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*Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

The disruption that happened as the angels who failed to follow God’s Word and willingly left their first estate and sinned against God’s truths, are now reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the day of judgment.

God does not want us ruling against His authority through our self-will. Trying to live our life against God’s will to be done in earth, allows the destroyer to come in to destroy our hope in God.

In the earth, God gave specific instructions to Israel for them to escape the destroyer that would come where His presence does not abide. His presence abides through His Word as we obey it with a willing heart. After 400 years of suffering, they are now made ready to depart from the bondages that held them back for so long.

*Exodus 12:23 For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.*

The destroyer comes where the spirit of God does not abide. When the Lord passes through your life as He speaks His will to be done; He alone knows if we keep His Words and honor Him as His Word represents who He is in power and authority for us to live. Without honoring and keeping His Word as we live in His presence, we have no protection from the things that comes to destroy our hope and peace.

God told Israel He will not suffer the destroyer to come into the house to smite them. For Satan to drag you off into sin, and disrupt your life, he has to get you to agree with him. In your agreement with sin, you fail to shut out the temptation that draws you into bondage.
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We are not given power to defeat the enemy who destroys, without God. Only God has that power and when we separate by choice from His power, we lose out.

The blood of Jesus must be applied to our life as we live the Word of God believing in its power to protect us, all the time. God never does anything halfway or partially. He always gives us His best in all that He does.

To let you know how destructive sin can be, let us look at Cain for a moment, as God rejected his offering.

*Genesis 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

God shows praise unto Abels’ offering and accepted it with high regard, but it angered Cain that he did not get praise as he just gave God an offering of the field and not his best.

*Genesis 4:6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?*

God is seeing that Cain is hurt deeply over his decision. Then He tells Him that he can do better.

*Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

So now everything is based on Cain’s action as response to what he was told. Sin is a destroyer that comes against your life. Its desire is to destroy you, but God said you shall rule over sin, which is death to us spiritually without God. The devil can do anything he wants to us and we have no power to fight back willingly without God’s help. We are given the power to reject sin in our life. If we do not reject sin, it will come in and destroy your life.

Cain refused to correct his way after God had talked with him saying that if he did well, giving his best into what was needed, shall he not be
accepted. This meant that the decision to reject his offering would have been removed. Giving our best fulfills God’s truths in our life. We must withhold nothing under self-will as we live His Word to the fullest. Anytime we do what we want rather than to fulfill the Word of God, we cancel our own blessing to conquer the enemy called sin and selfishness.

**To do things well,** means to give your best effort toward doing it to the specification needed to bring blessing into your life. Everything will not go well if your work is not pleasing to God or others. There is always a good and correct way of doing things, and a careless disrespectful way of handling things your way.

God speaks of the destroyer coming to destroy through sin. As God gave Israel instruction to apply the blood over the door post, anyone who did not do as instructed, would be destroyed by the destroyer under disobedience.

Now these are ways the destroyer will come through sin in our life.

*Psalm 17:4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.*

King David is careful of the word he speaks.

*Proverbs 28:24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.*

If you are not obedient to your parents whom you see on earth, you rob them of God’s blessings and your own life as well, causing lack. You see no harm in disobedience to God who is also your parent.

Jude speaks of other ways the destroyer comes into our life.

*Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.  8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.*
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In this, defilement, the flesh, that is supposed to carry out the actions through God’s Word. So, the disobedience to His Word, causes flesh to become sick and diseased as the destroyer comes in under disobedience.

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

The Lord executes judgment on all sin. Execute means to carry into effect the sentence or penalty for sin.

Jude 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. 17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

The destroyer comes to consume your life through disobedience. It can come as sickness, disease, and disastrous things such as floods, storms, mishaps that occur suddenly and accidents. All of which means death for the lawless who disobey God’s Word. For Israel, it was serpents, earthquakes, sickness, and disease of not only people but the animals and livestock as well. When God’s grace was rejected, death reigned for the lawless who rejected God’s Word in their life.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
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In **Exodus 12:23**, the Lord Himself will pass through your life and lift the curse where the blood of Jesus is applied. God will pass over the house that chooses to live His Word as it abides in wellbeing. When He passes over and His spirit of truth and righteousness do not abide through our obedience; the destroyer will come.

We are given power through Christ to loose, dissolve, sever, break, and demolish or destroy the works of the Devil in our life and others.

> *1 John 3:8* 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.

Christ never came to destroy the law, but to fulfill Gods’ law from Heaven for all to follow. His job is to destroy the works of the devil who came to destroy our life as we operate against God’s Word. If law were destroyed completely we would remain lawless in our behavior. So there had to be a fulfillment of God’s law in the earth as we were already lawless as sin takes root and controls our life. So long as we follow Christ in obedience and righteousness we are safe from the destroyer.

Peter teaches us in Acts Chapter 3 **Acts 3:19** Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

When you decide to repent, then the times of refreshing will come to your soul direct from the presence of God.

> *Acts 3:20* And **he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Every prophecy will be fulfilled as God has spoken by the prophets who spoke as oracles of His mouth by His Spirit of Truth.

> *Acts 3:22* For Moses truly said unto the fathers, **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him**
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shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

That is every individual soul who refuses to hear and repent of sin will be destroyed of the destroyer. Sin is the destroyer that comes through disobedience to all.

Psalm 32: 5 I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Sela 6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Please forgive me for all my sin. I acknowledge all of my sin unto you that the hand of the destroyer will be stayed from my life. Help me to continue living your truths as you have spoken for me to live. Heal me of selfish ways that hinder your truths in my life. I ask Jesus to come in to heal me of all my sin, that I may abide in you forever. In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

(Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.)