



FIGHTX3 | PART ONE | THE FIGHT WITHIN

## Isaiah 42:1-13

### LOOK AGAIN:

**42:6** “I am the LORD; I have called you<sup>[b]</sup> in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
8 I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

**10 Sing to the LORD a new song,**  
**his praise from the end of the earth,**  
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,  
the coastlands and their inhabitants.  
11 Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar inhabits;  
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,  
let them shout from the top of the mountains.

<sup>12</sup> Let them give glory to the LORD,  
and declare his praise in the coastlands.  
<sup>13</sup> The LORD goes out like a mighty man,  
like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;  
he cries out, he shouts aloud,  
he shows himself mighty against his foes.

**GOD'S PEOPLE DO NOT WAIT FOR THE FINAL BATTLE TO  
SING SONGS OF PRAISE.**

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

**REJOICE:** χαίρω | **chaíró**, khah'-ee-ro; a primary **verb**; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:—farewell, be glad, God speed, **greeting**, hail, joy(- fully), rejoice.

**I DON'T WAIT AROUND FOR GOD TO ARRIVE ON THE  
SCENE WHEN I'M IN TROUBLE TO REJOICE AND PRAISE  
HIM... I LIFT UP A SHOUT WHILE HE'S ON THE WAY,  
GREETING HIS PRESENCE AS HE COMES IN THE "GATE"...**

### **FIGHTX3**

**-WE HAVE A REAL ENEMY**

**-OUR ENEMY KNOWS HIS FINAL DESTINATION**

**-HIS PURPOSE IN THE FIGHT IS TO TAKE AS MANY WITH  
HIM AS HE CAN**

[John 10:10](#)

**STEAL: YOUR SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE**

**KILL: YOUR PHYSICAL BODY**

**DESTROY: YOUR SOUL**

**TRUTH:** We are in a war and have an obligation to battle..  
God is not in a struggle with the enemy; we are, because He  
and the devil are not equals.

**But we fight daily...**

**1 PETER 5:8-11**

**3 TARGET AREAS THE ENEMY WANTS TO OBLITERATE IN  
THIS FIGHT...**

**YOUR FREEDOM, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FAITH**

**THERE IS A PERSON WHO IS OFTEN USED BY THE ENEMY,  
WHO IS THE BEST AT DESTROYING MY FREEDOM, MY  
FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, MY FAITH AND BELIEF IN GOD**

**AND THAT PERSON IS ME/YOU.**

**MY SUBTITLE: THE FIGHT WITHIN**

**Luke 21:36** But stay awake at all times, praying that **you** may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**Matthew 24:44** Therefore **you** also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**Romans 12:1-2** I appeal to **you** therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Matthew 24:42** Therefore, stay awake, for **you** do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

### **EVEN WHAT WE JUST READ:**

#### **1 PETER 5:8-11**

**sober-minded:** 3525. **Néphó** properly, to be sober (not drunk), not intoxicated; (figuratively) **free from illusion**, i.e. from the **intoxicating influences** of sin (like the impact of selfish passion, greed, etc.)

**TRUTH:** THE ENEMY NEEDS ACCESS IN A BELIEVER'S LIFE... ONE TACTIC HE USES LIES, “WISPERS” TO TRY TO GAIN ACCESS...

#### **1 John 2:15-17**

**WE MUST FIRST DECLARE WAR ON SELF.**

**BECAUSE:** WE CANNOT FIGHT THE DEVIL IF WE ARE STANDING IN THE WAY.

## **MATTHEW 16:13-23**

**WARFARE IS NOT THE FOCAL POINT OF THIS KIND OF FIGHT.**

**JESUS IS THE FOCUS, ON THE KING! (THAT'S WHERE THE VICTORY IS)**

**KEYS TO PREPARING FOR THE FIGHT (DECLARING WAR ON SELF):**

- check your motives**
- be clean**
- be sober**
- be ready**