

Spiritual Warfare

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 4:18.

B. Satan wanted to be like God.

1. He declared war against God. (Isaiah 14:12)

2. He declared war on the human race. (Genesis 3)

a. The steps of sin.

1) Seeing. (Proverbs 3)

2) Coveting.

3) Taking.

4) Hiding.

b. Sin was the war declared against the human race. (Romans 5:12)

C. Christ reconciled us while we were enemies with God. (Colossians 1)

III. Satan is a lion seeking to devour people today. (I Peter 5:9)

A. We are to resist the devil. (James 4:7, Ephesians 4:27)

B. The devil infiltrates the mind. (II Corinthians 10:3-6; 11:13-15; 13)

C. Satan targets God's person, grace and Word.

IV. Resisting the enemy.

A. We must rely on the spiritual blessings provided for us in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:3)

B. Jesus is far above every other authority, and He came to stamp out evil forces. (Ephesians 1:20, I John 3:8)

C. We have been seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father. (Ephesians 2:6)

D. We have been given power in terms of authority. We appropriate the authority of Jesus by faith. (Luke 10:18-19, Daniel 10)

E. Because of our personal relationship with Christ, we are called to stand. (Ephesians 6)

F. We resist the devil and flee the flesh.

G. All we need to live godly lives is found in the Bible.

V. Suggestions.

A. Do not get entangled in sin or the affairs of the world. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

B. Claim the power of the blood of Christ in thwarting the power of Satan. (Revelation 12:11)

Application questions:

1. How would you counsel someone who is being attacked spiritually?

2. How would you respond to someone who doubts spiritual warfare today?

3. Why is it helpful to understand the areas of Satan's attacks? Explain.
