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The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual Warfare ~ Part 1

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
Ephesians 6:10-12

Five Basic Truths:

1. **There is an Invisible World that is _____ as the Visible World** (*vs 12, Ephesians 1:19-20, 2:6*)
2. **We are Involved in an Invisible War with _____** (*Daniel 10:2-13, 2 Kings 6:15-17, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4*)
3. **Our Enemy is _____ and Seeks to _____ Us** (*1 Peter 5:8, Jude 9*)
4. **We Must _____ and be Aware of our Enemy, but not _____ Him** (*Ephesians 6:11, 2 Corinthians 2:10-11*)
5. **As Believers in Christ, we _____**
We do not fight _____ victory, we fight _____ Victory
(*John 12:31, Colossians 2:14-15, 1 John 5:4-5*)

FOUR WAYS TO BE AWARE:

1. Satan's Names Reveal His Tactics

- *Satan (adversary)
- *Devil (slanderer)
- *Lucifer (son of the morning)
- *Beelzebub (prince of demons)
- *Belial (without profit)
- *Evil one
- *Tempter
- *Prince of this world
- *Accuser of the brethren
- *He has appeared as a Serpent, a Dragon, an Angel of Light.

2. Satan Attacks The Church By...

- *False philosophies - Col. 2:8
- *False religions - 1 Cor. 10:19
- *False ministers - 2 Cor. 11:14-15
- *False doctrine - 1 John 2:18
- *False disciples - Matt. 13
- *False morals - 2 Thess. 2:7

3. Satan Attacks God's People By . . .

- *Directing governments - Dan. 10:13
- *Deceiving men - 2 Cor. 4:4
- *Destroying life - Heb. 2:14
- *Persecuting the saints - Rev. 2:10
- *Preventing service - 1 Thess. 2:18
- *Promoting schisms in the church - 2 Cor. 2:10-11
- *Planting doubt - Gen. 3:1-2
- *Provoking sin and Anger - Eph. 4:26-27
- *Pride - 1 Tim. 3:6; Worry - Matt. 13:22; Self-reliance - 1 Chron. 21:1; Discouragement - 1 Pet. 5:6-8; Worldliness - 1 John 2:16; Lying - Acts 5:3; Immorality - 1 Cor. 5:1-2
- *Producing sects/cults - 1 Tim. 4:1

4. Satan's Power Is Limited

- *He is created, therefore not omniscient or infinite
- *He can be resisted by the Christian - James 4:7
- *God places limitations on him - Job 1:12