

God's Avatars

You are from God, little children, and have overcome [those of the world]; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Avatars within mythologies are those personally indwelt by a "god," becoming heroes or champions for him, performing his service on the earth at the god's request. Krishna, for example, is supposed to be the avatar of the god Vishnu. Though the avatars of these mythologies are either illusory or mortals filled with demonic power, Christians have greater power and authority, as well as a higher mission, than anything envisioned in these mythologies. God, Himself, indwells and empowers us. John says this is so even for those who are still "little children," not just the most mature. And God is far greater than any devil, demon, or person within this world.

All we have to do is to allow God to move and not hinder Him in the work which He desires to accomplish through us. This is why 1 Peter 4:11 (KJV) can say, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

King David describes us when we operate as God's servants, in Psalm 16:3, "As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight." The incredible exploits of David's mighty men (2 Samuel 23:8-23) are examples of the majestic power in which we can all operate. Dressed up in our spiritual armor, we become like real-life Robo-cops, perhaps weak on the inside but surrounded by the impregnable armor of the power of God.

One of my favorite scriptures in times when I have been personally attacked has been Isaiah 54:14-15,17. I have had opportunity to use this scripture in situations ranging from persecution to attempted robbery. God comes through every time! "In righteousness you will be established; you will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; and from terror, for it will not come near you. If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me. Whoever assails you will fall because of you . . . No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue

that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me,' declares the Lord.”

Christ won an incredible victory at the cross, then stepped aside and said, “Your turn!” He then gave us His authority, power, and teaching, showing us how to do everything He had done.

Part of our spiritual armor requires us to bring the message that this victory has already been won; we are just mopping up! Ephesians 6:15 says that our armor includes “having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” To understand what is meant by the gospel (or good news) of peace, we can look at the scripture this reference is drawn from, Isaiah 52:7: “How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” The messenger is running on the mountains to bring the news that the battle on the plains has been won. When the enemy would come to fight, the king would go out to meet him on the flat ground, but the people would flee to safety in the hills where they would wait expectantly for the word that their king had won. The messengers would race up the mountains as quickly as possible once the enemy was in flight, for the battle was not over. The bulk of the enemy’s force, though in flight, was still intact. The king, himself, would pursue the enemy, but meanwhile, the people would come out of their holes and hiding places, and from every nook and cranny they would surge forth after their fleeing foe, demolishing his forces. Our job is to spread the news that the victory has been won, gather the forces, and finish the work Christ began on the cross.

There will still be times of ambushes and counterattacks, but Daniel prophesied concerning times like these that “the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits (Daniel 11:32 KJV).” The victory is certain. “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under *your feet* (Romans 16:20).” Sickness, disease, fear, hatred, poverty, sin, and demonic oppression will all fade away into the twilight. Relationships will be restored; those who had been headed for hell will be rescued; healing will become more contagious than disease; and

love and justice will reign in this land ruled by the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!