

MARCH 12

**“THERE’S THIS FALSE IDEA
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READ

1 Peter 4:12-19

There’s this idea that there are two equal, opposing forces: good and bad, right and wrong, darkness and light. There’s this false idea that God’s on one side and the devil’s on the other, equally matched in a tug-of-war for our souls. Somehow we’ve got it in our minds that Satan is equal to God, and that he can do what he wants to do. We think if we do everything the way we’re supposed to, then God wins. But if we let God down, if we have a bad day or a bad week, somehow the devil wins. The truth is that they are not two equal, opposing forces. Satan is not on God’s level. He is not equal to the sovereign Creator of this universe. There’s none above God, and there’s none beside Him. The devil is nothing more than a puppet that does the will of God. Get it out of your mind that the devil does what he wants to do. He’s a created fallen angel, whose doom is already sealed. The irony is that when he comes against you, he has already been destroyed at the cross and the empty tomb.

PRAY

God, there is none greater than You. No weapon formed against me shall prosper. I submit my soul to You, the faithful Creator.

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