

Key Scripture:

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and He blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for <u>the time is near</u>.

Two Teams

Ephesians 2:1-4 NKJV

And <u>you He made alive</u>, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the <u>sons of disobedience</u>, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Home Team:

- ✓ The Roar of the Crowd
- ✓ No Travel Tim
- ✓ You practice in the town you play in.
- \checkmark This is your house.
- ✓ You can <u>talk</u> the <u>talk</u>...nothing to prove to the home fans.
- ✓ Some of them have been where you are...so they understand.
- \checkmark Signs are posted around the town to support.
- \checkmark The signs tell the other teams where they are.
- \checkmark Your words carry weight when you speak of your hometown team.

Visiting Team:

- ✓ You are the guest.
- ✓ Your bleachers are smaller.
- ✓ Most of the time it is your family that shows up to the game.
- \checkmark You must travel to the town to play.
- ✓ Therefore, your crowd by nature is smaller.
- \checkmark It's not your house.
- ✓ Your goal is to dethrone the home team.
- ✓ Your words mean nothing to them.
- \checkmark You must <u>show</u> them how tough you are.

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Two Minute Warning

Who Has Homefield Advantage?

Who is the home team?

1. The <u>enemy</u> will try to convince you to be on his team.

Genesis 3:1 NKJV

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, <u>'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'</u>?"

2 Corinthians 11:3 NKJV

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so *your minds may be corrupted* from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2. There's a difference in how the game is played.

John 17:14-17 NKJV

14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because <u>they are not of the world</u>, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

3. Team Jesus is the visiting team.

James 2:14-18 NKJV

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,"

but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works.

" Show me your faith without your works, and *I will show you my faith by my works."*

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