

I know all about you

Sometimes it can feel like you're just no good at all, can't it? In a time when unemployment is at near record levels, especially, it can seem that way. When you're not actively engaged in "doing what you do", you can begin to feel like you can't do anything.

*Obviously*, you're not as smart as you thought you were, or you'd still be working.

*Obviously*, you're not as talented as you thought you were, or you'd be further ahead.

Wait, here's a real ugly one... *Obviously*, you're out of God's will or else you'd be in a better place.

Or perhaps the worst one... *Obviously*, there is no God.

It is at those times when we get to feeling this way, that we have to remember that our enemies - the ones who tell us such lies - are not flesh and blood; but are spiritual. In the same way, when we're in the midst of the battle for our minds and our souls, we must remember that our weapons are also spiritual... and they are mighty, even to the pulling down of strongholds! Look at this beautiful scripture...

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty by God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2Cor 10:4,5)*

Do you see it there, beloved? Our weapons are capable of pulling down and casting down λογισμος (logismos)... the word means reasonings, computations, thoughts. Considering that many of our thoughts and imaginations come from "the accuser of our brothers", this is a very comforting thing! Our soul's enemy, Satan, is given this name in the book of the Revelation. Look...

*And the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ, because the accuser of our brothers, the one who accused them before our God day and night, has been thrown out of heaven. (Rev 12:9,10)*

This one, who accuses us before God, is that same one accuses us here, in our own hearts and minds. He tells us we're not good enough, not smart enough, not worth anything; or worse yet, not loved by God; or even worse yet, he tells us that there is no God. He tells us that if there was a God, we'd have no problems. But God has not promised that we would have a life with no problems. He has promised that His presence would not desert us in our problems, and that we would get through them without cracking... sound of mind, powerful enough to handle problems, and not afraid. (2Tim 1:7)

But whatever the accusation from the enemy, Jesus says... *I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and I am known by My own (Jn 10:14).*

The one who knows all about us is also our Shepherd; meaning, we can count on his protection against all accusations from all enemies.

Take heart, beloved, and don't believe the lies that anybody says about you. There is a God, and He loves us, and brings us the victory in Jesus.

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