

# Stand, rise up

- In the Old Testament
  - Rise up – arise Gen 18:16
  - Establish, confirm a covenant – Gen 6:18
  - Stand firm on vow taken – Num 30:4
- In the NT: persist, persevere, stay strong
  - In the Lord, 1Co 16:13, Gal 5:1, Phs 1:27, 4:1, 1Th 3:8

# What we are to stand for

2TH 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word (during Paul's visit in Act 17), or our epistle (two letters written shortly after).

- We are to hold fast to the form (pattern) of Paul's sound words 2Ti 1:12, 13 and life 1Ti 1:16

Individuals and institutions both use plans, formulas, prints to ensure success, avoid harm.

Ambition always strives to improve them.

God's plans forbid improvement. Deu 12:32, Rev 22:19

# Failing to stand is to be feared, (nightmares of falling)

- Destroyed by ignorance Hos 4:6
- Let go of things once delivered Jud 1:3
- Fail to prove, let go of good 1Th 5:21
- Lose 1st love for God Rev 2:4, 5
- Believing the lie and being damned 2Th 2:12
- No longer able to repent = snared 2Ti 2:26
- Snares set for your feet to lift you upside down; helpless and screaming

# Snared by Satan, 2Ti 2:26

- Things of this world Heb 12:1 let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares {us},...
- God's armor will help us stand. Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- Against fiery darts of Satan Eph 6:16 taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- Mat 13 Parable of soils/hearts: A heart's response to Word of God, vs 19 Satan is there at planting time to snare us

# What happens when you are snared?

- You may not even know it.
- If God is still trying to get your attention (Rev 3:19, 20 knocking vs Rom 1:24, 26 gave them up), a brother or sister will come to you. When Peter favored the circumcised, he didn't know he had fallen until Paul told him. Gal 5:3,4
- What did Simon do when he was told he had fallen? Act 8:24
- What would you do? What do some do?

# How to tell if you've fallen

- Hos 4:6 Assume you're in Satan's snare if you don't know God's Word.
- If you're too busy to serve Him because of worldly things. 2Ti 2:4

When all speak well of you, (not persecuted for Christ 2Ti 3:12)

- If you are overcome in sin. (You want sin more than God) 2Pe 2:20-22

# How to tell if you're standing

- You defend the Truth and take the consequences. 2Ti 3:12, Rom 14:4
- Your love the friends and fellow workers of the Lord. You tolerate friends of the world because you care for their souls. 2Jo 2:14-16
- You oppose your family members who don't have the values of Christ. Mat 10:34-42
- You are an outcast in worldly circles, especially family members. Jam 4:4
- You take up the cross and think higher than the world as a soldier of Christ.

# How to think as you stand

- Servants of the Most High are mistreated by those less worthy sinners of the world. Heb 11:37,38 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and {in} mountains, and {in} dens and caves of the earth.
- Speak the Truth – expect the consequences.  
1Pe 4:11-14



# Soldiers of Christ Arise – Song 231

- 2Ti 2:3,4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of {this} life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
- The weak and helpless are prey to Satan. Gal 6:1 Spiritual soldiers help train the young recruits. There is no place for lazy soldiers.
- If something needs to be done – do it without other's involvement! Mar 10:45 like the master.

# Plan to Stand

- Luk 12 the successful farmer made plans – but not towards God. He fell to sin and met God unprepared. Luk 12:21 So {is} he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
- Peter sought to please the Jews in Gal 2:11 He planned for himself instead of God. He was dressing for the flesh, not Jesus Rom 13:14
- Rom 13:11-13 We urgently need prayer, study and each other in our planning lest we fall spiritually.