

## ~ENEMY (782)

[Hebrew, 'oh-yev', Greek, *ekh-thros*]

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- The Hebrew term 'oh-yev' and the Greek *ekh-thros* refer to one who is hostile or one who hates.
- However, if you strictly obey his voice and really do all that I shall speak, then I shall certainly be hostile to your enemies and harass those who harass you. (Exodus 23:22)
- you heard that it was said; You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. (Matthew 5:43)
- The first record of enmity in the universe is the action of the serpent, later identified in the Bible as Satan the Devil.
- So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (Revelation 12:9)
- When he approached Eve with a challenge as to God's truthfulness.
- At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (Genesis 3:4)
- For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (Genesis 3:5)
- Jesus Christ described this spirit creature as a manslayer, also as a liar and the father of the lie.
- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own

disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (**John 8:44**)

### See Also SATAN

#### .. Enemies Of God

- Since that time Satan has been the chief **enemy** of God.
- While men were sleeping, his **enemy** came and oversowed weeds in among the wheat, and left. (**Matthew 13:25**)
- And the **enemy** that sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is a conclusion of a system of things, and the reapers are angels. (**Matthew 13:39**)
- He has exercised influence over mankind, and they have yielded to that influence, so that **the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one.**
- We know we originate with God, but the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one. (**1 John 5:19**)
- This world is therefore the **enemy** of God.
- Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is **enmity** with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an **enemy** of God. (**James 4:4**)
- Yet God has been long-suffering with his **enemies** and merciful to those from among them who desired to serve him. He has provided a means of reconciliation for such ones through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- For if, when we were **enemies**, we became reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, now that we have become reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (**Romans 5:10**)
- Indeed, you who were once alienated and **enemies** because your minds were on the works that were wicked. (**Colossians 1:21**)
- He now has again reconciled by means of that one's fleshly body through his death, in order to present you holy and unblemished and open to no accusation before him. (**Colossians 1:22**)

- **He has constituted those who are in union with Christ ambassadors to a hostile world, with the ministry of reconciliation.**
- **But all things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of the reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18)**
- **Namely, that God was by means of Christ reconciling a world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and he committed the word of the reconciliation to us. (2 Corinthians 5:19)**
- **We are therefore ambassadors substituting for Christ, as though God were making entreaty through us. As substitutes for Christ we beg; Become reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)**
- **The one who did not know sin he made to be sin for us, that we might become God's righteousness by means of him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)**
- **On the other hand, there are many who become God's hard-set **enemies**, including Satan and the wicked demons, who gather the nations in opposition to God**
- **And I saw three unclean inspired expressions that looked like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the wild beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (Revelation 16:13)**
- **They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)**
- **Look! I am coming as a thief. Happy is the one that stays awake and keeps his outer garments, that he may not walk naked and people look upon his shamefulness. (Revelation 16:15)**
- **And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon. (Revelation 16:16)**
- **The apostate man of lawlessness, who sets himself in **opposition to God**.**

- **Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)**
- **He is set in opposition and lifts himself up over everyone who is called god or an object of reverence, so that he sits down in the temple of The God, publicly showing himself to be a god. (2 Thessalonians 2:4)**
- **Babylon the Great, whose sins have massed together clear up to heaven.**
- **And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. (Revelation 17:5)**
- **For her sins have massed together clear up to heaven, and God has called her acts of injustice to mind. (Revelation 18:5)**
- **The wild beast out of the sea, which gets its power and authority from Satan the dragon;**
- **And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (Revelation 13:1)**
- **Now the wild beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth was as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave to the beast its power and its throne and great authority. (Revelation 13:2)**
- **And it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his residence, even those residing in heaven. (Revelation 13:6)**
- **The two-horned wild beast, which promotes worship of that sea beast.**
- **And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (Revelation 13:11)**

- **And it exercises all the authority of the first wild beast in its sight. And it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first wild beast, whose death-stroke got healed. ([Revelation 13:12](#))**
- **The scarlet-colored wild beast that is full of blasphemous names.**
- **And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. ([Revelation 17:3](#))**
- **And those who persist in supporting them;**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. ([Revelation 19:17](#))**
- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. ([Revelation 19:18](#))**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. ([Revelation 19:19](#))**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. ([Revelation 19:20](#))**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. ([Revelation 19:21](#))**
- **These God will destroy.**
- **If I do indeed sharpen my glittering sword, and my hand takes**

hold on judgment, I will pay back vengeance to my adversaries and render retribution to those **who intensely hate me**.  
(Deuteronomy 32:41)

- In accordance with the dealings he will reward correspondingly, rage to his adversaries, due treatment to his **enemies**. To the islands he will recompense due treatment. (Isaiah 59:18)
- And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)

### • Enemies Of Christ

- The **enemies** of God are also the **enemies** of Christ.
- Jesus said to them; If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth. (John 8:42)
- Why is it you do not know what I am speaking? Because you cannot listen to my word. (John 8:43)
- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (John 8:44)
- Because I, on the other hand, tell the truth, you do not believe me. (John 8:45)
- Who of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it you do not believe me? (John 8:46)
- He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why you do not listen, because you are not from God. (John 8:47)
- He that receives you receives me also, and he that receives me receives him also that sent me forth. (Matthew 10:40)

- **When on earth Jesus Christ suffered much at the hands of the enemies of God. Nevertheless, he did not repay them in kind, he did not seek to work injury to them.**
- **In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely. (1 Peter 2:21)**
- **He committed no sin, nor was deception found in his mouth. (1 Peter 2:22)**
- **When he was being reviled, he did not go reviling in return. When he was suffering, he did not go threatening, but kept on committing himself to the one who judges righteously. (1 Peter 2:23)**
- **He even healed one man in the crowd that came out with clubs and swords to seize him.**
- **When those about him saw what was going to happen, they said; Lord, shall we strike with the sword? (Luke 22:49)**
- **A certain one of them even did strike the slave of the High Priest and took off his right ear. (Luke 22:50)**
- **But in reply Jesus said; Let it go as far as this. And he touched the ear and healed him. (Luke 22:51)**
- **Then Simon Peter, as he had a sword, drew it and struck the slave of the High Priest and cut his right ear off. The name of the slave was Malchus. (John 18:10)**
- **Jesus, however, said to Peter; Put the sword into its sheath. The cup that the Father has given me, should I not by all means drink it? (John 18:11)**
- **However, after his resurrection he sat down at the right hand of God, from then on awaiting until his enemies should be placed as a stool for his feet.**
- **But this man offered one sacrifice for sins perpetually and sat down at the right hand of God. (Hebrews 10:12)**
- **From then on awaiting until his enemies should be placed as a**

stool for his feet. (**Hebrews 10:13**)

- In turn he said to them; How is it they say that the Christ is David's son? (**Luke 20:41**)
- For David himself says in the book of Psalms; Yehowah said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand. (**Luke 20:42**)
- Until I place your **enemies** as a stool for your feet. (**Luke 20:43**)
- This prophecy was recorded at (**Psalms Chapters 110**), stating Yehowah's command to his Son; Go subduing in the midst of your **enemies**.
- The rod of your strength Yehowah will send out of Zion, saying; Go subduing in the midst of your **enemies**. (**Psalms 110:2**)
- These **enemies** of Yehowah and of his anointed one are shown to be composed of **nations, national groups, kings of the earth, and high officials**.
- Why have the **nations** been in tumult and the **national groups** themselves kept muttering an empty thing? (**Psalms 2:1**)
- The **kings** of earth take their stand and **high officials** themselves have massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (**Psalms 2:2**)
- Saying, Let us tear their bands apart and cast their cords away from us! (**Psalms 2:3**)
- The very One sitting in the heavens will laugh; Yehowah himself will hold them in derision. (**Psalms 2:4**)
- At that time he will speak to them in his anger and in his hot displeasure he will disturb them. (**Psalms 2:5**)
- Saying; I, even I, have installed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain. (**Psalms 2:6**)
- Let me refer to the decree of Yehowah. He has said to me; You are my son. I, today, I have become your father. (**Psalms 2:7**)
- Ask of me, that I may give nations as your inheritance and the



ends of the earth as your own possession. (**[Psalms 2:8](#)**)

- You will break them with an iron scepter, as though a potter's vessel you will dash them to pieces. (**[Psalms 2:9](#)**)
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**[Revelation 19:11](#)**)
- His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (**[Revelation 19:12](#)**)
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (**[Revelation 19:13](#)**)
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (**[Revelation 19:14](#)**)
- And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (**[Revelation 19:15](#)**)
- And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (**[Revelation 19:16](#)**)
- I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (**[Revelation 19:17](#)**)
- That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. (**[Revelation 19:18](#)**)
- And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (**[Revelation 19:19](#)**)
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prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. ([Revelation 19:20](#))

- But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. ([Revelation 19:21](#))
- The one called Faithful and True, The Word of God, and King of kings and Lord of lords is described as leading the armies of heaven against his enemies. His **enemies** are here described as the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, and the false prophet, all of whom Christ annihilates.

## • Enemies Of Mankind

- Those who are **enemies** of God are at the same time **enemies** of mankind because they fight against man's reconciliation with God and God's purposes toward the human family. They oppose the proclamation of the truth and are therefore against the interests of all men, just as were those who persecuted the early Christians.
- Who killed even the Lord Jesus and the prophets and persecuted us. Furthermore, they are not pleasing God, but are against the interests of all men. ([1 Thessalonians 2:15](#))
- Additionally, because of the entry of sin into the world through Adam, death spread to all men, and it has been, as the Bible calls it, mankind's **enemy**.
- As the last **enemy**, death is to be brought to nothing. ([1 Corinthians 15:26](#))
- That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. ([Romans 5:12](#))
- Death cannot be overcome by man's efforts.
- What able-bodied man is there alive who will not see death? Can he provide escape for his soul from the hand of Sheol? ([Psalms](#)

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- Only Yehowah God through Jesus Christ will do away with this **enemy** of man.
- Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. (**1 Corinthians 15:24**)
- For he must rule as king until God has put all **enemies** under his feet (**1 Corinthians 15:25**)
- As the last **enemy**, death is to be brought to nothing. (**1 Corinthians 15:26**)
- He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Yehowah himself has spoken it. (**Isaiah 25:8**)

## **.. The Christian's Fight**

- The apostle Paul described the warfare of the Christian, saying, We have a **wrestling** not against blood and flesh, but against the **governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places**.
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)
- For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful by God for overturning strongly entrenched things. (**2 Corinthians 10:4**)
- Therefore the Christians fight is not against men. It is **against wicked spirits** who try to turn them away from God. Conversely, Jesus Christ explained to his followers that the world would hate and even kill them.
- And you will be objects of hatred by all people on account of my name, but he that has endured to the end is the one that will be saved. (**Matthew 10:22**)

- Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be objects of hatred by all the nations on account of my name. (**Matthew 24:9**)
- Men will expel you from the synagogue. In fact, the hour is coming when everyone that kills you will imagine he has rendered a sacred service to God. (**John 16:2**)
- And that in some cases a man's enemies would be those of his own household.
- Indeed, a man's enemies will be persons of his own household. (**Matthew 10:36**)
- What is to be the Christians attitude toward fellow human's who make themselves his enemies? Jesus counseled; Continue to love your enemies, to do good to those hating you.
- But I say to you who are listening, continue to love your enemies, to do good to those hating you. (**Luke 6:27**)
- To bless those cursing you, to pray for those who are insulting you. (**Luke 6:28**)
- you heard that it was said; You must love your neighbor and hate your **enemy**. (**Matthew 5:43**)
- However, I say to you; Continue to love your **enemies** and to pray for those persecuting you. (**Matthew 5:44**)
- And, doubtless referring to;
- If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (**Proverbs 25:21**)
- The apostle Paul admonishes,
- But, if your **enemy** is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him something to drink, for by doing this you will heap fiery coals upon his head. (**Romans 12:20**)

- This principle was enunciated by the Law, which read. Should you come upon your **enemy's** bull or his ass going astray, you are to return it without fail to him.
- Should you see the ass of someone who hates you lying down under its load, then you must refrain from leaving him. With him you are without fail to get it loose.
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- Because Yehowah's servants follow these fine principles, the result has been that many former enemies have become softened in heart toward them and also toward God himself. This is in harmony with
- When Yehowah takes pleasure in the ways of a man he causes even his enemies themselves to be at peace with him. (**Proverbs 16:7**)
- When Yehowah takes pleasure in the ways of a man he causes even his **enemies** themselves to be at peace with him.
- Return evil for evil to no one. Provide fine things in the sight of all men. (**Romans 12:17**)
- If possible, as far as it depends upon you, be peaceable with all men. (**Romans 12:18**)
- Do not let yourself be conquered by the evil, but keep conquering the evil with the good. (**Romans 12:21**)
- For if someone, because of conscience toward God, bears up under grievous things and suffers unjustly, this is an agreeable thing. (**1 Peter 2:19**)
- For what merit is there in it if, when you are sinning and being slapped, you endure it? But if, when you are doing good and you suffer, you endure it, this is a thing agreeable with God. (**1 Peter 2:20**)

- **Not paying back injury for injury or reviling for reviling, but, to the contrary, bestowing a blessing, because you were called to this course, so that you might inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)**
- **An outstanding example of mercy toward an **enemy** is the treatment accorded by Jesus Christ to Saul of Tarsus, who became the apostle Paul.**
- **But Saul, still breathing threat and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the High Priest (Acts of Apostles 9:1)**
- **And asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, in order, that he might bring bound to Jerusalem any whom he found who belonged to The Way, both men and women. (Acts of Apostles 9:2)**
- **Now as he was traveling he approached Damascus, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. (Acts of Apostles 9:3)**
- **And he fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts of Apostles 9:4)**
- **He said; Who are you, Lord? He said; I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 9:5)**
- **Nevertheless, rise and enter into the city, and what you must do will be told you. (Acts of Apostles 9:6)**
- **Now the men that were journeying with him were standing speechless, hearing, indeed, the sound of a voice, but not beholding any man. (Acts of Apostles 9:7)**
- **But Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were opened he was seeing nothing. So they led him by the hand and conducted him into Damascus. (Acts of Apostles 9:8)**
- **And for three days he did not see anything, and he neither ate nor drank. (Acts of Apostles 9:9)**
- **There was in Damascus a certain disciple named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision; Ananias! He said; Here I am, Lord. (Acts of Apostles 9:10)**

- The Lord said to him; Rise, go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man named Saul, from Tarsus. For, look! He is praying. ([Acts of Apostles 9:11](#))
- And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands upon him that he might recover sight. ([Acts of Apostles 9:12](#))
- But Ananias answered; Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many injurious things he did to your holy ones in Jerusalem. ([Acts of Apostles 9:13](#))
- And here he has authority from the chief priests to put in bonds all those calling upon your name. ([Acts of Apostles 9:14](#))
- But the Lord said to him; Be on your way, because this man is a chosen vessel to me to bear my name to the nations as well as to kings and the sons of Israel. ([Acts of Apostles 9:15](#))
- For I shall show him plainly how many things he must suffer for my name. ([Acts of Apostles 9:16](#))
- Although formerly I was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent man. Nevertheless, I was shown mercy, because I was ignorant and acted with a lack of faith. ([1 Timothy 1:13](#))
- Indeed, you who were once alienated and **enemies** because your minds were on the works that were wicked. ([Colossians 1:21](#))
- He now has again reconciled by means of that one's fleshly body through his death, in order to present you holy and unblemished and open to no accusation before him. ([Colossians 1:22](#))
- Yehowah God says; Vengeance is mine, and retribution.
- Vengeance is mine, and retribution. At the appointed time their foot will move unsteadily, for the day of their disaster is near, and the events in readiness for them do make haste. ([Deuteronomy 32:35](#))
- Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but yield place to the wrath, for it is written: Vengeance is mine. I will repay, says Yehowah. ([Romans 12:19](#))

- For we know him that said: Vengeance is mine. I will recompense. And again: Yehowah will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)
- Therefore the servant of God does not take vengeance into his own hands, neither does he wish for calamity on his **enemies** for personal satisfaction, remembering the wise counsel;
- When your **enemy** falls, do not rejoice, and when he is caused to stumble, may your heart not be joyful. (**Proverbs 24:17**)
- Under the Law, in instances where there might be a question as to whether a man-slaying was deliberate or accidental, any previous **enmity**, hatred, or striking of a man with enmity was a factor that weighed heavily against the accused.
- And if in **hatred** he was pushing him or he has thrown at him while lying in wait that he might die. (**Numbers 35:20**)
- Or in **enmity** he has struck him with his hand that he might die, without fail the striker should be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood will put the murderer to death when he chances upon him. (**Numbers 35:21**)
- But if it was unexpectedly without **enmity** that he has pushed him or has thrown any article toward him without lying in wait. (**Numbers 35:22**)
- Or any stone by which he could die without seeing him or he should cause it to fall upon him, so that he died, while he was not at enmity with him and was not seeking his injury. (**Numbers 35:23**)
- The assembly must then judge between the striker and the avenger of blood according to these judgments. (**Numbers 35:24**)
- And the assembly must deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the assembly must return him to his city of refuge to which he had fled, and he must dwell in it until the death of the High Priest who was anointed with the holy oil. (**Numbers 35:25**)



- There are many **enemies** to be overcome by the Christian during his life course, aside from literal personal opposition. There is grave danger in capitulating to these **enemies**, for, if submitted to, they will bring one into the position of an **enemy** of God. Says the apostle:
- Because the **minding of the flesh means enmity** with God, for it is not under subjection to the Law of God, nor, in fact, can it be. (**Romans 8:7**)
- For the flesh is against the spirit in its desire, and the spirit against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, so that the very things that you would like to do you do not do. (**Galatians 5:17**)
- The Scriptures describe a conflict that goes on within the Christian because of two inimical forces.
- I really delight in the Law of God according to the man I am within. (**Romans 7:22**)
- But I behold in my members another Law warring against the Law of my mind and leading me captive to sins Law that is in my members. (**Romans 7:23**)
- Miserable man that I am! Who will rescue me from the body undergoing this death? (**Romans 7:24**)
- Thanks to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So, then, with my mind I myself am a slave to God's Law, but with my flesh to sins law. (**Romans 7:25**)
- For the Law of that spirit which gives life in union with Christ Jesus has set you free from the Law of sin and of death. (**Romans 8:2**)
- The apostle Peter, in similar vein, admonishes Christians to keep abstaining from **fleshly desires**, which are the very ones that carry on a conflict against the soul.
- Beloved, I exhort you as aliens and temporary residents to keep abstaining from fleshly desires, which are the very ones that carry on a conflict against the soul. (**1 Peter 2:11**)

- **James the half brother of Jesus concurs, speaking of **cravings for sensual pleasure** that carry on a conflict in your members.**
- **From what source are there wars and from what source are there fights among you? Are they not from this source, namely, from your cravings for sensual pleasure that carry on a conflict in your members? (**James 4:1**)**
- **One must recognize these things as **enemies** in order to stand firm against them.**