

Understanding Spiritual Opposition & Hindrances!

ESV Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Wrestling is grappling! Grappling is grabbing and holding on to an opponent to keep them from moving/advancing.

A **grappling hook** was an iron hook used to seize and grab ships holding them steady so they could be boarded and raided.

Every day we are in a wrestling match with spiritual forces (information, ideas, laws and images) that try to hold us down, enter into our minds and keep us from advancing!

If they cannot enter in and possess us they seek to hinder us from reaching our full potential, purpose and destiny!

Hindering spirits seek to slow down or stop the move of God!

KJV Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

Joshua the High Priest in this passage represents Israel as a Nation, him standing represents him ministering in the priests' office.

Satan standing at his right hand symbolizes opposition to his ministry (the right hand being the hand of strength and covenant).

Satan was resisting the ministry of the priests by accusing them of the sins they had committed—and they were guilty!

Satan was trying to use their faults, flaws and sins to hinder them!

Satan still does this today!

However in verse 2 *And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*

The LORD rebuked Satan reminding him of His choice of Jerusalem and the people of God.

NIV Zechariah 3:3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

Joshua had been ministering to The LORD as a priest in dirty close symbolizing his sinful condition.

Zechariah 3:4 The angel said to *those who were standing before him*, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

Those standing before Joshua were ministering angels (spirits) there to help **not accuse or hinder** Joshua.

They took off his dirty close and put **rich royal garments** on him!

5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

They also put a turban (crown) on his head!

Notice you have more spirits ready to help you than can hinder you!
It was Satan against they!

6 The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua:

7 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.'

The Father wants me to remind you of how He sees us!

Because Satan has been using your past, your dirty secrets and your what people remember about you to hinder you!

But tonight is a dress rehearsal for your future!

The Father loves to change His children's clothes when we get dirty!

Remember the prodigal son—when he came home he was given:

A Ring, a robe, news shoes and a party!

KJV Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath

sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

➤ **Come on Zion it's time to get your praise back!**

➤ **God The Father has once again changed your clothes!**

➤ **The winds of change are blowing around us!**

➤ **A fresh anointing is falling!**

^{KJV} Isaiah 40:1-5 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

While praying I saw a helicopter! A helicopter rises vertically! I believe there's an elevation coming for those who have humbled themselves under the Hand of God!

I believe their hope is no longer going to be delayed Prov 13:12!

What causes lift by the helicopter is the vertical spinning of the wings or blades that cause the horizontal lift!

In the season when you feel like your life is spinning out of control God is actually using it to raise you to a higher place.