condition for Antichrist Worship.** Every global funeral is practice for the final global funeral — when the Beast dies and revives (Rev. 13:3), and the world wonders after him.

Satan knows people are suckers for a name. They’ll weep over idols but laugh at Jesus. That’s why he keeps supplying dead idols.

God’s Contrast — The Death Worth Remembering

The Bible says, “*Christ died for our sins*” (1 Cor. 15:3). That’s the death worth remembering. Not for entertainment, not for legacy, but for salvation.

- Elvis died of drugs.
- Michael died of drugs.
- Kobe died in a crash.

- Diana died in a wreck.
- Ozzy Osbourne? He's still alive as of this writing, but his death will be paraded the same way.

All of them died because sin brings death (Rom. 6:23). Only one died and conquered death: Jesus Christ. His death isn't liturgy for an idol — it's atonement for the sinner. His funeral wasn't global worship — it was mockery. But His resurrection turned mockery into majesty.

Christian Response

So what's the believer to do when the next famous death floods the headlines?

1. **Don't Join the Cult.** Mourn the soul if you must, but don't idolize. Don't make a saint out of a sinner.
2. **Preach the Gospel.** Use it as a springboard. "Yes, death is real. That's why Christ died."
3. **Examine Your Own Heart.** Why are you weeping more for a pop star than for lost family members on their way to hell? Why are you lighting candles for Kobe but not praying for the lost? Check yourself.
4. **Redirect the Conversation.** People are thinking about death — so point them to the One who defeated it.

The Coming Name Above All Names

Philippians 2:9–11 says God gave Christ a Name above every name, that every knee should bow. That's the only Name worth obsession. Not Elvis. Not Kobe. Not Ozzy.

The world bows to names because the devil trains them to. But every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord. You might as well confess now while there's grace. If you wait until after death, it'll be too late.

Conclusion – Cease Ye from Man

Isaiah 2:22 commands: *"Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?"*

Celebrity deaths prove man is dust. His breath leaves, and the world treats him like a god. But God says: cease from man. Stop idolizing him. Stop obsessing over him. Stop turning funerals into worship services.

Because there's only one death that saves, only one Name that lasts, only one resurrection that matters. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everything else is just idolatry dressed up as news.

14 of 25: Political Theater — Left Wing, Right Wing, Same Bird

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world...” — Ephesians 6:12

Part 1 — The Show Is Running; Don't Be the Audience

Gentlemen, ladies, saints — pull up a seat and stop pretending you're only “looking for the facts.” This is theater, not a town-hall. The stage is lit and the scripts are written. There are costumes, cues, commercial breaks, and a director behind the curtain smiling while you argue with your neighbor. The devil doesn't need one party doing all the work. He uses both wings of the show to fly the same bird.

You want the thesis in one hard sentence? Here it is: **Political theater is a spiritual operation.** Its purpose is to occupy your mind, to keep you angry, fearful, divided, and off the only agenda that matters — the Gospel. The devil does not care which flag is raised or what slogan is chanted, so long as your heart is moved from Christ to causes, from prayer to outrage, from Scripture to slogans.

Paul warned the church: our battle lines are not in Washington or Westminster; they're in the unseen. But you cannot fight what you cannot see. The modern priesthood of pundits, anchors, influencers, and politicians supplies a smoke-and-mirror show that makes sure you never see the One who holds the world. That's the devil's craft.

The Anatomy of Political Theater

Let's dissect the show. Political theater uses classic dramaturgy, and the devil loves dramaturgy because drama produces emotion, and emotion substitutes for truth.

1. **Casting** — Choose a protagonist and an antagonist. The faces change. Popularity contests determine who gets top billing. The media magnifies them into archetypes: the villain, the martyr, the rebel, the saint. You're not to look past the mask, only to cheer or hiss.
2. **Propaganda Costuming** — Visuals are everything: flags, stage lighting, military collars, knitted hats. The camera lingers on a tear, a fist, a slogan. The image becomes the sermon.
3. **Scripted Outrage** — Prepare the scandal or crisis and feed it to the anchors. Outrage is the sermon. It mobilizes the crowd and puffs up the flesh with righteous indignation. Outrage substitutes for justice.
4. **Audience Invocation** — The crowd is called to feel. "Stand up! Clap! Chant!" The people are not there to think; they're there to be moved. The devil loves a moved mob.
5. **Redemption Arc** — Promise salvation: vote, donate, protest, boycott. Do this and the world will be saved. Notice how this resembles religious conversion — enroll, pledge, act — but it's converted to a political liturgy.

This isn't criticism of politics in general. It's a diagnosis of the spiritual operation in modern politics. You can serve faithfully in public office and still be a tool of the devil if you're playing his script. Likewise, you can be on your knees in a prison cell and be a genuine servant of Christ. The visible posture doesn't tell the whole story; the spirit behind it does.

Left Wing, Right Wing — Two Wings on the Same Bird

Politically, the world tempts you with opposites: left or right, progressive or conservative, blue or red. The devil is a patient counterfeiter. He crafts both wings to keep the bird aloft so that you never fly toward Christ.

- The **Left Wing** sells moral revolution wrapped in moral outrage. "Progress" promises salvation through policies, reeducation, and cultural reprogramming. Its pulpit is academia, woke entertainment, and social platforms. Its God is the future: replace the old with the new, legislate morality into existence, reframe reality through identity and narrative. The devil loves to set up a Messiah of change — people will follow any deliverer that promises a utopia here and now. The Left Wing's language often promises transformation but, like Phaethon, it burns what it attempts to reform.

- The **Right Wing** sells cultural restoration made strong. “Return” promises salvation by force of character, by holding borders, by loyalty to tradition. It’s a call to resist, to reclaim, to protect. It places its pulpit in church-basement patriotism, pundit studios, and talk-radio altars. The right can easily become religion in itself when the nation-state becomes the idol and policy becomes sacrament.

Do you see the danger? One wing promises progress via power; the other promises stability via power. Both wings promise earthly deliverance through human agency. Both wings, if they become ultimate, are idolatrous. Both wings channel the same spirit: the spirit that says, “Look to men to deliver you.”

The devil’s aim is not diversity of thought; it’s dominance over the heart. Each wing plays a role: the Left agitates your virtue-signals and moral disgust; the Right stokes your tribal pride and fear. While you’re shouting about culture and policy, who’s speaking of sin and repentance? Who’s pressing the cross into public conversation? The answer, nine times out of ten, is nobody.

How the Script Works — Same Lines, Different Costumes

You think the debates are spontaneous? Think again. The theater has a script with callbacks. The Left will accuse; the Right will counter-accuse. The cycle repeats: scandal, outrage, deflection, and moral purification. The media amplifies the rhythm until you live by it.

Observe the pattern: a scandal breaks. One side screams moral corruption, demands purges. The other side defends and counters — often with equal heat. A few weeks later, another scandal breaks on the opposite side. The public’s outrage focuses on personalities and not on principles. The devil wins because you are now divided and exhausted, and exhausted Christians do not evangelize; they recycle fury.

This script is especially effective because it appeals to the worst in us — pride, envy, lust for power, and the need to be morally superior. The Bible calls that “the lusts of the flesh” (Gal. 5). The devil sets the stage to make those lusts look like righteousness. How many Christians have become gladiators for a cause, ready to devour a brother at the drop of a tweet? How many pulpits have swapped Scripture for talking points?

If you’re honest, you’ll see it. Your neighbor’s Facebook war has the structure of a revival meeting minus any mention of repentance. Folks gather, chant slogans, complete with altar calls — give money, share the post, sign the petition. The soul is sold to a campaign.

Theatrics That Hide Real Power

Theater thrills; power rules. Don't confuse the shouting for the machinery. The devil runs institutions: corporations, deep-state bureaucracies, entertainment conglomerates, international bodies. The screaming in the square matters only insofar as it moves the levers of those institutions. The spectacle is the rally. The policy is the lock. The two wings squawk — but the same bird of system keeps flying.

Here's an example in plain terms (no need to mention names): both sides will use fear to pass an extraordinary policy when convenient. One screams about the other side's savagery. The other screams about imminent collapse. The people are scared. The state promises protection. Liberty contracts, regulations expand. The theater sells the ticket; the state cashes the revenue. And the Gospel? It's the intermission crowd, scrolling their feeds.

The wise Christian asks: **Who benefits if people are afraid and outraged?** Where does the money go? Which group gains influence? Follow the money, follow the power, and you'll often find the same institutions profiting from either outcome.

Part 1 Close — The Spiritual Assessment

Before we move to the second part — the pastoral strike — digest this: politics is not neutral. It's saturated with spiritual force. The devil uses both sides to keep the church distracted. The Left produces a theology of salvation by system; the Right produces a theology of salvation by state. Both substitute human solutions for Christ.

If you love your country, fine. If you want to vote, fine. But your love of country must never trump your love for Christ. If your political affiliation defines you more than the cross, you're in trouble. Remember Paul's warning about being "brought into bondage" (Gal. 2:4). Let not a party become your master.

Part 2 will show you practical ways the church resists the theater, how to engage without being captured, and how to pray for a nation while refusing to be consumed by its drama.

Part 2 — The Pastoral Strike: How the Church Does Not Play

Alright — now we go where the sermon lands. The devil loves to make Christians into extras in the world's play. It's time for a counter-formation: how to live in the world's politics without being owned by its theater.

The First Rule: The Word Comes First

Romans 10:17 is the first protocol: **Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.** If your political catechism is louder in your heart than Scripture, you're following another gospel. The cure isn't less politics; it's more Bible. You want to change a nation? Start with a church that knows its Bible.

This means preaching repentance and the cross more than policy. It means catechizing your flock with Gospel truth so they can discern spirits. Paul told the Corinthians he was not after men's praise; he was after their conversion. The modern church too often trades conversion for commentary.

The Second Rule: Discern the Spirit, Not the Slogan

Ask always: **Which spirit animates this movement?** Does it produce the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22–23)? Or does it produce the fruit of the flesh (Gal. 5:19–21)? If it produces more hatred than humility, more cynicism than charity, it's not from God, regardless of how attractive its slogans are.

Discernment means Christians must refuse to be tribal. When party-line talking points become the standard of truth, you've become a partisan before you're a disciple. The New Testament never instructs believers to swear by Caesar or by any political standard. It calls for allegiance to Christ alone.

The Third Rule: Beware of Conversion by Politics

Religious conversion happens at the altar of repentance. Political conversion happens at a rally. One changes the heart; the other changes the calendar. Be careful who is being evangelized at your platform. Political movements will often wrap themselves in religious language to gain legitimacy. That doesn't make them Christian.

Christians must resist being co-opted. We must refuse to sign blank checks for candidates or causes without testing them by Scripture. We must refuse to cheer a phrase — “Make [country] great again” or “Save the planet” — as if a slogan can cleanse the heart. Slogans are cheap masks covering the soul's need.

The Fourth Rule: Love Your Neighbor — All of Them

Politics loves enemies. It thrives on the feed of division. Jesus taught us to love enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matt. 5:44). That's not sentimental Christianity; it's revolutionary. If you love only those who agree with you, your Christianity is tribal. You're a partisan, not a pilgrim.

Apply this practically: when you read a story about an opponent, pray for that person. Ask God to show you their needs. Break the habit of dehumanizing language. The devil will

delight if you reduce a human being to a headline or a meme. Resist that. See the image of God in every neighbor — even those who hold positions you detest.

The Fifth Rule: Engage, But Be Free from the Outcome

Christians can speak into politics without being consumed by it. Speak truth. Vote. Advocate. Lobby. But keep your heart detached from outcomes. Your joy must not rise and fall with the poll numbers. If America becomes a theocracy tomorrow, you still preach the Gospel. If it collapses, you still preach the Gospel.

The early Church survived pagan empires, not by deriding politics but by having an unwavering center: worship and witness. Our primary identity is not Republican or Democrat, conservative or progressive — it's followers of Christ. That identity gives us endurance through political tides.

The Sixth Rule: Expose the Devices, Not Just the Puppets

Paul told us “we are not ignorant of his devices.” That means the church should expose theatrical manipulation — PR tricks, fear cycles, manufactured consent. Don't punish a politician for being a puppet; expose the puppet master's device. Discern the pattern: who benefits? Who is being made dependent on fear? Who gains power from division?

Expose the device publicly: teach your people how the headlines are generated, how pundits repeat tags, how charities get celebrities to 'humanize' causes. Education is a spiritual weapon. The more the church understands the methodology, the less likely she'll be dragged into its maw.

The Seventh Rule: Put Repentance into Public Discourse

If political theater crowds out repentance, reinsert repentance into public life. Preach confession. Practice corporate repentance in your assembly when your nation indulges in idolatry — idolizing prosperity, power, or security. Repentance is the reset mechanism for culture. When the church leads the public in confessing national sins, the narrative changes faster than any press release.

Repentance robs the devil's drama of its fuel. He thrives on spectacle; he starves on humility. A humble church is a prophetic church.

Pastoral Scenarios — How to Live It Out

Let's get practical. Here are pastoral responses to common political entrapments:

- **When a scandal breaks about a public figure you support:** Don't reflexively defend. Ask, "Does this claim contradict Scripture?" If yes, call for accountability. If not, call for justice. Either way, pray and avoid mob-justice. Your language should be redemptive, not merely defensive.
- **When your feed fills with outrage:** Fast from social media one day a week. Replace the hour you usually spend fuming with an hour of Scripture. Train your mind to trade viral indignation for patient judgment.
- **When your church board is split over politics:** Teach the Word on unity, then focus the church's public action on mercy ministries that serve all sides. Let service be the neutral ground.
- **When a politician claims Christian cover:** Test fruit. If a candidate's policies serve the poor and the unborn, that's good. If they are merely speech-acts built on fear, we must call them to repentance.
- **When a Christian friend is consumed by politics:** Invite them back to the Lord. Love them back to Scripture. Remind them of the first love. Offer to read the Gospels together.

Prophetic Warning and Hope

There's also eschatological stakes here. Revelation warns of a world united under a false worship system. The training ground for that unity is political theater — vast spectacles, images, and names that command devotion. The devil will not invent a new psychology; he'll perfect what works. That means the Church must be ready: spiritually sober, doctrinally solid, and behaviorally distinct.

But here's the hope: the same God who ordained the Church to be a witness during the pagan Roman Empire ordains you to be a witness today. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church (Matt. 16:18). The theater may be loud and the script convincing, but the Gospel is the ultimate counter-script. Where the world offers temporary tidings of security, Christ offers eternal security. Where the world promises a kingdom by men, Jesus promises a kingdom by blood and resurrection.

Closing — Pick Your Master

This world will keep staging its plays. Politicians will keep donning masks. The news will keep hawking outrage. Both wings will flap, and the same bird will circle overhead. Your choice is not which wing you sit under; your choice is which Master you serve.

Jesus asked, “Whom do you seek?” (John 18:4). He calls you to seek Him above hats, slogans, and hashtags. If your heart is tethered to a party label, then you’ve signed a covenant with a temporary master. If your heart is tethered to Christ, then you can love country without worshiping it, argue policy without dehumanizing your brother, and pray for rulers without being enslaved by polls.

Paul said: “*For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*” (Phil. 1:21). Let that be your political theology. Live for Christ in the public square. Vote and act as one who hopes in heaven, not as one whose ultimate trust is in earthly schemes that fly on two wings but are powered by the same spirit.

15 of 25: Pandemics, Panic, and the Prince of the Air

How COVID Headlines Exposed the Machinery of Fear

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
— 2 Timothy 1:7

Introduction — A Virus or a Vehicle?

Let’s say it plain: COVID-19 was a virus, yes. But more than that, it was a **vehicle**. A virus travels through bodies; fear travels through airwaves. And when the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2) wanted a global lesson in mass manipulation, he didn’t waste the opportunity.

What happened in 2020 was not just an outbreak of disease. It was an outbreak of **fear-mongering headlines**. Night after night, ticker after ticker, red graphics, body counts scrolling like hymn numbers in church, anchors trembling with gravitas. It wasn’t medical coverage; it was liturgy. The world tuned in daily to the Devil’s Mass.

The virus attacked lungs, but the media attacked faith. And in too many cases, the fear was deadlier than the sickness.

The Spirit of Fear vs. the Spirit of Faith

Paul told Timothy, “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear.*” Notice that — fear is a **spirit**. It’s not neutral. It’s not simply “prudence.” Fear is an atmosphere, a pressure, an entity. And it is not from God.

But 2020 baptized the globe into the spirit of fear. People woke up to it, went to bed in it, scrolled it, binged it, wore it on their faces. Every headline reinforced it. Every expert sermonized it. Every politician leveraged it. Fear became the universal catechism.

Contrast that with the Spirit of God: power, love, sound mind. What was missing? Sound mind. Folks lost their ability to think. Grandmothers screamed at children in grocery stores. Neighbors called the cops on neighbors. Churches split over masks. Sound mind was traded for hysteria. That’s the fruit of fear.

How the Machinery Worked

Let’s break down how the media turned a pandemic into a panic.

1. **The Daily Death Ticker.** Right there on the screen, 24/7. Numbers climbing, numbers bolded, numbers colored blood-red. Did they ever give you context? No. Did they compare survival rates? No. Why? Because fear feeds better than perspective.
2. **The Experts as Priests.** Night after night, new experts appeared. Some contradicted the day before. Some contradicted themselves. But it didn’t matter. They were the high priests of the new religion: “Trust the science.” Not science, mind you. **The Science™** — an ever-changing set of decrees wrapped in absolute authority.
3. **Apocalyptic Graphics.** Every channel had the same fonts: BREAKING NEWS, CRISIS, PANDEMIC ALERT. Sirens in the background. They weren’t reporting; they were staging.
4. **The Hero/Villain Casting.** Heroes: doctors, nurses, politicians who enforced lockdowns. Villains: skeptics, churchgoers, pastors who refused to close. Notice how the theater always casts Christians as the bad guys? Same old script.
5. **The Ritual of Repetition.** Wash your hands. Wear your mask. Stay home. Save lives. Chanted like a litany. Not advice — commandment. Not science — religion.

That’s how a virus became a global panic.

The Fruit of Fear

Jesus said, “*By their fruits ye shall know them*” (Matt. 7:20). What was the fruit of the COVID panic?

- **Division.** Families split. Churches fractured. Friendships died.
- **Submission.** Populations surrendered freedoms they’d never get back.
- **Suspicion.** Everyone became a potential carrier, a potential enemy.
- **Isolation.** Suicide skyrocketed, depression soared, addiction worsened.
- **Desperation.** People trusted politicians, Big Pharma, billionaires — anyone but God.

That fruit doesn’t come from heaven. That’s the fruit of hell.

Case Study — The Church During COVID

This one burns. Churches that should’ve been beacons of courage turned into temples of compliance. Instead of opening their doors wide, many bolted them shut. Instead of preaching Christ over crisis, pastors parroted headlines.

Some churches actually turned members away if they didn’t follow protocols. Imagine telling a sinner, “We preach grace, but not for you if you’re not masked.” Imagine Peter at Pentecost saying, “Repent and be baptized — six feet apart, please.”

Of course, some men of God stood tall. They kept the lights on. They preached through fines. They faced jail. Those men proved Paul’s words: “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*” That’s real Christianity. The rest just exposed their fear.

The Political Theater Layer

Don’t forget: fear is profitable. Politicians know it. When people are afraid, they obey. COVID gave rulers a blank check. Trillions spent. New powers seized. Freedoms curtailed. All justified because “the experts” said so.

Both Left and Right played the game. One side demanded total lockdown, the other demanded vaccines faster. But both sides preached fear. Why? Because fear keeps the same bird flying. As long as the people are panicking, the system profits.

The Prophetic Angle

The Bible talks about pestilences in the last days (Luke 21:11). COVID wasn't the end, but it was a rehearsal. A warm-up. A practice run for how to govern through panic.

Think of Revelation 13. The Beast demands global obedience. How will he get it? By fear. Fear of disease, fear of war, fear of exclusion. COVID headlines proved how easy it is. People were conditioned in months to obey orders they'd have mocked a year earlier. The world got a taste of global governance, and it swallowed it.

Don't miss it: the panic was the point.

Lessons for the Church

So what do we learn?

1. **Fear is contagious.** More contagious than a virus. Guard your heart. If you let fear in, it spreads to your family, your church, your soul.
2. **Discern the devices.** When the media drums the same rhythm nonstop, ask who benefits. Fear is always monetized.
3. **Obey God, not man.** Acts 5:29 isn't optional. If a government order contradicts God's Word, you obey God. Period.
4. **Preach courage.** The world preaches panic; the pulpit must preach peace. Psalm 91 wasn't written for decoration. It was written for times like 2020.
5. **Prepare for the next rehearsal.** Don't think COVID was the last. There will be another. Maybe a cyberattack. Maybe a climate panic. Maybe a food shortage. The script is ready. The question is: will you fear or will you stand?

God's Antidote

Psalm 46:1–2 says, *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear."* That's the antidote. Not vaccines, not lockdowns, not stockpiles. God Himself.

Philippians 4:6–7 commands, “*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God... shall keep your hearts and minds.*” Peace keeps what panic destroys.

The devil uses fear to enslave. God uses faith to liberate.

Conclusion — Exposed and Defeated

COVID headlines exposed the machinery of fear. They showed us how the devil uses screens, scripts, and slogans to enslave minds. But they also exposed the cowardice of the world — and the faithlessness of too many churches.

Yet here’s the good news: fear is not final. The machinery is loud, but Christ has already disarmed principalities and powers (Col. 2:15). Fear dies at the foot of the cross. The machinery of headlines can’t stop the Gospel.

The next panic will come. The bird will flap again. The devil will preach his sermon of fear. But the Church must preach louder: “*Fear not, I am with thee.*” That’s our headline. That’s our broadcast. That’s the Good News that outshines every bad one.

16 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – As a Man Thinketh in His Heart

The Battlefield is the Thought Life

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” – Proverbs 23:7

Introduction – The War Behind the Eyes

Everybody wants to talk about culture wars, political wars, economic wars — but the real war is fought inches behind your eyes. The devil doesn’t need your body if he can chain your brain. Proverbs 23:7 is the text that blows the cover off the operation: “*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*”

That means your life runs on thought fuel. Whatever you constantly chew on, imagine, rehearse, meditate, becomes the mold of your being. The devil knows this. He doesn’t have to drag you to the bar if he can make you think like a drunk. He doesn’t have to chain you in lust if he can fill your imagination with filth. He doesn’t have to turn you into an atheist

outright — just let your thought life be so cluttered with the world’s noise that faith can’t breathe.

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 10:5 that our warfare involves “*casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*” That’s the battlefield: imaginations, thoughts, and meditations. Win there, you win everywhere. Lose there, and your body just follows the leash.

The Devil’s Air Supremacy

Remember Ephesians 2:2 — the devil is the “*prince of the power of the air.*” He owns the broadcast tower. That means he doesn’t just sling temptation — he saturates the atmosphere with thought-seeds. Headlines, billboards, TikToks, reels, memes, gossip, movies — each one a little grenade lobbed into your thought life.

Why? Because he knows Proverbs 23:7 is a law. Fill the thought, shape the man. “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

- Think fear long enough, you’ll live like a coward.
- Think lust long enough, you’ll live like an adulterer.
- Think bitterness long enough, you’ll live like a cynic.
- Think Christ long enough, you’ll live like a saint.

It’s that simple. The mind is the mold.

How the Thought Battlefield Works

1. The Eye Gate and Ear Gate

Everything you think comes from what you see and hear. That’s why David said, “*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes*” (Ps. 101:3). That’s why Jesus said, “*Take heed what ye hear*” (Mark 4:24). Input determines output. Garbage in, garbage out.

The devil floods the gates with trash. Pornography, profanity, propaganda, panic. He doesn’t care which poison — just so long as it gets in.

2. The Replay Machine

The human mind replays images. Trauma, temptation, triumph — all rerun in your imagination. That's why Jesus said if you look on a woman to lust, you've committed adultery already (Matt. 5:28). One glance becomes a movie in the theater of the mind. That's the battlefield.

3. The Meditation Cycle

Meditation isn't optional. Everybody meditates. The question is: on what? The devil wants you to meditate on offense, bitterness, fear, lust. God wants you to meditate on His Word (Josh. 1:8, Ps. 1:2). Whatever you meditate on grows roots.

Bible Case Studies in Thought-Life

- **Eve.** She *saw* the fruit, thought about it, reasoned through it, then ate. Sin started in thought before it reached the mouth.
- **Cain.** God warned him in Genesis 4:7 that sin was crouching at the door. Cain stewed in jealousy until it turned to murder. His thought life was the murder weapon.
- **David.** One rooftop glance turned into a thought, then into adultery, then into murder. The sword never left his house. All because of one thought he didn't cast down.
- **Job.** On the other hand, Job made a covenant with his eyes (Job 31:1). He guarded the input, and his thought life stayed clean even in suffering.
- **Jesus.** In Matthew 4, the devil assaulted Him with thought-suggestions: "Turn these stones to bread," "Cast yourself down," "Bow to me." Jesus countered every one with Scripture. That's how you win the battlefield.

The Devil's Thought Weapons

1. Fear

The COVID panic was a masterclass. Headlines pumped fear daily. "Cases rising!" "Hospitals collapsing!" Fear paralyzed the thought life of entire nations. Fear is a thought weapon: it hijacks imagination, paints worst-case scenarios, and keeps the believer from trusting God.

2. Lust

Porn is the devil's nuke. A billion-dollar industry designed to bypass the body and enslave the brain. Jesus nailed it in Matthew 5:28: the battlefield is the imagination. Men lose wars in their head long before they ever fall in the flesh.

3. Bitterness

Unforgiveness is thought cancer. Hebrews 12:15 calls it a root that defiles many. One offense replayed endlessly will poison every relationship you touch. The devil doesn't need you drunk or violent if he can keep you bitter.

4. Pride

Self-exaltation, self-pity, self-importance. The thought life of Lucifer himself: *"I will ascend... I will exalt... I will be like the most High"* (Isa. 14:13–14). Pride is just daydreaming yourself onto God's throne. That thought wrecked an angel, and it'll wreck you.

God's Counter-Weapon: Renewed Mind

Romans 12:2 is the antidote: *"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

Notice: transformation doesn't start in the body; it starts in the brain. New habits won't stick until you have a new mind. And the only thing that renews the mind is the Word of God.

Philippians 4:8 gives the filter: *"Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report... think on these things."* That's not Hallmark sentiment. That's war strategy. Replace devil-seeds with God-seeds.

Practical Strategies for Winning the Thought War

1. **Scripture Saturation.** Memorize it. Quote it. Let it replay louder than the devil's lies.
2. **Covenant with Your Eyes.** Shut off the garbage. Guard the input. Don't set wicked things before you.
3. **Cast Down Imaginations.** Identify the toxic thought, speak Scripture against it, refuse to replay it.
4. **Pray Without Ceasing.** Prayer is redirecting thought upward. Instead of stewing, you're supplicating.

5. **Sing Psalms and Hymns.** Music rewires the brain. Don't let the devil own your playlist. Fill it with truth.
6. **Confession and Fellowship.** Don't fight in silence. Confess sin, share struggles, bear burdens together.

Prophetic Implications

Revelation warns of the image of the Beast (Rev. 13:14–15). That's a battle for imagination. The whole world will be conditioned to think like worshippers before they bow physically. Satan's endgame isn't just policy or control — it's to own imaginations. COVID panic, celebrity worship, political theater — all are conditioning drills for thought-control.

The Antichrist won't need chains if he already owns your brain.

Conclusion – Choose Your Meditation

Proverbs 23:7 is a mirror. You are what you think. If you think the world's headlines, you'll be worldly. If you think God's Word, you'll be godly. If you think fear, you'll be fearful. If you think Christ, you'll be Christlike.

The battlefield isn't Washington, Hollywood, or Wall Street. It's your thought life. Guard it, renew it, weaponize it with the Word. Because the prince of the power of the air wants your imagination. But the King of Kings wants your mind renewed.

So whose broadcast are you going to meditate on today?

17 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Casting Down Imaginations

Taking Every Thought Captive in a World of Headlines

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 10:5

Introduction – The War Isn't Out There, It's In Here

Paul nailed it. The war isn't merely in Washington, Hollywood, or Silicon Valley. It's in your skull. Every imagination, every headline that runs laps in your brain, every "what if" scenario that haunts you at night, every news cycle that burrows into your mind — that's the battlefield. The devil doesn't have to enslave your body if he can enslave your imagination.

2 Corinthians 10:5 isn't poetry, it's combat orders: **cast down imaginations**. Don't cuddle them. Don't analyze them endlessly. Don't baptize them in pious language. **Cast them down**. If it exalts itself against the knowledge of God, it doesn't belong in your head.

And here's the kicker: in 2025, imaginations aren't just random daydreams. They're engineered. Headlines, broadcasts, notifications — all crafted to hijack your mental screen. You're living in a world where imaginations aren't accidental; they're industrial. That's why this verse matters more than ever.

What Is an Imagination?

Let's define it Bible-style. The word "imagination" shows up repeatedly in Scripture, and it never gets a compliment.

- Genesis 6:5: *"Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* Result? The Flood.
- Deuteronomy 29:19: *"I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart."* Result? Judgment.
- Jeremiah 7:24: *"They walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward."* Result? Captivity.

Imagination in Scripture = proud daydreams, fleshly scheming, self-invented fantasies that kick God off the throne of your thought life.

Now tack on today's media: constant "what ifs," worst-case scenarios, scandal speculation. That's industrial-strength imagination. A 24/7 pipeline of mental poison.

How Headlines Hijack Imagination

Paul wasn't talking about cartoons in your head. He was talking about strongholds — entrenched thought patterns that resist God's truth. Headlines are one of the devil's favorite bulldozers for building strongholds.

- **Fear Headlines.** “Markets collapsing.” “Climate catastrophe.” “Pandemic resurging.” Each one seeds an imagination: What if everything falls apart?
- **Celebrity Headlines.** “This one cheated.” “That one overdosed.” Seeds an imagination: What if I had their money, their fame, their pleasure?
- **Political Headlines.** “Left wing wins.” “Right wing cheats.” Seeds an imagination: What if the other side destroys the country?
- **Tech Headlines.** “AI takeover.” “Cyber doom.” Seeds an imagination: What if machines run the world?

Notice the pattern? Headlines don’t inform. They inflate imaginations. They exalt scenarios above Scripture. Instead of “God is in control,” your heart screams, “What if?” That’s the devil’s workshop.

Strongholds in the Mind

Paul uses the word “stronghold” in verse 4 — mental fortresses where lies hide. How are they built? Repeated imaginations. You dwell, you stew, you replay — and suddenly the lie feels like a castle.

Examples:

- A Christian hears headlines about financial collapse. Fear imaginations replay: “I’ll lose my house. I’ll starve. God won’t provide.” That imagination becomes a stronghold.
- Another Christian obsesses over political headlines. Imaginations replay: “If my side loses, Christianity is over.” That imagination becomes a stronghold of despair.
- A young man fills his mind with lustful images from ads, shows, and feeds. Imagination replays: “I can’t live without it.” That becomes a stronghold of addiction.

The devil doesn’t need chains if he can build castles in your brain.

Casting Down – What It Means

Paul didn’t say “manage.” He said “cast down.” That’s violent language. Smash it. Toss it. Demolish it. How?

1. **Expose It.** Name the lie. “This thought says God won’t provide. This thought says my worth is in politics. This thought says sin satisfies.”
2. **Confront It With Scripture.** Jesus in Matthew 4 didn’t debate the devil; He quoted Scripture. Every imagination needs a verse in its face.
3. **Replace It.** Don’t just leave a vacuum. Fill the slot with truth. Fear imaginations replaced with Psalm 91. Lust imaginations replaced with Job 31:1. Pride imaginations replaced with Philippians 2:5.
4. **Repeat It.** Casting down is ongoing. The devil doesn’t quit; neither do you.

That’s the only way to tear down strongholds.

Bible Case Studies

- **David with Goliath.** Israel imagined defeat. “*We are grasshoppers.*” David cast it down: “*The battle is the Lord’s.*” One teenager’s thought life was stronger than an army’s imagination.
- **Elijah on Mount Carmel.** The prophets of Baal imagined their god would answer. Elijah cast it down with prayer and fire. Imaginations fell flat when truth fell from heaven.
- **The Spies in Numbers 13.** Ten imagined giants too big. Two imagined a God too big to fail. Guess who survived the wilderness?

The imagination determines destiny.

Headlines vs. The Knowledge of God

Notice Paul’s words: “*every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God.*” Headlines exalt themselves daily. They scream, “This matters most!” God says, “No — My Word matters most.”

- The news says: “You are unsafe.” God says: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Ps. 23:1).
- The news says: “The world is ending by climate.” God says: “The earth is reserved unto fire... the day of the Lord will come” (2 Pet. 3:7–10). Not man-made doom, but divine judgment.

- The news says: “Trust the experts.” God says: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart” (Prov. 3:5).
- The news says: “Everything is chaos.” God says: “He worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” (Eph. 1:11).

Whose broadcast are you exalting? CNN? Fox? Or Christ?

Practical Warfare for Christians

1. **Limit the Input.** Don’t gorge on headlines. A steady diet of panic will rot your brain.
2. **Scripture First, News Second.** Don’t check the feed before you check the Word. Anchor the day in truth.
3. **Speak Truth Aloud.** Don’t just think verses — declare them. The devil can’t read your mind, but he can hear your mouth.
4. **Pray the Headlines.** Turn every story into prayer. News says war? Pray Psalm 46. News says famine? Pray Matthew 6.
5. **Encourage Each Other.** Strongholds collapse faster in fellowship. Share victories. Rebuke imaginations together.

Prophetic Foreshadowing

Casting down imaginations isn’t just personal. It’s prophetic. Revelation 13 shows the world worshipping the Beast’s image. That’s imagination control — a broadcast dictating what to think. We are being trained. COVID, celebrity deaths, political theater — all conditioning imaginations for compliance.

The only ones who will resist are those who’ve already trained in 2 Corinthians 10:5. Those who’ve practiced casting down lies will stand when the ultimate lie is broadcast.

Conclusion – Bring It Captive

The verse doesn’t end with “casting down.” It ends with “*bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*” That’s the goal. Not just demolition, but captivity. Every thought chained to Christ.

Imagine this: fear thought comes knocking. You chain it to Psalm 56:3 — *“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.”* Lust thought barges in. You chain it to Matthew 5:8 — *“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”* Pride thought struts in. You chain it to Galatians 6:14 — *“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross.”*

That’s the discipline. That’s the war. That’s victory.

So here’s the headline the world won’t run but heaven already printed: **“Every Thought Captive to Christ.”** That’s the believer’s daily broadcast.

18 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Renewing the Mind

Transformation Comes by Scripture, Not Subscriptions

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” – Romans 12:2

Introduction – Conformed or Transformed?

Romans 12:2 lays down the dividing line between Christianity and Counterfeit Christianity, between victory and victimhood, between a church full of Bible believers and a church full of parrots reciting headlines. The choice is binary: **conformed** or **transformed**. There’s no third option.

Conformity is passive. It’s the shape pressed on you when you sit too long in the world’s mold. Transformation is active. It’s the inside-out work of God’s Word reshaping your mind into Christ’s image.

The Devil, as the prince of the power of the air, runs the conformity factory. His tools? Headlines, subscriptions, notifications, feeds, podcasts, and endless news cycles. His product? Christians who look more like CNN or Fox than Christ.

God, by contrast, runs the transformation operation. His tool? Scripture. His product? A renewed mind, a believer who can discern the will of God.

The difference between a conformist and a transformer isn’t education or IQ. It’s diet. What do you feed your mind: subscriptions or Scripture?

The Devil's Mold – Conformity

Paul said, “*Be not conformed to this world.*” Conformity is when the world presses its pattern into your brain. Like clay pressed into a mold, your thoughts, desires, fears, and reflexes get stamped by the world’s outline.

How does the world stamp?

- **Entertainment.** TV shows normalize fornication, sodomy, profanity. You laugh at it, then you accept it.
- **News.** Fear cycles train you to think like a panicked pagan.
- **Ads.** Every image says, “You are incomplete without this.”
- **Politics.** Both wings shout, “We’ll save you,” and you conform to the panic of their theater.
- **Social Media.** Likes and shares mold your identity. Your thought life gets conformed to trends.

That’s why the Devil doesn’t care if you go to church once a week. If he has you for 40 hours of screen time, he’ll conform you anyway.

The World's Subscriptions

Notice the phrase: subscriptions. That’s the Devil’s parody of Scripture.

- **Netflix.** You pay monthly to be catechized in lust and violence.
- **HBO.** You pay to watch idolatry packaged as “prestige drama.”
- **News Apps.** You subscribe to a daily dose of fear and outrage.
- **Podcasts.** You subscribe to hear talking heads catechize your worldview.
- **OnlyFans.** (God help you if you’re subscribed there.) Straight-up idolatry of the flesh.

Subscriptions feed the flesh. Scripture renews the mind. You choose your catechism.

Transformation – Inside Out

Paul didn't say slap a Christian bumper sticker on a conformed brain. He said, "*be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.*"

Transformation is not a facelift. It's a brain transplant. The word "renew" means renovate. Tear down the rotten walls, rip out the moldy drywall, rebuild with truth. That's daily work.

The mind doesn't renew by osmosis. It renews by deliberate Scripture saturation. You put in the Book, you get out transformation. You skip the Book, you get conformed by default.

Why the Mind Matters

Why not the heart? Why not the body? Because the mind is the control tower. Proverbs 23:7: "*As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*" What you think directs what you love, what you do, what you worship.

The Devil knows if he owns your thought life, he owns your trajectory. That's why every platform, every app, every subscription competes for your mental bandwidth. It's a war for imagination.

God knows if He renews your mind, He renews your life. That's why He gave you 66 books — not for coffee-table decoration but for brain renovation.

Bible Case Studies

- **Daniel.** Confronted with Babylon's mold — food, idols, propaganda. He refused to be conformed. How? He purposed in his heart (Dan. 1:8) and prayed daily. His mind stayed renewed, so his witness stayed strong.
- **Peter.** Conformed by fear in the courtyard, denying Christ. Transformed after Pentecost, preaching boldly. What changed? His mind was renewed by the Spirit and the Word.
- **Lot.** Conformed by Sodom. Sat in the gate, thought like the world, lost his testimony, lost his family.
- **Paul.** Transformed from persecutor to preacher. How? Damascus knocked him down, but years in Scripture built him up.

The Proof of Renewal

Romans 12:2 doesn't stop at "be transformed." It says, "*that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*"

A renewed mind can **prove** God's will. Not guess. Not grope. Prove. That means discern, test, validate.

An unrenewed mind can't tell the difference between God's will and propaganda. That's why so many Christians get swept up in fads — prosperity gospel, woke gospel, Christian nationalism, deconstruction. No renewal, no discernment.

A renewed mind sees through the scam. It hears the Spirit's voice louder than the subscription's voice.

Practical Renewal

How do you renew the mind?

1. **Daily Scripture.** Read it, memorize it, meditate on it. That's not legalism; that's survival.
2. **Prayer.** Prayer resets thought patterns. It yanks your imagination back to God's sovereignty.
3. **Confession.** Admit when your thoughts stink. Don't let rot fester.
4. **Fellowship.** Surround yourself with renewed minds. Iron sharpens iron.
5. **Service.** Put renewed thoughts into action. Transformation isn't theory — it's practice.

The Devil's Counterfeit Renewal

The world knows people crave "renewal." That's why it markets fake versions:

- **Self-help books.** "Renew your mind" with psychology, affirmations, mantras.
- **Meditation apps.** Empty your mind, they say. God says fill your mind with truth.
- **Wellness trends.** Detox diets, yoga retreats, "find yourself." It's all mind-renewal without God.
- **Subscriptions.** New shows, new podcasts — constant novelty pretending to refresh you, but only cluttering you.

Counterfeit renewals never transform. They conform you deeper to the world.

Prophetic Connection

The Beast system in Revelation will demand conformity. *“Cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond...”* (Rev. 13:16). That’s conformity by force.

The only ones who resist are those with renewed minds. Revelation 14:1 shows saints with the Father’s name in their foreheads. That’s a renewed mind sealed for God.

We are being conditioned now. Subscriptions mold imaginations. The only resistance is daily renewal.

Renewal vs. Regression

Look at churches today. Many are conformed, not transformed. Sermons filled with motivational fluff, not Scripture. Worship songs echoing Top 40 beats, not biblical theology. Programs obsessed with trends, not truth.

That’s regression, not renewal. Romans 12:2 is abandoned, so discernment is gone. That’s why churches fell like dominoes during COVID panic, during political theater, during culture wars. No renewed mind, no resistance.

The Renewed Mind in Action

A renewed mind looks crazy to the world.

- World: Panic. Renewed mind: *“Fear not, I am with thee.”*
- World: Lust. Renewed mind: *“I made a covenant with mine eyes.”*
- World: Division. Renewed mind: *“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit.”*
- World: Obsession with names. Renewed mind: *“There is none other name under heaven given among men.”*

Renewal means you don’t react like the mob. You discern like Christ.

Conclusion – Scripture, Not Subscriptions

Here's the choice: Will you be catechized by the Book or by the Broadcast? Renewed by Scripture or conformed by subscriptions?

Romans 12:2 is not a suggestion. It's survival orders in an age of headlines. The devil runs the conformity factory, but Christ offers transformation.

So cancel a subscription if you must. Cut the cord. Shut off the feed. But above all — open the Book. Let the Spirit renovate your mind daily. That's how you discern God's will in a world drowning in imaginations.

Because at the end of the day, Netflix won't transform you. CNN won't sanctify you. Fox won't renew you. Podcasts won't conform you to Christ. **Only Scripture will.**

19 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Faith vs. Fear

Hearing God's Word Produces Faith; Hearing the Devil's News Produces Fear

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." – Romans 10:17

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
– 2 Timothy 1:7

Introduction – Two Broadcasts, Two Spirits

There are only two broadcasts in this world: God's and the devil's. God's broadcast comes through His Word, and when you tune in, you get faith. The devil's broadcast comes through the news, the airwaves, the media cycle, and when you tune in, you get fear.

That's it. Everything else is window-dressing. Every Christian is living on one diet or the other: faith or fear. You can't run both stations at once. You can't fill your ears with a 24-hour panic feed and then expect faith to bloom when you crack your Bible for five minutes.

Romans 10:17 is the law: faith comes by hearing God's Word. The devil knows it, so he set up his own counterfeit: fear comes by hearing his news. The war for your soul isn't just fought in politics or pulpits — it's fought in your ears. What you listen to determines what you believe, and what you believe determines how you live.

Faith Defined – Trust in God's Character

Faith isn't positive thinking, and it's not vague optimism. Faith is confidence in God's revealed Word. Hebrews 11:1 defines it as "*the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Faith grabs God's promises and treats them as reality, even when the world screams otherwise.

Noah built an ark by faith. Abraham offered Isaac by faith. Moses forsook Egypt by faith. The entire chapter of Hebrews 11 is a parade of men and women who heard God's Word and acted on it. That's faith.

Now notice: none of them had Fox, CNN, TikTok, or Twitter whispering "what if" into their ears. They tuned in to God and blocked out the noise. Faith thrives when the channel is clear.

Fear Defined – Trust in the Devil's Narrative

Fear is faith in reverse. Fear is confidence in the devil's lies. Fear is the imagination rehearsing disaster and bowing to it. Where faith says, "God is able," fear says, "God won't show up."

Adam hid in fear. Israel trembled before Goliath. Peter sank in fear on the water. Fear always shrinks God and enlarges circumstances. That's why Paul called it a spirit — it doesn't just visit, it inhabits.

Fear is the default fruit of hearing the devil's news. Watch enough headlines, and you'll swear the world is ending every night. But not God's way — the devil's way. It's propaganda faith in Satan's omnipotence.

How Hearing Works

Romans 10:17 and 2 Timothy 1:7 are opposites. God says hearing His Word brings faith; the devil says hearing his world brings fear.

- Hear Scripture: you believe God's promises.
- Hear headlines: you believe man's panic.
- Hear sermons: you believe in God's sovereignty.
- Hear pundits: you believe in man's schemes.

Your ears are the gatekeepers of your destiny. Eve listened to the serpent and believed fear over faith. Mary listened to Gabriel and believed faith over fear. Same ears, different stations.

The Devil's Fear Machine

The prince of the power of the air has built the most efficient fear factory in history. It runs on electricity, Wi-Fi, fiber-optics, and satellites. It beams fear straight into your living room, your pocket, your ears.

1. **Fear of Death.** Pandemic headlines. Body counts. Hospital images.
2. **Fear of Lack.** Economic collapse headlines. Market panic. Gas prices screaming red.
3. **Fear of Others.** Racial division headlines. Political hatred. Constant neighbor suspicion.
4. **Fear of the Future.** Climate doom headlines. AI takeover. World War III predictions.

Every headline is fear bait. They don't report; they rehearse dread. Fear sells ads, controls votes, and enslaves souls.

The Spirit Behind It

Paul said God didn't give us fear but power, love, and a sound mind. That means fear isn't from God. It's a spirit, and it's imported. You don't stumble into it; you absorb it from a broadcast.

Look around: in 2020, the world wasn't just fighting a virus. It was baptized into a spirit of fear. Same in 2001 after 9/11. Same in every staged cycle of panic. Fear is the devil's sacrament. It's how he consecrates nations to his will.

Faith is God's sacrament. It comes through hearing His Word. That's how He consecrates saints to His will.

Bible Case Studies – Faith vs. Fear

- **Israel at the Red Sea.** The people saw Pharaoh’s army and panicked. Moses said, *“Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord”* (Ex. 14:13). Fear said, “We’re doomed.” Faith said, “God delivers.” God split the sea.
- **David and Goliath.** Israel feared the giant. David had faith in God. Fear saw the armor. Faith saw the covenant. Guess who won.
- **Disciples in the Storm.** They feared drowning. Jesus said, *“Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?”* (Matt. 8:26). He calmed the sea. Faith rebukes storms. Fear magnifies them.
- **Jairus.** When his daughter died, the report came: “Trouble not the Master.” Jesus said, *“Fear not: believe only”* (Luke 8:50). Faith raised her up. Fear would have left her dead.

Every page of Scripture is a clash between faith and fear.

How Christians Feed Fear

Here’s the ugly truth: too many believers subscribe to fear more than they study Scripture. They spend hours glued to headlines, but minutes in the Word. They know every pundit’s talking point but can’t quote Romans 10:17.

Then they wonder why they’re anxious, depressed, suspicious, joyless. You can’t live on the devil’s diet and expect the Spirit’s fruit.

Churches aren’t exempt. Pastors who parrot news cycles from pulpits spread fear under the guise of relevance. Instead of preaching, “Thus saith the Lord,” they preach, “Thus saith the New York Times” or “Thus saith talk radio.” That’s not shepherding; that’s echoing the serpent.

Practical Steps to Cultivate Faith

1. **Shut Off Fear Channels.** If a source feeds fear more than truth, cut it. Cancel the subscription.
2. **Fill Your Ears With Scripture.** Read it aloud. Listen to audio Bible. Saturate your thought life with God’s broadcast.
3. **Confess Faith.** Don’t just think it — speak it. Say, “God is faithful. God will provide. God will protect.”

4. **Pray Scripture Back to God.** Prayer is the rehearsal of faith. Fear rehearses panic; prayer rehearses promises.
5. **Fellowship With Faith People.** Fear spreads like a virus. So does faith. Stay around people whose speech is faith-filled.

Prophetic Implications

Revelation 13 paints a world enslaved by fear. The Beast rules through awe, threats, and false wonders. How does he get people to bow? Fear. Fear of exclusion, fear of death, fear of punishment.

COVID panic proved how easy it is. One narrative repeated globally, and billions bowed. That was rehearsal. The endgame is fear-induced worship of Antichrist.

The only resistance will be saints whose minds are renewed, whose ears are tuned to God, whose faith is built on the Word, not the world.

God's Headline vs. The Devil's

- Devil's Headline: "The world is out of control."
- God's Headline: "*The Lord reigneth.*" (Ps. 97:1)
- Devil's Headline: "You will die."
- God's Headline: "*He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*" (John 11:25)
- Devil's Headline: "Fear tomorrow."
- God's Headline: "*Take therefore no thought for the morrow.*" (Matt. 6:34)

Which one's running your ticker?

Conclusion – Tune Your Ears

Romans 10:17 and 2 Timothy 1:7 stand like bookends: faith comes by hearing God's Word, fear comes from a spirit not of God. Which one you live in depends on which one you hear daily.

Faith or fear isn't an emotion; it's a broadcast. You can change it today. Pick up the Book. Tune in to God's station. Shut off the fear factory.

Because when the devil preaches panic, the Christian must preach peace. When the world chants dread, the Christian must declare hope. When the airwaves spread fear, the saints must echo faith.

So here's the choice: subscriptions of fear, or Scriptures of faith. The prince of the power of the air wants you trembling. The King of Kings wants you trusting. Which broadcast are you going to hear?

20 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Submitting to God, Resisting the Devil

Practical Steps to Unplug from Media Manipulation

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

Introduction – Two Commands, One Promise

James 4:7 is short enough to fit on a bumper sticker, but it's the whole Christian war strategy in one verse. Two commands, one promise. **Submit to God. Resist the devil.** Result? The devil flees.

But look around at the modern church. Instead of submitting to God, Christians submit to Netflix. Instead of resisting the devil, they retweet him. Instead of the devil fleeing, the church flees — from pulpits, from doctrine, from courage. Why? Because they're plugged into the wrong outlet. They're feeding on manipulation instead of revelation.

The devil doesn't just tempt with liquor and lust anymore. He tempts with headlines, scroll feeds, talking heads, and “breaking news.” If he can get you to submit your mind to his media empire, you'll never have the energy to resist him in your walk. James 4:7 is the antidote — but only if you actually obey it.

Submit to God – The First Step

Submission isn't passive. It's active surrender. It means you put yourself under God's authority in every area: thought life, schedule, attention span.

The problem? Most Christians don't submit to God's Word first thing in the morning — they submit to the news app. They don't submit to prayer — they submit to podcasts. They don't submit to the Spirit — they submit to social media.

Submission means priority. If you feed on headlines before you feed on Scripture, you've already submitted to the wrong master. Jesus said, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God*" (Luke 4:4). If that's your food, why are you eating the devil's breakfast first?

Resisting the Devil – Not Playing His Game

Resisting isn't passive either. It means standing against, pushing back. Too many believers think "resist" means ignore. No. Resisting means countering the lie with truth, countering the suggestion with Scripture, countering the manipulation with discernment.

The devil thrives on momentum. He pushes fear through repetition, division through repetition, lust through repetition. Resistance means you break the cycle. You shut it off. You speak against it. You refuse the program.

But here's the key: you can't resist the devil until you've first submitted to God. Try resisting in your own strength, you'll fold like Peter in the courtyard. Submit to God, and the Spirit gives you power.

Media as the Devil's Playground

Ephesians 2:2 calls Satan the "prince of the power of the air." In 2025, that's Wi-Fi, radio waves, satellite beams. His pulpit is the screen. His choir is the anchors. His congregation is the scrolling masses.

Media is the delivery system for imaginations (2 Cor. 10:5). It feeds you scripts, images, fears, names. And if you don't unplug, you'll conform to its mold (Rom. 12:2).

Think of it:

- News runs on **fear**.
- Entertainment runs on **lust**.
- Politics runs on **division**.
- Social media runs on **envy**.

That's the devil's four horsemen, and they all ride through your Wi-Fi.

Practical Steps to Unplug

Let's get down to brass tacks. You can't just preach theory. Here's how to actually resist.

1. **Morning Surrender.** Before you touch your phone, touch your Bible. Submit to God first. Anchor the day in Scripture.
2. **Gatekeeping Media.** Don't give the devil unrestricted access. Delete apps that exist to manipulate (TikTok, I'm looking at you). Set timers. Guard the gates.
3. **Sabbath from Screens.** Take one day a week with no news, no feeds. Fill it with prayer, fellowship, service. Watch how your mind clears.
4. **Scripture Saturation.** Replace hours of news with hours of Bible audio, hymns, sermons. Fill the channel with God's broadcast.
5. **Confession and Accountability.** Admit when you've been hooked. Confess it. Share it. Let others hold you accountable.
6. **Speak Scripture Against Headlines.** When fear hits, quote Psalm 91. When lust tempts, quote Job 31:1. When division stirs, quote Ephesians 4:3. Fight back with the Sword.
7. **Pray Over Devices.** Don't laugh — do it. Dedicate your phone, your TV, your laptop to God. Ask Him to guard your eyes and ears.

Bible Examples of Submission and Resistance

- **Jesus in the Wilderness.** Submitted to the Father's will, resisted the devil's temptations with Scripture. Result? The devil fled.
- **Daniel in Babylon.** Submitted to God's dietary law, resisted the king's delicacies. Result? God honored him.
- **Joseph in Egypt.** Submitted to God's standard, resisted Potiphar's wife. Result? Prison for a while, but promotion in the end.
- **Job.** Submitted to God's sovereignty, resisted the devil's accusations. Result? Double blessing.

Submission and resistance always produce victory, even if the road is rough.

The Devil's Counterfeit Submission

The devil wants you to submit to him the same way you're supposed to submit to God. That's why media is designed like a religion.

- **Daily Rituals.** Morning scroll instead of morning devotions.
- **Priests.** Anchors, influencers, experts.
- **Liturgy.** Repeated slogans: "Trust the science," "Stay safe," "Vote harder."
- **Sacraments.** Subscriptions, donations, shares, likes.
- **Worship.** Obsessing over names: celebrities, politicians, athletes.

It's parody religion. The devil doesn't care if you ever bow at a literal altar, as long as your phone is your altar.

Why the Devil Flees

James 4:7's promise isn't empty. The devil flees when you resist because he can't stand under the authority of God's Word. He's not omnipotent. He's not omniscient. He's not omnipresent. He's a created being on a leash. Submit to God, resist him, and he runs like a whipped cur.

But if you don't submit first, he doesn't have to flee. He'll camp in your thought life, replay headlines, rerun fears, and squat in your imagination. Too many Christians blame the devil for not fleeing when they've never submitted in the first place.

Prophetic Dimension

Revelation 13 shows a world fully submitted — but to the Beast, not to God. They resist the Lamb and embrace the devil. That's the inversion. Right now, media manipulation is training people for that submission. Every cycle of panic, every demand for compliance, every broadcast of fear is rehearsal.

Saints must practice now: submit to God, resist the devil, unplug from the manipulation. Because if you can't resist a headline, you won't resist the mark.

Conclusion – Pull the Plug, Bend the Knee

James 4:7 is war orders. Bend the knee to God, stiffen the spine against the devil. Submit to the Book, resist the broadcast.

Unplug the manipulation machine. Open the Bible. Pray over your thought life. Guard your eyes and ears. That's not legalism; that's survival.

Because at the end of the day, you'll either be a slave of fear or a servant of Christ. One kneels to the prince of the power of the air; the other kneels to the King of Kings.

Choose wisely. And start today.

21 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The Mark of the Media Beast

How Technology Preps the World for the Beast System

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” – Revelation 13:16–17

Introduction – The Beast Has a Broadcast

The Beast of Revelation isn't coming out of nowhere. He's not popping up cold, with zero rehearsal. The world is already being trained, groomed, and conditioned to bow to his system. How? Through the very thing Paul warned you about in Ephesians 2:2 — the **power of the air**.

Technology is the devil's dry run. Every headline, every app, every device in your pocket is one more push toward the Beast system. The media doesn't just inform; it reforms. It shapes minds, molds habits, preaches doctrines. Revelation 13 says the Beast will demand worship, control commerce, and unify the world under his image. You think that's possible without the devil using technology first? Wake up.

The mark isn't going to be sold with horns and pitchforks. It's going to be sold with headlines, apps, convenience, and compliance. The media is already making sure the masses are ready to sign the dotted line when the Beast shows up.

Technology as the New Pulpit

Think about it. Where do people go for truth? Not the Bible — the phone. Not the pulpit — the podcast. Not the preacher — the platform. Technology has become the pulpit of the airwaves.

- **Social Media.** Confession booths where people spill every thought.
- **Streaming Services.** Liturgy of lust, catechism of violence.
- **News Feeds.** Daily devotionals of fear.
- **Apps.** The sacraments of convenience: tap to worship, swipe to obey.

It's religion. The devil doesn't need temples — he's got touchscreens.

The Beast System Blueprint

Revelation 13 lays out three components:

1. **Worship.** The Beast demands devotion to his image. (v. 15)
2. **Control.** The Beast controls commerce through the mark. (v. 16–17)
3. **Unity.** The Beast unites the world under one broadcast. (v. 8)

Look at today's technology. The infrastructure is already here.

- Worship? Celebrities, influencers, AI bots — people bow daily to images on screens.
- Control? Cashless systems, digital IDs, QR codes, CBDCs (central bank digital currencies). One switch, and you're locked out.
- Unity? Global headlines synced. One story everywhere, one narrative everywhere. That's Revelation rehearsed.

The devil doesn't improvise. He practices.

How Media Conditions the Masses

1. Normalizing Surveillance

Your phone tracks your location. Your apps listen to your conversations. Your purchases are logged. Cameras watch every corner. And people shrug — “Well, it's convenient.” That's not

convenience; that's conditioning. When Revelation 13 says the Beast tracks buying and selling, the groundwork is already laid.

2. Glorifying the Image

The Beast will have an "image" that speaks (v. 15). What's TV, streaming, and VR but speaking images? The world has been trained to bow to the screen. Whole generations spend more time before glowing rectangles than before the living God. Worship of the image is already happening.

3. Preaching Compliance

Headlines script the same chorus: obey, comply, conform. Pandemics? "Do this or else." Politics? "Vote this or else." Commerce? "Buy this or else." It's rehearsal for Revelation 13: comply or die.

4. Feeding Fear

Fear is the lubricant for control. Media cycles keep populations paralyzed. Fear of disease, fear of war, fear of poverty. A fearful population will trade freedom for safety every time. That's the mark's sales pitch.

Bible Case Studies of Media Before Media

Don't think the devil invented this last week. The Bible's full of proto-media conditioning.

- **Nebuchadnezzar's Image (Dan. 3).** Music played, the crowd bowed. Media and image combined for mass compliance. That's a rehearsal for Revelation 13.
- **Herod's Speech (Acts 12).** The crowd shouted, "*It is the voice of a god!*" Flattery broadcast turned a politician into an idol. God struck him dead.
- **The Tower of Babel (Gen. 11).** Unified language, unified imagination, unified rebellion. That's mass media in embryonic form. God scattered it.

The same script repeats. Revelation is just the final act.

Practical Warnings for Saints

1. **Don't Worship the Image.** Guard your eyes. Refuse to be catechized by screens. Psalm 101:3 still applies: "*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.*"

2. **Don't Trust the System.** The mark will be sold as safety and convenience. Don't bite. Trust the Lord for provision.
3. **Discern the Devices.** Paul said we're not ignorant of Satan's devices (2 Cor. 2:11). Media manipulation is his number-one device.
4. **Renew Your Mind Daily.** Romans 12:2 isn't optional. Without renewal, you'll be conformed to the Beast's mold.
5. **Preach the Gospel.** The world is drowning in headlines. Be the voice that points them to the Good News instead.

Prophetic Implications

We're closer than people think. Revelation 13 isn't sci-fi. It's infrastructure waiting for activation. The Beast system won't need to invent much. He'll inherit everything Big Tech has already built. Cashless commerce, digital ID, AI-driven propaganda — it's plug-and-play for Antichrist.

COVID proved it. With one narrative, one headline, one fear, billions complied globally. That was a dress rehearsal. The next act will make COVID look like kindergarten.

Why Saints Must Resist Now

James 4:7 said resist the devil and he'll flee. If you can't resist a subscription now, how will you resist the mark later? If you can't shut down your feed for a week, how will you shut down the Beast's decree? Resistance starts now, not in the Tribulation.

Revelation 14:12 says the patience of the saints is in keeping the commandments of God and faith in Jesus. That's resistance. That's where the line will be drawn.

Conclusion – The Devil's Mark vs. God's Seal

The devil wants to mark foreheads and hands. God wants to seal minds and hearts. Revelation 7 shows saints sealed by God. Revelation 13 shows sinners marked by the Beast. Both are about allegiance.

The media beast is prepping the world to take the devil's mark. Every headline, every notification, every glowing screen is rehearsal. But saints have their orders: refuse the mold, renew the mind, resist the devil, submit to God.

Because at the end of the day, there are only two marks: the mark of the Beast, or the seal of the Lamb. And which one you take will depend on which broadcast you listened to.

22 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – Signs, Wonders, and False News

The End-Time Deception Through Mass Communication

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many... And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many... For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” – Matthew 24:4–5, 11, 24

Introduction – Deception on Display

When Jesus gave His discourse in Matthew 24, He didn’t say, “Watch out for earthquakes first,” or “Keep your eye on the wars.” His first warning was deception. “*Take heed that no man deceive you.*” That’s the headliner. And here we are, sitting in 2025, watching a world run on deception, wired to the hilt with mass communication that pours out lies 24/7.

The Lord warned us that the end times would be marked by false Christs, false prophets, and false wonders — but notice how He said they would *deceive many*. Signs and wonders have always had the power to amaze, but mass communication has the power to amplify. The deception of one false prophet in a village now becomes the deception of billions on a screen.

The “prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2) has weaponized airwaves, satellites, algorithms, and headlines. What used to be smoke and mirrors in one tent meeting is now a global broadcast with high-definition graphics. The devil has taken the old lie — “ye shall be as gods” — and given it a marketing department, a press release, and a livestream.

False News as the Platform for False Signs

Let’s lay it bare: without the media, false prophets would be limited. They could only con a crowd at a fairground. With the media, they can con the globe.

- **False News Amplifies False Prophets.** Every self-anointed messiah gets a microphone.
- **False News Creates False Realities.** A clip goes viral, and suddenly people are convinced they saw a miracle.
- **False News Distracts From Truth.** While people obsess over signs, they ignore Scripture.

The signs and wonders may be fake, staged, or demonic — but the news makes them mainstream. Without false news, most false prophets would die in obscurity. With it, they become household names.

Historical Rehearsals of Mass Deception

This isn't brand-new. History has been one long rehearsal for Matthew 24.

- **Pharaoh's Magicians (Exodus 7–8).** They counterfeited Moses' miracles. Small crowd, limited reach. Imagine if CNN had been there — “Breaking: Egyptian Sorcerers Match Hebrew Wonders.” Pharaoh's propaganda would have gone global.
- **Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8).** He bewitched the people of Samaria, claiming to be “some great one.” All local — until Philip came with the real Gospel. If Simon had a YouTube channel, half the church would've subscribed.
- **The Roman Caesars.** They staged spectacles, declared themselves gods, and demanded worship. Mass communication then was architecture, coins, and theater. Now it's livestreams and memes. Same spirit, better tools.

The devil has always staged false signs. The difference now? Technology multiplies the deception exponentially.

The Machinery of False News

Let's break down how modern media becomes the engine for end-time deception.

1. **Visual Manipulation.** False wonders don't even need to be real. Deepfakes, CGI, staged footage. People believe what they see on screens, even if it's fabricated.
2. **Repetition.** A lie repeated a thousand times becomes “truth.” The devil's news cycle keeps the same narratives churning.

3. **Emotional Engineering.** Signs and wonders appeal to awe. Headlines appeal to fear. Put awe and fear together, and you've got mass compliance.
4. **Global Synchronization.** One event can be broadcast simultaneously to billions. Imagine the Beast's image speaking (Rev. 13:15). That's not science fiction anymore; it's Tuesday night programming.

Matthew 24 and the Media

Read Matthew 24 with media in mind, and the warnings sharpen.

- *"Many shall come in my name... and shall deceive many."* (v. 5) — How? Not by shouting in a desert, but by trending on every platform.
- *"Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars."* (v. 6) — Exactly. "Rumours of wars" spread faster through headlines than by horses.
- *"False prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."* (v. 11) — Many, not a few. That scale requires mass communication.
- *"They shall shew great signs and wonders."* (v. 24) — Fake healings, fake resurrections, supernatural deceptions. All carried by global broadcasts.

The disciples couldn't have imagined satellite TV. Jesus could. He knew the engine of deception would be global communication.

False Christs in the Spotlight

We've already seen rehearsals. Every decade produces a new self-styled messiah.

- Jim Jones: thousands died drinking Kool-Aid because one man convinced them he was savior. That was before Twitter.
- David Koresh: claimed to be the Lamb of God, drew followers into a fiery end. Small compared to what's coming.
- Today: self-anointed "Christs" pop up worldwide, with followers streaming their sermons online. Millions watch.

Imagine the Antichrist stepping on that stage. Slicker than Joel Osteen, deadlier than Jim Jones, with media backing. He won't just have a cult — he'll have the world.

False Wonders – From Tent Meetings to TikTok

Signs and wonders don't even need to be genuine anymore. People will settle for the appearance of the miraculous.

- “Gold dust” falling in services — manufactured theatrics.
- “Resurrections” staged on video — cut, splice, upload.
- “Healing services” — edited testimonies, manipulated emotions.

The devil doesn't even have to show raw supernatural power. He can use video editing. And when Revelation 13:13 says the Beast calls fire down from heaven, don't assume it won't be broadcast with perfect production value.

How the Elect Are Targeted

Matthew 24:24 warns that false signs will be so convincing they could “deceive the very elect.” That's not a scare tactic; that's a wake-up call.

How will the devil aim at the elect? By mixing false signs with false news about persecution, division, and compromise. Imagine a future broadcast: “Global Christian Leader Declares Unity Under Antichrist Brings Peace.” Millions will share it. Nominal believers will swallow it. Discernment will be the only shield.

Practical Steps for Saints

1. **Test the Spirits (1 John 4:1).** Don't believe every viral “miracle.” Ask if it aligns with Scripture.
2. **Filter Your Input.** Stop binging every “Christian” livestream. Many are wolves with webcams.
3. **Root Yourself in Scripture.** If you don't know the real, you'll fall for the fake. The devil counterfeits what you don't know.
4. **Stay Local.** Real Christianity isn't just online. It's face-to-face fellowship, prayer, discipleship.
5. **Preach Discernment.** Train your family and church to question headlines, test teachings, and cling to Christ.

Prophetic Implications

We're watching Revelation rehearse itself. False news is prepping the world to trust whatever comes through the screen. False prophets are prepping the world to bow to signs. False Christs are prepping the world to accept Antichrist.

The end-time deception won't be hard. The world is already hypnotized. When the Beast's image speaks, they'll bow. When false wonders are broadcast, they'll believe. When headlines declare him savior, they'll rejoice.

But the elect must stand. Jesus said, *"Take heed."* That means stay alert. Don't tune out the Book while tuning in the Beast.

Conclusion – Truth in the Midst of Lies

Matthew 24 isn't given to scare the saints. It's given to prepare us. The warning is clear: deception will be everywhere, signs and wonders will be weaponized, false news will carry it all. The cure is just as clear: cling to Scripture, test everything, resist the broadcast.

Because when the world bows to the image, the saints must bow to Christ. When the world swallows headlines, the saints must eat the Word. When the world chases signs, the saints must walk by faith.

The end-time deception is mass communication turned into mass damnation. But the end-time remedy is the same as it's always been: **the Word of God, sharper than any two-edged sword.**

23 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The Strong Delusion

How Fake News and False Miracles Converge

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

– 2 Thessalonians 2:11–12

Introduction – A Lie So Big, They'll Swear It's True

Paul warned that the climax of this age isn't just war, famine, or pestilence. It's **deception**. Not weak deception, not flimsy half-truths, but *strong delusion*. That's God's judgment on a Christ-rejecting world. People who sneered at truth will choke on lies. People who shrugged off Scripture will swallow propaganda whole. People who mocked faith will bow to false wonders.

And how will this delusion spread? The same way every other spirit has spread in our age — through the **airwaves**. The prince of the power of the air already runs the biggest pulpit on earth. He's been warming the pews of the masses for decades with fake news, so when false miracles walk onstage, the world will clap like seals.

The **strong delusion** isn't coming out of nowhere. It's already rehearsing nightly on CNN, Fox, BBC, TikTok, and YouTube. Fake news spins the narrative, false prophets supply the signs, and the masses — already trained — will believe the lie.

The Text – God Sends It

Notice carefully: Paul didn't say Satan sends the strong delusion. He said **God** sends it. *“For this cause God shall send them strong delusion.”* Why? Judgment. People had pleasure in unrighteousness. They rejected truth. God gives them over.

That's Romans 1 in overdrive. Refuse the Creator, worship the creature, believe the broadcast — fine, God lets you rot in your delusion. Pharaoh hardened his heart, and then God hardened it further. The world wants lies? God says, “Enjoy. Here's the full buffet. Bon appétit.”

This isn't just a satanic plot; it's divine judgment. The news becomes God's rod. The signs become God's snare. And the world gets exactly what it craved — a messiah without a cross, a gospel without blood, a kingdom without righteousness.

Fake News – The Devil's Narrator

Before the miracles even show up, the news will prep the crowd. Think about it. Signs without spin would still be questioned. But signs with headlines? That seals the deal.

- **Wars.** The news already runs “rumours of wars” (Matt. 24:6). Half the battle is narrative.
- **Pestilences.** COVID proved how easy it is. Headlines ruled nations.
- **Leaders.** Politicians rise and fall on media portrayal, not merit.

- **Events.** One clip, replayed endlessly, becomes “truth.”

Fake news doesn't just distort reality; it creates it. The devil doesn't need to raise the dead when he can edit the tape. And when false miracles really start happening, the news will be the amplifier.

False Miracles – The Devil's Fireworks

Revelation 13:13–14 says the Beast will “do great wonders,” even making fire come down from heaven. He deceives the world with miracles. That's supernatural, not just sleight-of-hand.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 calls it “*signs and lying wonders.*” They're real, but they're lies. Power isn't the same as truth. Pharaoh's magicians had power. Simon the sorcerer had power. The devil has power. And in the Tribulation, he'll put it on full display.

Imagine the broadcast: “Breaking: Global Leader Calls Fire From Sky, Ends War.” The footage goes viral. Hashtags trend. Politicians bow. Citizens rejoice. It's a sign — but it's a lying wonder.

Fake News + False Miracles = Strong Delusion

Here's the formula:

- Fake news primes the imagination.
- False miracles supply the spectacle.
- Together they create strong delusion.

The world already trusts the screen more than Scripture. If a video clip shows the Beast healing a cripple, who will argue? If an anchor says the Antichrist brought peace, who will doubt? The delusion isn't just in the event — it's in the amplification.

That's why Paul's warning in 2 Thessalonians 2 fits hand-in-glove with Revelation 13. Media is the mouthpiece. Miracles are the bait. The lie is the net.

Bible Foreshadowings

- **Exodus.** Pharaoh's magicians mimicked Moses' miracles. For a while, Egypt couldn't tell the difference. Strong delusion always begins with counterfeit.

- **1 Kings 18.** The prophets of Baal cried for fire, but none came. One day, the Beast will call fire, and it will come. Imagine the headlines then.
- **Acts 8.** Simon the sorcerer “bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one.” Local delusion. Scale that up globally with satellite TV, and you’ve got the Antichrist.

The World Already Believes Lies

Don’t think this is far-fetched. Look around.

- They believe men can become women.
- They believe the universe popped out of nothing.
- They believe more education will fix sin.
- They believe peace treaties will fix nations.

If the world already believes these lies, what will stop them from believing the Beast’s lies when he walks onstage with signs, wonders, and a global PR team?

How Saints Resist

Paul didn’t write 2 Thessalonians 2 to scare the church but to steady it. How do saints resist delusion?

1. **Cling to Scripture.** Truth is the only antidote. If you don’t know the Book, you’ll fall for the broadcast.
2. **Test the Spirits.** Don’t accept miracles at face value. 1 John 4:1 says try them. If they contradict Christ, they’re counterfeit.
3. **Discern the News.** Don’t swallow headlines. Compare everything with the Word.
4. **Stay Holy.** Delusion targets those with pleasure in unrighteousness. Purity sharpens discernment.
5. **Preach the Gospel.** Truth cuts through lies. The more you spread it, the less room deception has.

Prophetic Implications

We're in rehearsal mode. Deepfakes, staged footage, AI-generated "wonders" — all softening the soil. When the real signs arrive, people will already be conditioned. Fake news normalizes lies. False miracles normalize spectacle. The strong delusion will be a seamless marriage of both.

This is why Jesus warned: *"If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect"* (Matt. 24:24). Saints aren't immune without vigilance. The elect won't fall for the lie ultimately, but the deception will look mighty convincing.

Conclusion – Truth or Delusion?

The end-time question isn't "Whose side are you on?" It's "Whose broadcast are you tuned to?" God's Word produces faith. The devil's broadcast produces fear. God's truth sanctifies. The devil's lies stupefy.

2 Thessalonians 2 says the world will be handed over to delusion because they "believed not the truth." The only safeguard is to believe the truth now. Not tomorrow. Not when the fireworks start. Now.

Because once the strong delusion drops, there's no second chance. The lie will be too big, the wonder too dazzling, the news too convincing. The prince of the power of the air will run his biggest broadcast yet, and the world will cheer.

But the saints of God will know better. They'll cling to the Book. They'll reject the broadcast. They'll resist the Beast. Because they believe not the lie but the Lord Jesus Christ, who said plainly: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."*

24 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The Next Story: Always Something

Why the Cycle Never Stops — and What's Coming Next

"For we are not ignorant of his devices." – 2 Corinthians 2:11

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." – Ephesians 4:14

Introduction – It Never Ends

You've noticed it, haven't you? As soon as one headline fades, another one takes its place. The cycle never stops. It's always something. Always the next scandal, the next crisis, the next "breaking news" shoved down your throat like bad medicine. The devil doesn't leave the screen blank. He fills it. Non-stop. Why? Because idle time means you might start thinking on God. But a constant flood of noise keeps your imagination enslaved.

The media doesn't operate like a newspaper anymore — it operates like a drug dealer. They can't afford to let you detox, so they keep pumping the next fix. Charlie Kirk "assassination"? Ozzy Osbourne death? Tomorrow it'll be somebody else. Doesn't matter if the facts are thin, if the story collapses later. The point isn't truth — it's traction. The point isn't accuracy — it's addiction.

The devil knows the flesh is weak. He knows curiosity eats at people. So he gives them "always something." If one fear fades, he throws a new one. If one idol falls, he lifts another. If one war cools, he heats another. The prince of the power of the air runs a 24/7 programming schedule designed to keep you looking horizontally when you ought to be looking vertically.

The Device of Distraction

Paul said we're not ignorant of Satan's devices. The never-ending news cycle is one of those devices. What is it really? A system of distraction.

- **Distracted from Truth.** People spend hours on headlines, minutes on Scripture.
- **Distracted from Eternity.** Obsessed with "who died" while ignoring "where will I go when I die?"
- **Distracted from Sin.** Outraged at politicians while ignoring their own lust.
- **Distracted from the Gospel.** Arguing about celebrities while never mentioning Christ.

It's a magician's trick. Keep your eyes on the left hand — scandals, wars, celebrities — while the right hand enslaves your soul.

Always Something – The Script

Look at the script. It never changes, only the names do.

1. **Shock.** "Breaking news!" Fear, outrage, drama.

2. **Speculation.** Endless “experts” fill hours with guesses.
3. **Emotion.** Photos of crying families, candlelight vigils, celebrity tweets.
4. **Division.** Pundits split the public into camps: right vs. left, vax vs. anti-vax, believer vs. skeptic.
5. **Fade.** When the ratings dip, the story is quietly shelved.
6. **Repeat.** New headline, same cycle.

That’s why it’s “always something.” The machine doesn’t run on truth; it runs on patterns.

The Bible on Endless Noise

God’s Word already diagnosed this racket.

- *“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”* (2 Tim. 3:7) — News addicts always consuming, never discerning.
- *“There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.”* (1 Cor. 14:10) — The airwaves are full, but not all voices are worth your ears.
- *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* (Ps. 46:10) — You can’t be still when you’re scrolling.
- *“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”* (Eph. 5:16) — Wasted time on headlines is time stolen from God.

The Bible is timeless. It already told you the news cycle was a trap before televisions were invented.

Historical Rehearsals of “Always Something”

The devil has always kept people busy with stories.

- **Babel (Gen. 11).** “Let us build a name.” The first news cycle — obsessed with names and projects instead of God.
- **Rome.** Bread and circuses. Gladiators killed to keep the people distracted from political tyranny. Always something.

- **Middle Ages.** Relics, superstitions, crusades. Always a new drama to keep the masses away from Scripture.
- **20th Century.** Wars, assassinations, scandals. Each decade had its “always something.”

The technology changes, but the device doesn't. The devil has been running distraction since Eden: “Yea, hath God said?” That was the first headline.

Why It Never Stops

Because the devil can't let you breathe. If the noise stops, you might open your Bible. If the cycle pauses, you might notice eternity knocking.

Fear has an expiration date. Anger cools. Outrage fades. That's why they need the next story. If you stayed calm too long, you'd see through the con. But if you're always stirred, always emotional, always curious — you're hooked.

Think of it: if you turned off your screen for one week, how much of the “important” news would matter by the end? Almost none. But the devil convinces you that every headline is urgent, every crisis is ultimate. Always something.

Coming Attractions – What's Next

You ask, “What's coming next?” The answer: whatever keeps the cycle spinning. Could be:

- Another “celebrity death.”
- Another “political assassination.”
- Another “pandemic variant.”
- Another “war rumor.”
- Another “economic collapse scare.”

And prophetically? It's building toward Revelation 13. The Beast system needs global compliance, and compliance requires conditioning. The news cycle is conditioning. Always something until the final something — the strong delusion.

How Christians Should Respond

1. **Unplug.** Don't let the devil's station set the agenda for your thought life. Psalm 101:3 still works: *"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes."*
2. **Prioritize Scripture.** Feed faith, not fear. Romans 10:17 is the law: faith comes by hearing the Word.
3. **Discern the Pattern.** Once you see the cycle, it loses its grip. Don't fall for the same trick twice.
4. **Preach Christ.** When people are buzzing about the next story, redirect: "That reminds me — are you ready for eternity?"
5. **Be Still.** Learn the discipline of silence. News thrives on noise. God speaks in stillness.

Prophetic Tie-In

The "always something" cycle is training wheels for the Antichrist. By the time he shows up, the masses will be so conditioned to jump at every story that his rise will look like just another headline.

The Beast won't have to trick people cold. He'll ride a population already trained to obsess over names, images, signs, and cycles. The "always something" machine will deliver him like the next celebrity drama.

Conclusion – The Last Story

There's always something — until there's nothing left but Christ. The cycle will spin until Revelation 19, when the heavens open and the Lord returns. That will be the last headline worth printing. Every fake story, every false sign, every empty cycle will collapse in the blaze of His truth.

So don't waste your life chasing "always something." Anchor your life in the One Thing: the Lord Jesus Christ. Because when He comes, the cycle stops.

25 of 25: The Prince of the Power of the Air – The Eternal Good News

The Last Word Belongs Not to CNN, Fox, or TikTok — But to the Everlasting Gospel

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” – Revelation 14:6–7

Introduction – When the Devil Runs Out of Headlines

The devil has his news cycle: assassinations, pandemics, wars, scandals, celebrity funerals, fake miracles. Always something. His broadcast never ends — until it does. Revelation 14:6 shows the moment the prince of the power of the air loses his monopoly. An angel hijacks the airwaves. Heaven’s broadcast overrides hell’s broadcast. The everlasting Gospel drowns out the fake news.

CNN won’t have the last word. Fox won’t. TikTok won’t. The everlasting Gospel will. The devil may dominate the headlines now, but the Lord wrote the headline for eternity before Adam ever drew a breath: **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.**

That’s the real good news. Not the daily junk food of the devil’s news cycle, but the eternal feast of God’s Word. Revelation 14:6 is the divine mic-drop. When it flies across the sky, every man, woman, and child will know the truth they spent their lives ignoring.

The Contrast – Devil’s News vs. God’s News

We’ve spent 24 essays dissecting the devil’s racket. Fear-based. Flesh-driven. False signs. False prophets. Endless distractions. The devil’s news cycle always ends in confusion and death.

But the eternal good news? Faith-based. Spirit-driven. Rooted in truth. It doesn’t come to entertain; it comes to save. It doesn’t enslave imaginations; it liberates souls.

- Devil’s News: Panic. God’s News: Peace.
- Devil’s News: Death. God’s News: Life.
- Devil’s News: Confusion. God’s News: Clarity.
- Devil’s News: Temporary. God’s News: Everlasting.

That’s why Revelation calls it “the everlasting Gospel.” It doesn’t fade with the news cycle. It doesn’t expire when the ad revenue dries up. It’s eternal truth, eternal hope, eternal life.

The Everlasting Gospel – What It Is

Don't get confused. Revelation 14 isn't preaching Paul's Gospel of grace to the church age. By the time this angel flies, the church is gone. This is Tribulation territory. The everlasting Gospel is broader: *"Fear God... give glory to him... worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea."*

It's the oldest Gospel in the Book — the eternal message of the Creator. Before Calvary, men were accountable to the Creator. After Calvary, they're accountable to the Redeemer. In the Tribulation, when the Beast demands worship, the everlasting Gospel shouts: "Don't bow to him. Worship God the Creator!"

But don't miss the bigger point: **God's news is the last news.** Long after CNN collapses, long after Fox burns, long after TikTok's servers melt, the everlasting Gospel will still be sounding.

Heaven's Angel vs. Earth's Anchors

Notice the messenger in Revelation 14: an angel flying in heaven. Compare that with the devil's anchors on earth.

- Earth's anchors read scripts written by men. Heaven's angel preaches truth written before the foundation of the world.
- Earth's anchors stammer, contradict, backpedal. Heaven's angel shouts with a loud voice.
- Earth's anchors reach nations through satellites. Heaven's angel reaches nations through the sky.
- Earth's anchors serve ratings. Heaven's angel serves righteousness.

You see the contrast? When the angel flies, the devil's whole apparatus looks like a cheap sideshow.

Why It's Everlasting

Because it's not tied to ratings, not bound by time, not dependent on technology. Every broadcast the devil runs has an expiration date.

- Egypt’s magicians faded.
- Rome’s propaganda crumbled.
- Hitler’s speeches dissolved.
- Today’s news cycles vanish in hours.

But the everlasting Gospel? Still true in Eden. Still true in Abraham’s tent. Still true at Calvary. Still true in the Tribulation. Still true in eternity. *“The word of the Lord endureth for ever.”* (1 Pet. 1:25)

Why the Devil Hates This Broadcast

Because it pulls the plug on his whole operation. The devil thrives on confusion. The everlasting Gospel clarifies. The devil thrives on idolatry. The everlasting Gospel says, “Worship the Creator.” The devil thrives on distraction. The everlasting Gospel cuts through the noise.

When that angel flies, every narrative collapses. Every false prophet is silenced. Every fake miracle is exposed. Every conspiracy, every distraction, every idol — all burned away by one broadcast from heaven.

The Church’s Application

You say, “But preacher, we won’t be here in Revelation 14.” Correct — but the principle applies now. If heaven gets the last word then, shouldn’t we let heaven have the first word now?

Why are God’s people letting CNN disciple them more than Scripture? Why are Christians quoting anchors more than apostles? Why are pulpits echoing Fox talking points instead of “Thus saith the Lord”?

The everlasting Gospel isn’t just future. It’s eternal. That means it’s true now. That means it’s worth preaching now. The world has its cycle of junk, but we’ve got a message that doesn’t expire. Preach it.

Bible Case Studies – Heaven Always Gets the Last Word

- **Pharaoh.** Magicians mimicked Moses — until they couldn’t. God had the last word.

- **Baal's Prophets.** Shouted and cut themselves on Mount Carmel. Silence. Then fire fell. God had the last word.
- **Nebuchadnezzar.** Built an image, demanded worship. God threw him on all fours eating grass. God had the last word.
- **Pilate.** Mocked, "What is truth?" Jesus walked out of the grave three days later. God had the last word.

Every time the world runs its broadcast, heaven shuts it down. Revelation 14 is the final shut-down.

Practical Steps for Saints Now

1. **Tune to the Right Station.** Start the day with Scripture, not the feed.
2. **Preach the Gospel.** Share the everlasting message while there's time.
3. **Refuse the Cycle.** Don't get hooked on "always something." Anchor in the eternal.
4. **Fear God, Not Man.** Revelation 14:7 says fear God, not headlines.
5. **Anticipate the Last Word.** Don't despair when the devil screams loudest. Remember: heaven gets the mic last.

Prophetic Implications

Revelation 14 shows the countdown to final judgment. The everlasting Gospel isn't just a broadcast of hope — it's also a warning: "*the hour of his judgment is come.*" That's why the devil's news cycle is so frantic now. He knows his time is short.

Right now, the world is glued to every trivial headline. Soon, an angel will rip through the skies with the headline of eternity. Every soul will hear it. No mute button. No distraction. No debate panel. Just the truth of God in surround sound.

Conclusion – Whose Word Lasts?

At the end of the day, the question isn't, "What's the news?" It's, "Whose word lasts?" CNN doesn't. Fox doesn't. TikTok doesn't. Politicians don't. The everlasting Gospel does.

Revelation 14:6–7 guarantees it. The last word on this earth won't be a broadcast from a studio. It'll be a broadcast from heaven. And when it comes, the lies stop. The cycle ends. The news is silenced. And the everlasting Gospel is all that remains.

So quit fretting about the devil's headlines. Preach the eternal headline: Jesus saves, Jesus reigns, Jesus is coming again. That's the only news worth repeating, and it'll never expire.

Conclusion – Heaven Has the Last Word

We've walked through 25 essays exposing the devil's racket — his news cycle, his fear machine, his scripted liturgy of lies. We've pulled back the curtain on how the prince of the power of the air blinds minds, stirs fear, exalts names, and runs headlines like sacraments in his counterfeit religion. And if you've seen it clearly, you know now why the world looks the way it does: **because the devil has a pulpit, and most people sit under it daily.**

But here's the glory: the devil's pulpit doesn't get the last word. Heaven does. His cycle is temporary; God's Word is eternal. His headlines expire; the Gospel endures. His lies enslave; Christ's truth sets free.

That's why this series had to be written. Because too many of God's people are walking around chewing on the devil's bad news instead of rejoicing in God's Good News. Too many saints are disciplined by anchors instead of apostles, tuned to TikTok instead of Titus, and more familiar with Fox's spin than with Philipppians' joy. The devil doesn't even need to persecute when he can distract. And if you don't see the pattern, you'll fall for the strong delusion when it arrives.

The Bible says, *"Take heed that no man deceive you."* That's not optional. It's survival orders. These last days demand discernment. If you can't tell the difference between the Gospel of Christ and the gospel of the news cycle, you'll spend your life in fear instead of in faith.

So here's the call: **Submit to God. Resist the devil. Renew your mind daily in the Book.** Refuse the cycle. Don't let "always something" pull you off the one thing that matters. Live by the everlasting Gospel, not the temporary garbage. Because when the angel of Revelation 14 flies, CNN, Fox, and TikTok will crumble to ash — and only God's broadcast will remain.

The devil had his 25 chances in this series. We exposed them all. Now, the last word belongs to Christ. It always has. It always will.

“The word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Pet. 1:25)