

THE INVISIBLE WAR: SESSION 1

Video Notes

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-12 (NASB)

☒ _____ Command (Ephesians 6:10) – “Allow yourself to be continually strengthened by the power already made available to you in your new position and relationship with Christ.” It is the power that raised Christ from the dead and now dwells in you.

☒ _____ Command (Ephesians 6:11) – How? By continually and repeatedly putting on, at specific points in time, the spiritual protection God has provided for you . . . for the express purpose of holding on to your position in Christ as you are bombarded by Satanic strategies designed to destroy you and/or render you ineffective in Kingdom pursuits.

☒ _____ Commands in Verses 10 – 11 (Ephesians 6:12) – It’s because our real struggle (battle, wrestling match to the death) is not against physical/material adversaries (people, circumstances, organizations), but against spiritual forces in high places. Ephesians 6:10-12

Basic Truths about Spiritual Warfare

1. There is an invisible world that is just _____ as the visible world. –Eph. 6:12
2. We are Involved in an _____ war, a cosmic conflict that has eternal implications. –Eph. 6:12

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Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the phrase, "spiritual warfare" what immediately comes to your mind? After watching today's teaching, how has your perspective of spiritual warfare changed?
2. What is your reaction to people when they attribute their problems to demonic activity?
3. Are there times when you consider their explanations valid? Are there times when you dismiss them right away? What makes the difference?
4. What is your natural tendency in conflict – to fight or flee? Does this tendency undermine God's strength in your life? If so, how?
5. Have you considered that a besetting sin, or an unresolved conflict could in any way be related to spiritual warfare?

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Five Basic Truths About Spiritual Warfare (cont'd)

1. There is an invisible world that is just as real as the visible world.
2. We are Involved in an invisible war, a cosmic conflict that has eternal implications.
3. Our foe is _____ and his goal is to destroy us and discredit the cause of Christ.
—Ephesians 6:12

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (NASB)

But Michael, the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." Jude 9 (NASB)

4. We must respect our foe, but not fear him – become _____ of his "methods," but not be preoccupied by them. —Ephesians 6:11

Paul agrees to forgive a brother along with the Corinthian church . . . "in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes." 2 Cor. 2:11

Satan's names reveal his _____.

Satan's attacks _____, the church by...

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- False philosophies (Colossians 2:8)
- False religions (1 Corinthians 10:9-10)
- False ministers (2 Corinthians 11:14-15)
- False doctrine (1 John 2:18)
- False disciples (Matthew 13)
- False morals (2 Thessalonians 2:7)

Satan attacks _____ by...

- Directing governments (Daniel 10:13)
- Deceiving men (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Destroying life (Hebrews 2:14)
- Persecuting the saints (Revelation 2:10)
- Promoting schisms (2 Corinthians 2:10, 11)
- Planting doubt (Genesis 3:1-2)
- Producing sect/cults (1 Timothy 4:1)

Satan power is _____.

- 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)

5. As believers in Christ, we do not fight "for" victory, we fight "from" victory.
In Christ's Power We Are Invincible!



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Promises from God Concerning Victory Over Satan:

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

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4-5 (NASB)

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death. Revelation 12:11 (NASB)

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:8 (NASB)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Someone once said, "the best crime that Satan ever perpetrated was to convince the world that he didn't exist." Do you agree? Why or why not?
2. Prior to today's teaching, if someone asked you to describe Satan and where he came from, what would you have said? How has your perspective changed?
3. We learned today's teaching that Satan attacks God's people and God's program. Quickly review the ways that Satan attacks people and share with the group which area you believe you're the most prone to attack and why?
4. In like manner, examine the long list of ways Satan attacks God's ministry, the Church, and share one or two insights that you gained about Satan's tactics against God's ministry?
5. Of the four promises from God over Satan, which one gave you the most hope and why?

