

“On The Other Hand”
Matthew 4:6

When Jesus faced the devil and his temptations He brought his adversary to the sober reality and overarching truth contained in God’s word with the words, “On the other hand, it is written” (Matthew 4:6.) To each and every temptation Jesus said, “It is written” (Matthew 4:4, 6, 10.)

Imagine having the same state of mind that our Lord Jesus had...the state of mind to know where in the Scriptures to go to defeat the devil! (Romans 12:21; James 4:7.)

What must we know “On the other hand” to hold our ground in this world that is being so completely manipulated by the devil? (Revelation 13:8, 9, 16.) What must we keep foremost in our minds in the face of adversity?

- I. What Must WE Know “On The Other Hand” To Hold Our Ground In This World That Is Being So Completely Manipulated By The Devil?
 - A. As we have seen in Revelation 13:8, Satan has manipulating sway over much of the people of this world who have aligned themselves with him. We know that the devil and his rulers, powers and forces are what we are struggling against! (Ephesians 6:12.) Yet, “On the other hand” our God has provided us with the weapons to hold our ground in the midst of the on-slot of the devil’s evil fury by posting in His word what is readily available from our Father and from Jesus Himself! (Luke 22:30, 31; Romans 8:38, 39.)
 - B. The word of God is the only resource we can use in our constant resistance against the devil’s relentless attacks! (Matthew 6:13; 26:42; I Peter 5:9.)
 - C. “On the other hand,” we must realize that even though the devil threw his wrath at Job, Job never allowed this to move him from his steadfast integrity before God! (Job 2:6-10.)
 - D. We need to reach out to God when we see ourselves being pressed by overwhelming stress and pressure to sin against God and give ourselves to Him without question! (Daniel 3:16-18.)
- II. What Must We Keep Foremost In Mind In The Face Of Adversity?
 - A. We must know that just as the adversity came, It will not last! (Ecclesiastes 9:11; Luke 22:32.)
 - B. The victory over the adversary can only come when God is ready to bring it about! (I Samuel 17:45.)

- C. Instead of all of the discouraging that the devil can use to break our confidence, we must, on the other hand, seek out the God-given courage that awaits us in the God's truth! (Joshua 1:5-9.)

- D. No matter how dark this society may seem, Jesus is our light! (John 8:12; Acts 13:47.)