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Godly desire

1 Timothy 2:3-4

³For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and **to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

Paul's purpose

Acts 26:15-18

¹⁵"So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' ¹⁶But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸**to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God,** that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

A kingdom advancing

Matthew 11:12

¹²"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and **the violent take it by force.**

Blinded minds

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

³But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴whose **minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

Blinded eyes

John 12:39-41

³⁹Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: ⁴⁰"He **has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts**, Lest they should see with *their* eyes, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." ⁴¹These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

The state of the world

1 John 5:18-20

¹⁸We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.** ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

The real battle

Ephesians 6:13

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Chariots of iron

Judges 1:19

¹⁹So the LORD was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron.

The smith-crisis

1 Samuel 13:19-22

¹⁹Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears." ²⁰But all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to sharpen each man's plowshare, his mattock, his ax, and his sickle; ²¹and the charge for a sharpening was a pim for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks, and the axes, and to set the points of the goads. ²²So it came about, on the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who *were* with Saul and Jonathan. But they were found with Saul and Jonathan his son.

2 Kings 24:12-14

¹²Then Jehoiachin king of Judah, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers went out to the king of Babylon; and the king of Babylon, in the eighth year of his reign, took him prisoner. ¹³And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut in pieces all the articles of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. ¹⁴Also he carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land.

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