

## Understanding Spiritual Warfare Part 1

Please note: The Scriptures marked with an asterisk (\*) are those to which we will be turning.

- I. All Christians are engaged in warfare whether we know it or not
  1. Is a spiritual battle (Eph 6:10-12)
  2. Only God's spiritual weapons will work (\*II Cor 10:3-5)
- II. Overview of course
  1. Knowing ourselves
  2. Knowing our enemy
  3. Knowing our Lord
  4. Knowing how to use the weapons God provides
  5. Exercising vigilance
  6. Exercising discernment
  7. Staying balanced
  8. Maintaining the victory Jesus accomplished for us
- III. Knowing ourselves
  - a. We are made in God's image and after His likeness (Gen 1:26)
    1. (1) Made to have dominion over the earth (Gen 1:26; Psm 8:6; Psm 115:16)
    2. (2) Crowned with glory and honor (\*Psm 8:4-6; Heb 2:5-7)
    3. (3) Fearfully and wonderfully made (Psm 139:4)
    4. (4) God's workmanship (\*Eph 2:10)
  - (5) We consist of spirit, body and soul (\*I Thess 5:23; Heb 4:12)
  2. The "new birth"
    1. (1) Is a spiritual rebirth (Jn 3:1-21)
    2. (2) Redemption of our bodies will take place at the resurrection (Rom 8:22-23; I Cor 15:51-54)
    3. (3) Total transformation of our minds a process that ultimately will be fulfilled at the resurrection (Rom 12:2; I Cor 13:12; I Jn 3:2)
    4. (4) In meantime a struggle within us (Rom 7:15-25; \*Rom 8:5-6)
  3. At "new birth" Christ comes to dwell in you through the Holy Spirit (\* I Cor 3:16; Jn 14:17; Rom 8:9; I Jn 4:4)

4. At “new birth” You go to dwell in Christ (\*Jn 16:33)

Lesson Two: Know your Enemy

(1) We are engaged in spiritual warfare (Eph 6:12; II Cor 10:3-4)

a. We wage from the vantage point of victory because of the finished work of Jesus (\*Col 2:15; I Jn 4:4; Rev 20:10)

2. (2) Who is our enemy?

1. Names he goes by

1. (1) Satan ( “adversary” )

2. (2) The Devil (the “accuser or false slanderer”)

2. Various references to Satan in Scripture

1. (1) A murderer and a liar (\*Jn 8:44)

2. (2) The tempter (Matt 4:3; \*Jas 1:13)

3. (3) The accuser (Rev 12:10)

3. (3) Where did he come from? (\*Eze 28:11-17; \*Isa 14:12-14)

4. (4) What is he trying to accomplish? What are his goals?

a. He wants to take God’s place

(1) The five “I wills” (\*Isa 14:13-14)

b. He desires the kingdom, the power, and the glory of God (\*II Cor 4:4; \*II Thess 2:6-8; Rev 20:10)

c. He desires to stop the Gospel from spreading in the earth (\*II Cor 4:4)

(5) How does Satan operate?

a. Methodically and consistently according to a carefully thought out plan (Eph 6:11; \*II Tim 2:26; I Pet 5:8)

2. Through intimidation and fear (I Pet 5:8; \*II Tim 1:7)

3. Through people, both believers and non-believers (\*Matt

16:21-23)

d. Through deception (Jn 8:44; Rev 12:9; II Cor 11:14; Matt 24:4)

e. Through subtlety (Gen 3:1)

(6) Examples of Satan at work (\*Gen 3:1-6; I Jn 2:16; \*Psa 84:11; Mat 4:1-11)

### Spiritual Warfare Outline Lesson Three

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Know your Enemy (continued)

(1) Who composes Satan's army?

a. Satan's angels (\*Rev 12:7-9; Eph 6:12) (Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the darkness of this world)

1. (1) Origins (\*Rev 12:4,9; Isa 14:12; Eze 28:17; Lk 10:18)
2. (2) Where they reside (\*II Pet 2:4; Jude 6; \*Rev 9:14; Eph 6:12; Eph

2:1-2; Dan 10:12-13; Dan 10:20)

b. Demons (devils, unclean spirits)

(1) Where they reside (\*Mat 8:28-34; Mat 12:43-45)

c. People who allow Satan to use them (Gen 1:26; Psm 115:16)

1. (1) Unbelievers (\*II Cor 4:4)
2. (2) Believers (\*Matt 16:21-23; I Pet 5:8)

(2) Christian's authority over all evil spirits through Jesus (Matt 28:18; Phil 2:9-11; Col 2:10; Eph 1:18-23)

(1) Giving place (Eph 4:27; I Pet 5:8; Hos 4:6; Jas 4:7)

(3) The scope and limits of Satan's power and sphere of influence

a. Confined to darkness (Jude 6; Eph 6:12)

1. (1) Comparison of light and darkness (I Jn 1:5)
2. (2) Christians have been delivered from power of darkness (\*Col

1:12-14; Jn 16:13)

b. Works through the world system (\*Matt 4:8-9; Jas 4:4) (1) Christians not of this world ( Eph 2:19; Jn 18:36; Jn 17:16)

c. Time restriction (Rev 20:2,10; Rev 12:12; Matt 8:29)

4. Is not omnipresent
5. Cannot read your mind
6. Can only operate where he is given place (Eph 4:27; Col

2:10; Col 2:15)