

Spiritual Warfare Sermon

Introduction

1. Scared of the dark – the outside toilet at Halloween
2. Woman in the attic – dead man kept in attic
3. Parasites – hidden invaders
4. C.S. Lewis Screwtape Letters
5. Ignorance is bliss? - ignorance is deadly
6. Spiritual “WAR” people get shot at, attacked, wounded, killed

We Are in the War – the battle

This is not the only place in Paul’s epistles where he has a **fight mindset**. He often has used such battle and sports metaphors to help us understand our life in Christ.

- Run the race (Hebrews 12:1),
- Reach for the prize (Philippians 3:14),
- Fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12),
- Endure hardness as a good soldier (2 Timothy 2:3),
- Be disciplined, beat your body to keep it in subjection (1 Corinthians 9:27),
- War a good warfare (1 Timothy 1:18) ,
- Fight the fight (box) (1 Corinthians 9:26),
- I have fought a good fight and have finished my course (2 Timothy 4:7) ,
- Weapons of our warfare (2 Corinthians 10:4) and so on.

There Are Casualties in War

Taken Captive – Can a Christian be affected, infected, attacked, captured?

- Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held with the cordes of his sins.
- John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whoever commits sin is the servant of sin.
- John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Passages Devil and Satan Affecting Believers

- Mt 6:13/ Lk 11:4 - Deliver us from the evil one
- 2 Tim 2:26 – recover themselves from the snare of devil, taken captive by him
- 2 Cor 2:11 - Satan get an advantage over us
- Luke 13:16 - Whom Satan has bound 18 years
- Luke 22:31 - Satan has desired to have, sift you
- Acts 5:3 - Satan has filled heart to lie to Holy Spirit
- Eph 4:27 - neither give place to the devil
- 1 Tim 3:7 - fall into reproach and snare of the devil
- Jonn 13:27 - Satan entered heart of Judas

It is a shame that in our age of spiritual wickedness on every side that the extent our knowledge of Satan’s spiritual attacks is “Ghostbusters,” or The “Exorcist.”

(ie) C.S. Lewis – Screwtape Letters - high-ranking demon Screwtape and his nephew Wormwood - evil is real, devils are real, demons exist. There is a war.

(ie) Gallop Poll in Dec. 1997- belief in - 31% in ghosts, 20% in witches, 24% astrology, 17% fortunetellers ---- (authority of believer in heavenly realms? 1% or less?)

1. Who Is Satan? Where'd He Come From?

(ie) Ghost of the Darkness - 1996 Oscar-winning film about the Tsavo man eaters, two lions who attacked the builders of the Uganda-Mombassa Railway in 1898. The attacks, which took place in Tsavo, Kenya, were recounted by Lieutenant Colonel John Henry Patterson in his book *The Man-Eaters of Tsavo*.

Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13. You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." 15. But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

Ezekiel 28:12-19 – Satan in Garden of God, anointed cherub

14. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. 18. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. 19. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Revelation 12:7-12– War in Heaven

7 And **there was war** in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having **great wrath**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

His Names in Scripture

1. The Accuser of the Brethren - Revelation 12:10
2. The Adversary - I Peter 5:8
3. Angel of Light - 2 Corinthians 11:14
4. Apollyon - Revelation 9:11
5. Beelzebub - Matthew 12:24 Mark 3:22 Luke 11:15
6. Belial - II Corinthians 6:15
7. Devil - Matt. 4:1, 5, 9; Eph. 4:27; Rev. 12:9; 20:2
8. Dragon - Revelation 12:9 and 20:2
9. Enemy - Matthew 13:39
10. Evil One - John 17:15; 1 John 5:9
11. Father of All Lies - John 8:44
12. God of this world - II Corinthians 4:4
13. Lucifer - Isaiah 14:12
14. Man of sin - II Thessalonians 2:3
15. Old Serpent - Revelation 12:9 and 20:2
16. Power of Darkness - Colossians 1:13
17. Prince of the Power of the Air - Ephesians 2:2
18. Prince that shall come Daniel 9:26
19. Prince of this world - John 12:31
20. The Proud One - Isaiah 14:12-14
21. Rulers of the darkness of this world - Ephesians 6:12
22. Satan Job 1:6-9; Matt. 4:10
23. Serpent Genesis - 3:1; Rev. 12:9
24. Son of Perdition - John 17:12
25. The Tempter - Matthew 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5
26. The Wicked One - Matthew 13:19

2. What's He Doing in This World?

He is angry and he knows his time is short. He knows he is defeated. (Matthew 8:29)

He wants to destroy the children of God, children of the light, God's inheritance,,

We are the object of this war. We can be help hostage, tormented, killed, lied to...etc.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:

Satan's Fiery Darts

1. Accuser - Revelation 12:10 day and night before the throne, Zech 3:1-2
2. Tempter – James 1:14 own lusts and enticed, Matthew 4:1, 1 Corinthians 10:13
3. Deceiver – liar, strong delusion Revelation 12:9, John 8:44
4. Attacker – Job 1:12, Job 2: 5, Revelation 13:7 make war with the saints
5. Tormentor - Luke 13:16 bound lo these 18 years,
6. Thief - John 10:10 the thief comes to steal, kill, destroy,
7. Devours – I Peter 5:8 lion seeking whom he may devour, Joel 2:25
8. Traps – ensnares, takes advantage, gets a foothold. 2Cor 2:11, Eph 4:27
9. Captures - Imprisons, 2 Tim. 2:26, binds, Luke
10. Hinders – 1 Thess. 2:18 – Daniel 10:13

3. Who's Side Are You On?

Throughout this day we will be teaching Ephesians 6 and other passages that teach us to deal with the attacks of the enemy of our souls.

But first and most important this is to know that you are on the Lord's side.

John 1:12

But as many as received him,
to them gave he power (right or authority) to become the sons of God,
even to them that believe on his name:

(ie) Alair da Cunha – warlock, leader of a trope of witches and warlock

Closing Songs

Just As I Am

Who is On the Lord's Side

Soldiers of Christ Arise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God