

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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EPHESIANS 6:10-18

C. S. Lewis “When speaking about the reality of Satan and demonic activity, the danger is always twofold: To put way too much emphasis, or way too little.” To some, there’s a demon behind every door. To others, demons are no longer among us. The truth is, there is a highly organized army of satanic forces operating in the world today, just as in Bible days. These evil spirits seek to inhabit human lives in order to find expression in this realm.

FOUR DIVISIONS

Principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Just because they can’t be seen doesn’t mean they don’t exist.

FACTS TO CONSIDER

1. There is an invisible world.
 - A. **HEBREWS 11:3, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18, JAMES 4:14**
2. We’re involved in an invisible war.
 - A. **Daniel 10:12-14** – While Daniel stayed in faith, a conflict took place in the unseen realm.
3. Our spiritual eyes need opened.
 - A. **2 KINGS 6:15-17, ACTS 26:15-18** – What a comforting thought!
 - B. A Pastor saw a demon sitting in the sanctuary of his church. The evil presence made it difficult to preach and worship. The Pastor fasted and prayed. His spiritual eyes were opened. He saw the demon, rebuked it, and it left. Everything changed!
4. Believers have authority over Satan and his demons.
 - A. **MARK 16:17, EPHESIANS 1:17-23**
5. The enemy is out to destroy us.
 - A. **1 PETER 5:8** – If we permit it, he’ll devour everything we value.
6. The mind is the battlefield. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:4**
 - A. **JOHN 3:17-21** – The conflict is between light and darkness.
 - B. **EPHESIANS 4:17-18** – If he can rule the mind, he can control the life. **ACTS 5:3 (PHILLIPS)**
7. We are to give no entry points to evil.
 - A. **EPHESIANS 4:26-27** – Uncontrolled emotions.
 - B. **2 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11** – Unforgiveness.
 - C. **JOB 3:25** – Fear.
8. Satan has a game plan. He uses false doctrines, lies, deception, fear, jealousy and other fiery darts to achieve his goals.
 - A. Coaches study the strategies used by their opponents to come up with a proper game plan.
9. We’ve been delivered from the kingdom of darkness.
 - A. **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14** – We are not under Satan’s jurisdiction any longer.
 - B. **JAMES 4:7** – We must resist the devil.
 - C. Our text reveals the armor needed to stand against every scheme of the devil.

CONCLUSION: The Bible teaches we can overcome everything Satan throws our way.