

## Spiritual Warfare

“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

The biblical perspective of warfare for our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms. (Eph.6:12)

Our problems in America are not financial. America is in a moral free fall. We are victims of spiritual warfare. We have media masking truth, courts without justice, anger replacing patriotism, schools deliberately “dumbing down” our youth. And our government has an enormous incentive to promote immorality.

This is not only a matter of contending against godless philosophers, crafty gurus, Christ-denying cultists and neo-pagan rulers, but highly organized army of demonic forces and battalions of fallen angels.

“Against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Our world is the result of spiritual battles. One of the glimpses we have of this occurs with Elisha’s servant in (2 Kings 6:8-17).

In (v.6). The king of Syria is frustrated as he discovers that his enemy, the king of Israel, anticipates his every move. He suspects a traitor in his midst but discovers that it is Elisha that whispers his moves to the king.

So the king sends his troops to surround Elisha’s village.

Elisha’s servant gets up one morning and discovers that they are surrounded by the armed forces of the enemy! He is terrified. When, in panic, he informs Elisha he is simply told: “fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

(V.7) the Scripture records that “the Lord” opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of Fire round about Elisha.” {Spiritual Battle}.

Another example occurs in (Daniel Chapter 10) a messenger is dispatched to bring a message to Daniel in response to his prayer and fasting and enters spiritual compact for 21 days to get through.

Paul referred to “the rulers of darkness” when he spoke of the power of Satan.

“Satan” is a Hebrew word meaning “adversary”. “Devil” is a Greek word meaning “accuser” and is not used in the O.T.

The word “devil” is best translated “demon.” There is only one Devil and he is the leader of the army of demons.

Demons are fallen angels; who are servants of the Devil - Satan. (Matt. 25:4).

There are two classes of fallen angels.

a. The fallen and chained angels (II Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

1. These are the angels who sinned. God did not spare them but cast them down to the (pit of darkness) where they are reserved unto punishment. They are bound in chains.

b. The fallen and free angels are called “demons,” meaning “knowing” or “to know”. There are great multitudes of demons (Matt.7:22).

They are known as:

- “familiar spirits (Lev. 19:31; 20:6)
- “unclean spirits (Mark 1:23-27)
- “evil spirits. (Luke 7:21)
- “seducing spirits (1Tim. 4:1)
- “foul spirits” (Mark 9:25)

Satan and his forces are in control of this present world appearing as an “angel of light” (II Cor. 11:14).

Their Activities Denote Their Power.

a. The demons increase the power of Satan against the church (all Christian)  
Satan is the “prince of the power of the air” (Eph.2:2)

b. The demons increase the power of Satan to control principalities, powers, and they are rulers of darkness.  
They are above in heavenly (high) places.  
(Eph.6:12).

c. They possess the bodies of individuals. (Mark 5:1-9)

d. They possess people and cause physical maladies - (Matt 9:32; 12:22; Mk.9: 25-29).

e. They possess people to lust, murder, and lie (Jn.,8:44).

f. The demons always speak through the mouths of those they possess.  
(Mk. 5:6-12).

Finally my, Brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of “His Might. “

“Be strong in the Lord.”

As soon as we are brought into communion with God, we need to be fitted for the fight of faith.

All who belong to the kingdom of God’s dear Son, have the forces of-the kingdom of Satan against them, so we need to be covered with the armor of God.

The Six Weapons God supplies for the battle against Satan

The Bible commands us, with all urgency, to “Put on the whole armor of God.”

Paul provides us with a detailed description of the Armor of God.

Belt of truth - (Eph. 4:21, 25). O.T. Images - (Isa. 11:5)

Breastplate of righteousness - (Eph 4:24) - O.T. Images -Isa.59:17

Shoes of readiness to bear Gospel of peace - (Eph.2:14, 17; 4:3). O.T. -(Isa.52:7)

Shield of faith – (Eph.3:12, 17)

Helmet of salvation - (Eph. 2:5, 8) - O.T. - image (Isa.61:10)

Sword of the Spirit - (Eph.3:5)

PRAYER - (Eph.1:15-21; 4:14-21)

How to Detect & Defeat Satan Strategy - Warren Weirsbe

unveil the identities of Satan ( How to Distinguish His Character )

1. As a Destroyer
2. As Deceiver
3. As Ruler
4. As Accuser

Uncover the Strategy of Satan (How to detect His Craftiness)

1. His Targets
2. His Weapons
3. His Purpose

Understanding the Defenses against Satanic Attack (How to Defeat His Challenges)

1. The Inspired Word of God
2. The Imparted Grace of God
3. The Indwelling Spirit of God
4. The Interceding Son of God

Satan Identify	Destroyer	Deceiver	Ruler	Accuser	Satan's
Target	The mind	The body	The will.	The Heart & Conscience	
Satan's Weapon	Lies	Suffering	Pride	Accusation	
Satan's Purpose	Ignorance of God's Will	Impatient with God's Will	Independence from God's Will	Indictment of God's Will	
Your defense	Inspired word of God.	Imparted grace of God	Indwelling Spirit of God.	Interceding Son of God	