



**STRONGHOLDS:  
SATAN'S SECRET WEAPON**

**What they are  
and how to  
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- *“And they [we] overcame him [Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.”* (Rev. 12:11)

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- *THREE KEY COMPONENTS OF VICTORY OVER THE EVIL ONE*
- 1. The Blood of The Lamb
- 2. The Word of Our Testimony
- 3. Despising our Lives Unto Death

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- *SATAN'S THREE MAJOR WEAPONS*
- Weapon 1      Sin      Active
- Weapon 2      Accusations      Passive
- Weapon 3      Strongholds      Dormant



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- Strongholds are Satan's secret weapons since he is able to use them against us without us being aware, and at the worse possible time for us.
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## The Biblical Basis

- *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, **but divinely powerful for the destruction of strongholds.**”*  
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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- *“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

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- *A stronghold is a mindset impregnated with hopelessness that forces us to accept as unchangeable situations that we know are contrary to the will of God.*





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## The Biblical Basis

- *Examples: Unforgiveness,  
Immorality in marriage/children*
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## The Biblical Basis

*“A lofty thing”*

Knowledge  
of God

Our own  
speculations

*It consists of “a lofty thing”  
raised in the mind of the believer to block  
the knowledge of God from  
his / her own speculations*

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*This makes them “double minded,” and the result, according to James, is instability in all their ways.*

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## Characteristics

Located in the mind.

*Speculations*

*Knowledge*

*Thoughts*

*...are in the mind*

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## Characteristics

- *“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.” Romans 8:6,7*

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## Characteristics

- It is usually made up of good thoughts and intentions.
- *Example of Peter in Mt. 16:21-25*

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## **Characteristics**

- **It develops in the shadow of our strengths.**
- *Example of Abraham in Gen. 12-14*

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- **It is activated by traumas and detonated by crisis.**
- *Example of bitterness along lines of our gifting: People with the gifts of giving and mercy.*



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## Characteristics

- **It creates a double mind that results in emotional and spiritual instability.**
- *“For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am!” (Rom. 7:22-24a)*

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## **How to destroy them**

- **James 4:6 – 10**
- Perseverance is the key!
- The 40-Day Treatment (Ex: Flies and a cement wall)
  - a. Stock your biblical arsenal
  - b. Declare war
  - c. Draft Bible based prayers (“It is written...”)
  - d. Persevere. Persevere. Persevere.
- Choice between a POW and a SOLDIER!

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Biblical insights to destroy them

- **Submit to GOD**
- *Through a truth encounter (The Word of God)*
- Choose to believe the Word of God over the circumstances to bring down the lofty thing raised against the knowledge (wisdom) of God.

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Biblical insights to destroy them

- **Resist the devil**
- *By choosing to die to the flesh to destroy speculations.*
- *A speculation is a conclusion based on incomplete information or evidence.*

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Biblical insights to destroy them

- Draw near to GOD
- *To be able to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. By choosing to die to the flesh to destroy speculations.*
- “Presents the only way in which we can draw near to God: through the power of the resurrection of Christ.” Galatians 2:20

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**Biblical insights to destroy them**

- Deal with both the outward manifestation and the root cause.
- Cleanse your hands by ceasing to sin.
- Proceed to purify your heart by discarding the old mindset.