Chapter Thirteen

Victory Over Satan And His Cohorts

As we continue in this detailed study, it is important that we re-emphasise the truth that to underestimate Satan, denying the reality of his active presence with fallen angels on earth is to live in denial. On the other hand, to overestimate him and virtually ascribe to him attributes that belong to God his Creator is to walk into his lies. The key, in discussing Satan and his cohorts, is to stay within the realms of revealed truth documented in the Holy Scriptures with additional insight offered by the Holy Spirit, exercising faith in them.

No matter what he does on earth as 'god' of this corrupt world system, it is gratifying to know that we as saints have the victory over him which is guaranteed by the blood that Jesus shed on our behalf.

We shall now discuss how saints can walk in this victory on a consistent basis.

A. Walk in the understanding of some settled truths
The truths stated here are settled. Those who embrace

them are secure:

1. Jesus was incarnated to pay the price for our deliverance from bondage to Satan

> *"[10] For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [14] Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage"* **Hebrews 2:10, 14-15.**

> *"[74] That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, [75] In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life"* **Luke 1:74-75.**

When Yeshua (Jesus) encountered Satan in the wilderness and overcame the three fold temptation: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life that victory was for us as well.

2. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and

declared on the Cross 'It is finished' which is our bill of liberty.

> *"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil"* **1 John 3:8**

3. Because we are in Jesus and He in us, our lives are hidden and secure if we totally submit our will to His sovereignty. This is the essence of true holiness which sets us apart for His exclusive holy use.

> *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. [2] Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. [3] For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God"* **Colossians 3:1-3**

4. We win when we release our minds to the ministry of the word to dislodge all strongholds and are engrafted with the mind of Jesus our King. This secures our minds and thought life from the ability of his fiery darts to penetrate and degrade. We are thus able to release the word that is already made flesh in us. (The Word is potent when we are united with it).

> *"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**

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" **Joshua 1:8**

"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**

"and be renewed in the spirit of your mind" **Ephesians 4:23**

5. We win when we live in the presence of the most High through praying without ceasing

"[17]Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the

most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [2] I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. [3] Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. [4] He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler" **Psalm 91:1-4**

6. We win when the essence of our entire lives is seeking first His Kingdom and righteousness. When this is so, we are effective ambassadors of heaven on earth.

"[31] Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? [32] (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. [33] But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. [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" **Matthew 6:31-34**

7. We win when we exercise our right to wage effective Spiritual warfare using all the tools that are given to us as follows:

1. Wear the whole armour of God always. Recognising the pervasive presence of Satan and his agents at various spheres of influence in this fallen world, we are proactive in not exposing our beings carelessly for them to decimate.

> *"[10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] 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. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand . [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: [18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"*
> **Ephesians 6:10-18**

It is our responsibility to constantly check up to ensure that every piece of our spiritual armour is in place and intact.

1. We win as we submit ourselves in humility to God and resist Satan steadfastly using the authority of the name of Jesus the Messiah.

> *"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues"* **Mark 16:17**

> *"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son"* **John 14:13**

> *"[6] But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. [7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded"* **James 4:6-8**

> *"[8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may*

devour: [9] Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" **1 Peter 5:8-9**

3. We win as we release our faith in the Blood of Jesus to overcome Satan.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death"
Revelation 12:11

4. As we rejoice continually in the awesome completeness of our deliverance, in spite of anything we encounter and live in love of God and fellow humans, we are fortified from defeat in any way. An attitude of thanksgiving for the victory at Calvary is a key in effective spiritual warfare.

"[4] Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. [5] Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.[6]Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God"
Philippians 4:4-6

5. The statute of limitation. We also win when we walk in the reality that our lives are not happenstances and God did not beget us to abandon us to our own strength on

earth. For this reason, the redeemed of the blood has a guarantee that if they love God and are truly His, all things about their lives will work together for good. Look at the attitude of Paul:

> *"[28] And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. [29] For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30] Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. [31] What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? [32] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? [33] Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. [34] Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36] As it is written, For thy sake we are killed*

> *all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.* [37] *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.* [38] *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,* [39] *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* **Romans 8:28-39**

In this regard, even the works of Satan and his attacks will at the end of the day be found incapable of negating the divine purpose.

Understanding the Statute of Limitation in Spiritual Warfare

The statute of limitation placed upon Satan as a created being whose activities would ultimately work together for the manifestation of the supreme will of God. The Supreme Ruler of the Universe on whose table all bucks stop is God! In this regard, even the works of Satan and his attacks will, at the end of the day, be found incapable of negating the divine purpose.

> *"*[10] *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:* [11] *In*

> *whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:[12] That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ"* **Ephesians 1:10-12.**

The legal axis of this lifestyle is this: Jesus is head of Satan and all principalities and powers and we are complete in Him.

> *"[12] Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: [13] Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: [14] In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: [15] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: [16] For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: [17] And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might*

have the pre-eminence" **Colossians 1:12-18**

Saints need to hide in Jesus. To live in victory, saints need to walk in the full understanding that we have an enemy and host of evil forces intent on undoing what God has done for us. Saints should desire discernment to understand the nature and mode of operation of demonic spirits functioning in their spheres of influence and know that those who are redeemed by the blood that Jesus shed, who abide in Him and allow His word to abide in them have passed from death to life; are transited from victims to victors as long as they set their affections on things above and seek first the Kingdom of God. This gives them double protection insurance that Satan cannot touch.

> *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.[2] Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.[3] For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.[4] When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory"* **Colossians 3:1-4.**

This is why God wants to rejoice in our Saviour, Jesus always, knowing that we have been made partakers of divine life in and through Him. With that reality, we have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. This is why a vital place of safety we have is to desist from

pre-mature satisfaction or looking back at the world from where we were delivered. Rather, a place of safety is to continually press forward into the fullness of He who called us.

> *"[3] According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: [4] Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. [5] And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; [6] And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;[7] And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. [8] For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. [10] Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: [11] For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of*

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" **2 Peter 1:3-11**

Saints, above all else, let us walk by faith, not by sight. Carnality (walking by the five carnal senses) is a great snare that Satan exploits greatly to afflict and oppress saints. Let us stand on the finished work of the Cross continually and walk in the consciousness that we are His. Our King, Jesus, did not live by the five carnal senses but by the will of God the Father in all things. No wonder He was victorious when Satan tried to tempt Him with the same principles that Adam and Eve were tempted with. Matthew 4:1-11. We are to emulate He who secured victory for us at the Cross and said 'It is finished'.

More On Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual warfare is the act of standing on the finished work of Calvary to war, in the name of Yeshua and at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, against the devil and his evil forces; and in so doing, enforce the ordinances and purposes of Yahweh on planet earth (land, water, first and second heavens). Take note that spiritual warfare is not against human beings, even when they are his willing or unconscious human agents, but against Satan and the kingdom of darkness.

"[12] 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.**

Spiritual Warfare is not an activity exclusively reserved for a few superstars in the kingdom. It is not an activity steeped in secret codes. It is the lifestyle of spiritual alertness and militancy to stand upon the written and revealed Word and insist that Satan and all powers of darkness give way for the purpose of the King to be fulfilled in all circumstances.

Spiritual warfare can take many forms. These include:

1. Binding and Loosing. Matthew 16:19. Luke 11: 21 – 22. Here, we receive the assign of Jesus Christ to bind every demonic spirit at work in every circumstance before us. In the same way, we loose people and situations from demonic oppression which may manifest as sicknesses or other forms of disorder. We do not engage in this spiritual war on our own merit and ability. We do so in the name of Jesus Christ at which every knee shall bow in all realms of existence. Matthew 18:19, 20 Mark 16:17 Philippians 2:9, 10 Revelation 3:7. Note that Satan is not yet due for binding. He has license to roam around at this present time. You can successfully resist and overthrow his devices but have no legal ground to bind him. Binding Satan therefore is a meaningless activity. You can however bind his works and effect of his presence, in the name of Jesus Christ. A day is coming in the future when just one angel will bind Satan and lock him away for 1000 years – Revelation 20:1-6. Many saints are there whose present problems are neglecting this truth and railing against Satan or lying against him by attributing their carelessness

or even discipline of the Father to him. We are warned that even Michael, the Archangel, did not rail against Satan when two of them were contending for the body of Moses. Michael rather invoked the authority of Yahweh who sent him on that assignment. (Please read Jude verses 8-10).
2. Casting out evil spirits – Luke 11: 14 – 24. We have the authority to discern, bind and cast out evil spirits that are the root causes of problems. Jesus most of the time, identified the nature of the demons at work and addressed them by name. By the gift of discernment of spirit, we too can know and bind them by name – 1 Corinthians 12:10.

3. Resisting the devil from every negative activity with steadfast or unwavering faith so that he has no option than to flee as we submit ourselves to God. James 4:7 1Peter 5: 8, 9. We need to do this also in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Overthrowing the works of Satan by the Blood of the Lamb backed by the testimony of our lives as witnesses of Christ. Revelations 12:11. Do not ever try to deal with Satan when there are un-confessed and unrepentant sins in your life. You can end up as the seven sons of Sceva.

5. Passing decrees that are prompted by the Holy Spirit or derived from the Word of God against any situation or the demonic powers that are behind them. Job 22: 27, 28. John 14: 1214. These decrees are not to be issued lightly but as inspired by the Holy Spirit. That is why it is wrong to use prayer books in spiritual warfare. Every activity and circumstance is different. At the grave of Lazarus, Jesus passed a decree for him to come forth, after worshipping

the Father. John 11: 38 – 44.

6. Angels of God can be called forth, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to fight unseen spiritual wars, when you exhaust your capacity. Daniel chapter 10 offers an interesting account of angelic intervention. Angels are spirit-beings assigned by God to wait on us and enable us fulfil the divine assignment. Hebrews 1:14.

Take note that the Word of God is a critical resource in spiritual warfare Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 11: 27 28

Defensive Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual warfare is defensive when we lay hold of the right spiritual equipment to hold what belongs to God and His kingdom which is assigned to us, individually or severally to keep. Jesus gave an express assurance to the Church (which is us, rather than an organisation) that the gates of hell cannot prevail over His Church. Matthew 16:18.
A careful examination of Ephesians 6:10-18 reveals that all the weapons except one: the Sword of the Spirit (The Word of God) are for defensive purposes.

> *"[10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] 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.[13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.[14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;[15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;[16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.[17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:[18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"
Ephesians 6:10-18

Examples of defensive spiritual warfare.

1. Battling for the destiny God has unfolded for us which the enemy and his agents seek to plunder or deflect.

2. Fighting to prevent Satanic attempts to take over the hearts and minds of children through worldly amusements, drug and substance addictions.

3. Fighting to safeguard such core institutions as the

marriage, family and the church from the onslaught of the enemy.

4. Fighting to defend by faith the health, finances and general well-being of saints of God from onslaughts of the wicked one. This is where saints know what was purchased for them by Yeshua, Jesus, at the Cross of Calvary and stand their ground in faith to receive them. Having received them, saints refuse to allow the enemy to take them away.

> *"[10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* **John 10:10.**

> *"[2] Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"* **3 John 1:2.**

> *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"* **Hebrews 11:6.**

> *"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward"* **Hebrews 10:35.**

Saints, please diligently search out the Holy Scriptures to understand all the promises of God for saints generally and for you in particular. Believe God for them, meditate

and confess them to yourself, at the enemy and his agents when they rear their heads. Stand your ground with the shield of faith and absolute trust in God. Let Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3 and Colossians 3:16 propel you on.

Our victory was won when Yeshua paid the full price for the Sin of Adam and Eve and us at the Cross and He declared 'It is finished'

When To Fight

This is the grand secret that explains why many saints seem to make Satan happy by their loud groaning over what they are going through. It is interesting that rather than study to show themselves approved to overcome Satan and his evil set up, many saints prefer to loudly advertise their woes. In so doing, they close the door to the hearts of many who become unable to receive the good news from them.

Our King, Yeshua did not live by the five carnal senses but by the will of Abba in all things. No wonder He was victorious when Satan tried to tempt Him with the same principles that Adam and Eve were tempted. Matthew 4:1-11. We are to emulate He who secured victory for us at the Cross and said 'It is finished'.

Still on the subject matter, we need to know that something absolutely ground breaking happened the day we received Yeshua, Jesus into our hearts. We were yanked off the world and conveyed into the Kingdom where He rules.

"[12] Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: [13] Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: [14] In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" **Colossians 1:12-14**

"[32] And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment" **1 Chronicles 12:32.**

"[11] And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

[12] The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

[13] Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
[14] But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" **Romans 13:11-14.**

> *"[14] Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. [15] See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, [16] Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. [17] Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*
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> *[18] And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; [19] Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; [20] Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; [21] Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God"* **Ephesians 5:14-21.**

Prayer, Fasting and Spiritual Warfare

Of the things Abba shared with us on spiritual warfare, these things can be deduced:

1. Satan is real as are demons who are fallen angels subject to him in a total sense.

2. To ignore the reality of the existence of Satan is to live in denial. Since ignorance is not a virtue, the one who denies this reality is, from a spiritual point of view, blind.

3. On the other hand, exaggerating the person and powers of Satan to the degree of counting him to be equal and

opposite of Elohim, his creator is to succumb to his lies. This can open up the saint who believes the lie to greater realms of oppression and possible possession.

When Yeshua paid the Supreme Price for the redemption of humanity, He proclaimed 'It is finished'. By that decree, the legal power of Satan to smite and torment saints at will was taken away as they were translated from his grip into the Kingdom of Yahweh! By so doing, Yeshua was not founding a religious organisation but rather opening the life gate for those who would to become members of the Family of Yahweh and citizens of His Kingdom on earth.

> *"[12]Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:[13]Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:[14] In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: [15]Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: [16]For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: [17] And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.[18] And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the*

firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. [19]For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;[20] And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. [21] And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled [22] In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: [23] If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;[24] Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church"
Colossians 1:12-24

Even in the old covenant, the Statute of limitation was at work. Satan had to take permission from Yahweh before he could oppress Job. Even in granting that permission, Yahweh set a limit to what Satan could do: he was not permitted to kill Job (See Job 1 verse 12).

"[6]Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.[7]

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. [8] *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?* [9] *Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?* [10] *Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.* [11] *But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.*

[12] *And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

[13] *And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:* [14] *And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:* [15] *And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.* [16] *While he was yet speaking, there came also*

another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. [17] *While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.* [18] *While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:* [19] *And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.*

[20] *Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,* [21] *And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.* [22] *In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly"* **Job 1:6-22**

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The statute of limitation forcefully advances the Biblical thesis that no matter what Satan and his agents do to true saints such attacks will ultimately work together for their good, though there may be some pain along the line.

Subsequent permission sought by Satan led him to inflict more pain even on the physical body of Job to the degree that his friends stumbled. At the end of the day however, here was the testimony of Job:

> *"[10] And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. [11] Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold. [12] So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. [13] He had also seven sons and three daughters. [14] And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. [15] And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. [16] After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. [17] So Job died, being old and full of days.* **Job 42:10-17**

Saints, it is not over until Yahweh says so! Job ended better than he started and the works of Satan strengthened and expanded him.