

Spiritual Warfare Lesson One

Proper Perspectives

I Brief History

A Satan was originally an angel.

B He fell short when he desired to exalt himself above God.

Isaiah 14:12-15

“ How you are fallen from heaven,

O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart:

‘ I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.’

¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,

To the lowest depths of the Pit.

C He was cast down with 1/3 of the angels who had joined him in his uprising.

Revelation 12:3-5

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

D His ultimate destruction is assured.

Revelation 20:10

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

II Although Satan’s goal was to be God, he is not. Therefore, he does not have the attributes of God.

A He is NOT omnipotent (all powerful).

1 He was defeated at the cross.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

- 2 He cannot make you do anything.
 - a He couldn't keep you from receiving Jesus.
 - b He cannot override your will.
- 3 He cannot interfere with your prayers.
- B He is NOT omnipresent (everywhere present).
 - 1 He can only be at one place at one time.
 - a Most Christians never deal with Satan personally, but with demons.
- C He is NOT omniscient (all knowing).
 - 1 He did not know he would be defeated when Christ died and rose again, otherwise, he would not have killed Jesus.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

We speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; ⁸the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- 2 He does not know your thoughts.

III When Adam believed Satan instead of God in the garden of Eden and submitted himself to Satan instead of God all of mankind died.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

IV EVERYTHING CHANGED when Jesus died and rose again.

- A Jesus rendered Satan powerless.

Colossians 2: 13-15

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having

nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

- B** Man was translated out of the kingdom of darkness (Satan's kingdom) and into the Kingdom of Light (God's kingdom).

Colossians 1:13-14

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- C** Our prayers cannot be hindered by Satan (i.e. Daniel).

Matthew 28:18

Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

- D** Our enemy can no longer torment us in these areas (just to name a few).

- 1. We have complete forgiveness of all sins: past, present, and future.**

Ephesians 1:7-8

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He lavished on us.

- 2. We have divine healing and health**

1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

- 3. We have perfect peace and fellowship with God.**

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- 4. We have true sonship with God.**

Galatians 4:5-6

So that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

- 5. We have been made God's righteousness.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- 6. He cannot defeat us because God has poured His grace on us.**

Romans 5:17

Much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

7. He is under OUR feet because we are seated with Christ. He has no authority over us whatsoever.

Ephesians 1:19-22

And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Romans 16:20

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

V Satan's weapons involve trying to deceive us.

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

John. 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

A He challenges God's word to get us to settle for less.

Genesis 3:1, 4-5

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Matthew 4:8-9

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

B He challenges God's word to keep us from obtaining what Jesus purchased for us through His blood.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

C He tries to convince us that he has divine attributes.

1 To think that what Satan is doing or trying to do is from God

- a Sickness
- b Poverty
- c Wrecked relationships

- 2 To think that what God is doing is really Satan
 - a If I am perfectly healthy, have an abundance, and have positive relationship I might forget about God.

VI Our battle is not against people, but against the devil and demons.

Ephesians 6:12

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.

- A One of the enemy's main attempts is to accuse the brethren. He accuses us before God and tries to cause strife among the believers, but our warfare is not with people.

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

VII **Our weapons are not of the flesh. We cannot defeat Satan by our own efforts. REVISE HERE!!!**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NASB

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

- A First of all, we are not *capable* of defeating Satan. (We think if we pray enough, fast enough, live right enough, read the Bible enough then we will defeat Satan, or if we don't do those things enough Satan will get a foothold. THIS IS NOT TRUE.)
- B Secondly, Satan has been defeated by Jesus.

VIII We are to stand in the victory that has been won for us.

Ephesians 6:10-11, 14

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

¹³*Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Vs. 14 ¹⁴Stand firm therefore...*

- A Our responsibility is to stand firm in Jesus' complete victory
 - 1 We are not striving to get the victory, we stand in His completed work

Ephesians 6:10-14 (WuestNT)

Finally, be constantly strengthened in the Lord and in the active efficacy of the might that is inherent in Him. Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God to the end that you will be able to hold your ground against the strategems of the devil, because our wrestling is not against blood and flesh, but against the principalities, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against spirit forces of perniciousness in the heavenly places. **On this account, take to yourself, at once and once for all, the complete armor of God in order that you may be able to resist in the day,** the pernicious day, and having achieved all things, to stand. Stand therefore...

Ephesians 6:10-14 AMPLIFIED

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

¹¹Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

¹²For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

¹³Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

¹⁴Stand therefore [hold your ground]