

Lesson 7 – Satan and Spiritual Warfare

What keeps our prayers from being answered?

SATAN AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

I. HIS NAMES GIVES US INSIGHT INTO HIS EVIL CHARACTER:

- a) Satan - Greek - Satanias (adversary or opponent) most common name used 52 times.
- b) The devil (slanderer) 35 times.
- c) A liar and murderer - John 8:44.
- d) The god of this age - 2 Corinthians 4:4.
- e) An angel of light - 2 Corinthians 11:14-15.
- f) Ruler of the kingdom of the air - Ephesians 2:2.
- g) The tempter - 1 Thessalonians 3:5.
- h) Apollyon (destroyer) - Revelation 9:11.
- i) The accuser of our brothers - Revelation 12:10.

2. HOW DOES SATAN OPERATE?
 - a) As a schemer - Ephesians 6:11.
 - b) As a lion - 1 Peter 5:8-9.
 - c) As a deceiver - Genesis 3:13, Revelation 20:10

SPIRITUAL WARFARE - Ephesians 6:10-18

HOW DO WE STAND STRONG AGAINST SATAN'S SCHEMES, LIES AND ATTACKS?

1. BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT; NOT BY OURSELVES - V.10
2. PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR, NOT PART OF IT OR THERE WILL BE A WEAK SPOT FOR SATAN TO ATTACK - V. 11,13.
 - a) *The Belt of Truth* - Truth overcomes deceit and lies and is key to every area of the Christian life.
 - b) *The Breastplate of righteousness* - This speaks of right acts as practiced by the believer. The breastplate was to protect the heart of the soldier.
 - c) *The Sandals of the Gospels* - The sandals speak of mobility and preparedness. We are to be ready to use God's Word in spiritual battle (1 Peter 3:15).
 - d) *The Shield of Faith* - (Above all take this up) - the shield of faith protects us from the attacks (those fiery darts) of Satan. (ex. Temptations, impure thoughts, etc.).

- e) *The Helmet of Salvation* - It refers to the intake of the Word which will help protect our thoughts from doubt and the world, the flesh, and the devil. It will make us secure in our relationship with the Lord.
- f) *The Sword which is the Word of God* - It is the only offensive weapon. When attacked, we respond with the Word.

3. REALIZE IT IS NOT A PHYSICAL BATTLE, IT IS SPIRITUAL - V.12. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. What can spiritual weapons accomplish?

4. PRAY ALWAYS - IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE PRAY CONTINUALLY (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.)

5. HOW DID Jesus RESPOND TO SATAN'S ATTACK?

a) Read Matthew 4:1-11

1) What was Jesus' physical condition?

2) What did Jesus respond with to Satan's three offers? Vs. 4,7,10

3) What is the only offensive weapon we have in the spiritual armor? See Ephesians 6.

4) What does this tell us about handling temptation, or trials of any kind?

5) What is the promise of 1 John 4:4?

Notes/ Questions _____

Assignments: Read Matthew 4:1-11 and Jude. Memorize Ephesians 6:12, and pray for one another.