

*"And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, 'Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?' And he said, 'Nay; but as Captain of the Host of the LORD am I now come.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, 'What saith my lord unto his servant?' And **The Captain Of The LORD'S Host** said unto Joshua, 'Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the Place whereon thou standest Is Holy.' And Joshua did so." **Joshua 5:13-15 KJV***



We need to ask, "Am I with God?" not "Is God with me?" Joshua, like so many believers, asked the wrong question and was instantly rebuked for his impertinence. God only aids those who are WITH Him. *"He that gathereth not WITH Me, scattereth abroad."* Because you belong to God doesn't mean you are walking WITH Him. We're frustrated, many times, by circumstances of our own making! *"If we walk in the Light, as He Is In The Light... the Blood of Jesus Christ... Cleanseth us from all sin."* If the path is dark, it's the wrong path.; not dark circumstances, but self-centered thoughts. Not meditating *"day and night"* in God's Word and lack of constant prayer is a direct result of personal desire (lust) ruling thought. *"Let the Word of God Dwell in you richly. Great Peace have they which love Thy Law. In everything give thanks."* We can weather any storm WITH Christ. *"Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God."* Drunkards can't stay sober in bars! You can't fall in holes if you stay away from holes! You can't resist temptation, but you can stay away! Measure every desire with this Command: *"Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil!"* Avoid people, places, thoughts, or deeds that can even be perceived as evil. *"The end of the Commandment Is Charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of Faith unfeigned."* As you think, ask, "Does God approve my thoughts?" Scriptural Truth in conscious thought is the Voice of God. Jesus Is The *"Word Made Flesh"* And He Said, *"I Am The... Truth."* Dear Believer, many thoughts flit through your mind; the *"fiery darts"* of Satan, self, or the Voice of God. All thought seems to be your own, but not so. You'll only know when God is speaking through study, meditation, and prayer. The more you know God's Word, the more you'll recognize His Voice of Truth. *"Jesus Christ The Same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* Truth often dawns unexpectedly; in the day, the crowd, the noise, the pew, or the night. When it does, know this; God has just spoken to you. *"Study to be quiet. Be still: And KNOW that I Am God!"* Quietness begins with singleness of thought. Satan cannot know thoughts without speech or deed. Words, faces, and gestures reveal thought. He and his watch constantly looking for any opening of lust through which to entice. God's Word in your mind will strengthen Faith's Shield And Quench *"every fiery dart"* of evil thought!

The Captain of the Host of God,
Will fight for right upon this sod,
Stand with Him and you'll prevail,
O'er ev'ry evil without fail. –CGP

When you begin to recognize Christ, The Truth in thought, Faith will increase exponentially. You will not know ABOUT God; you will KNOW God! Your soul will rejoice, trust will increase and obedience will *"delight"* you!

"And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth Shall Make you Free. Jesus Saith unto him, 'I Am The Way, The Truth, And The Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but By Me.'" John 8:32, 14:6 KJV