

Spiritual Warfare

Overview: We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against *spiritual powers* (Eph 6:12).

A. What is it?

1. Webster: *spiritual*: of the spirit, often in a religious or moral aspect.
 Webster: *warfare*: the action of waging war, armed conflict, struggle.
2. Gen 3:15 – enmity, hostility, animosity, antagonism.

B. Two Parallel Worlds

1. Kingdom of Light (God’s world) & Kingdom of Darkness (satan’s world). John 10:10 (Ampl)
 - I cast the deciding vote – partnership. Psa 118:6a (Ampl)
 - God and I make a majority. Rom 8:31 (Ampl)
2. Our warfare is NOT according to the flesh. 2 Cor 10:3-5 (Ampl)
3. We wrestle against spiritual forces. Eph 6:12 (Ampl)
 - Names of our enemy. Rev 12:9 (Ampl)
 - *This Present Darkness* by Frank Peretti.
4. Enemy under our feet.
 - Under His feet. Eph 1:22-23 (NKJV)
 - Enemy our footstool. Heb 1:13 (NKJV)

C. The Weapons of our Warfare

1. The Name of JESUS
 - Above every name named. Eph 1:21 (NKJV)
 - THE NAME above every name. Phil 2:9 (NKJV)
 - The use of the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Acts 3:6,16a (Ampl).
2. The Word of God
 - Word of our testimony (affirm the Word of God). Rev 12:11 (NKJV)
 - Confession unto salvation. Rom 10:8-10 (NKJV)
 - Sword of the Spirit (affirmations). Heb 4:12 (NKJV)
3. Angels/Ministering Spirits
 - God watches over His Word to perform it. Jer 1:12 (Ampl)
 - Minister to/for heirs of salvation. Heb 1:13-14 (NKJV)
 - Angels listen for the voice of God’s Word. Psa 103:20 (Ampl)
4. Armor of God Eph 6:10-18a (Ampl)
 - Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Preparation of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit (Word of God), Prayer at all times.

D. Location of Warfare

1. Our Minds
 - Renew mind; cast down imaginations. Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 10:5 (NKJV)
 - Meditate on these things; not on fiery darts. Phil 4:(4-7)-8; Eph 6:16 (NKJV)
2. Physical World
 - Greater is God in you than he that is in this world. 1 John 4:4 (NKJV)
 - Satan is the god of this world 2 Cor 4:4 (NKJV)
 - We walk by faith not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7 (NKJV)

Recommendation: Having done all to stand, stand (standing is joyful persistence in continuing to do all that you know to). Eph 6:13 (NKJV)