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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

— Matthew 22.37-40

His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

— Job 2.9

When I meet a Buddhist monk, I meet a holy man in touch with another world. When I meet a Western missionary, I meet a manager who is only in touch with the world I know.

— Japanese Businessman,
quoted in Mark Buchanan's *Your God Is Too Safe*

Introductory Material



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The most difficult lie I have ever contended with is this: Life is a story about me. ...no drug is so powerful as the drug of self. No rut in the mind is so deep as the one that says I am the world, the world belongs to me, all people are characters in my play. There is no addiction so powerful as self-addiction.

— Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz*, p. 182.

Without wisdom and restraint, I can easily storm the gates of the enemy in a way that does not accomplish God's purposes and my goals.

— John Paul Jackson,
Needless Casualties of War, p. 39

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?"

— Job 1.9,10

Work Sheets



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Just because someone quotes a stirring Bible verse, or “takes authority” over his problem, or “rebukes Satan” doesn’t mean the trial always melts away. To present that notion to new Christians is a terrible distortion of God’s word.

—Jim Cymbala, *Fresh Power*, p. 173

So, Satan has power, but he does not have authority to stop what God has commanded the Church to do....We are called to exercise our God-given power and authority to destroy the works of the evil one in our proper earthly sphere of authority.

— John Paul Jackson,
Needless Casualties of War, p. 72

Supplementary Materials



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I am well aware that because of the excesses that go on in certain churches...many people have gotten dubious about the Spirit....Actually, this is a clever tactic of the devil. He uses counterfeit ministers and manifestations to turn people away in fear or distaste. He accents weirdness and unbiblical practices to steer us away from the water we desperately need, so that we find ourselves in a desert of human effort and unbelief.

—Jim Cymbala, *Fresh Power*, pp. 193-194

A safe god inspires neither awe, nor worship, nor sacrifice.

— Mark Buchanan in *Your God Is Too Safe*, p. 31

Commentary On The Book of Job



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Ministry to others in spiritual warfare is thus a tremendous blessing. It forces us to see our own sin and die more quickly to ourselves. Turn what the enemy has meant for harm into good by using the enemy's counterattack to discover in yourself what still needs to be crucified on the cross.

— John Paul Jackson,
Needless Casualties of War, p. 148

God's main business is not ensuring that you and I get parking spaces close to the mall entrance or that the bed sheets in the color we want are—miracle!—on sale this week.

His main business is making you and me holy.

— Mark Buchanan in Your God Is Too Safe, p. 33

Glossary



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*It is an old proverb...
God never had a House of Pray'r,
But Satan had a chapel there.*

— Richardson (1785)

*The Devil's snare does not catch you,
unless you are first caught by the Devil's
bait.*

— St. Ambrose

*Satan deals with confusion and lies.
Put the truth in front of him and he is
gone.*

— Paul Mattock

*The devil never assails a man except he
finds him either void of knowledge or of
the fear of God.*

— George Herbert

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*Hollow corridors begin
to echo now with praise.
The maze of emptiness within,
labyrinthine hiding places
flooding now with Him.
My God, my King, Your ways
have won Your welcome in.
Among the darkness and the damp
set up Your camp
and dwell where hell has been.*

—Laurie Annah, 1997

*You may hide a thing from men;
from the spirits you cannot hide it.*

—Chinese proverb

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