

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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Scripture from NKJV unless otherwise noted.*

To believe in the Jesus of the New Testament - the Son of God, one must also believe that Satan exists, along with his army of evil fallen angel spirit beings. Satan is mentioned or described over 150 times in the Bible, under many names. Believers understand that humanity is caught up in a war of super spirit powers. We fight on the LORD's side, or we will be used as pawns or abused playthings of the Enemy, or worse act as enemies of Christ. We understand that those seeking to be used effectively by Christ will come to the attention of "the Enemy", who will engage in measures to neutralize their witness. Yes, as if a target had been painted on one's head. We must understand the weapons of our warfare.

Ephesians 6:12 "For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm" [the spirit realm]. (CJB)

Most New Covenant believers do NOT understand what demonic oppression, or harassment can feel like. The battle is for the mind. Let me give you some examples.

constant feelings of inferiority, helplessness, or hopelessness
thoughts of suicide,
anxiety or panic attacks, night terrors
depression, unreasonable fears
constant feelings of sadness
a voice in your mind telling you that you are a loser,
 or you have failed as a wife, a friend, a husband, a dad, or a child of God
a voice in your mind calling you fat, or ugly, or stupid, or lazy,
 or unlovable, unforgivable, damaged goods, dirty, or something similar
a voice in the mind saying you are weird and no one will like you, or want to be your friend
a voice saying that you cannot trust your "husband/wife" or your child.
a voice prompting you to nag your spouse or your children over and over,
 because it's up to you to see they are saved
a voice that reminds you of past injuries inciting you to resentment, anger or vengeance
a voice suggesting you really want some sin, that quickly accuses you when you indulge
When you try to study your Bible, you become very sleepy, or agitated.
a distracting voice that reminds you of a dozen things you "should be doing"
a voice in your mind tells you this is way to complicated for you to understand

Satan is not called “the accuser of the brethren” because he accuses us before God. Much more often, Satan accuses believers in their minds, causing them to give up. If you hear a “voice” which uses the word “you” then very likely you may be hearing thoughts that a demon is speaking to your mind. (“You’re stupid” - for instance.) It feels like you’re just talking to yourself. But you’re not.

Demons also use the word “I”, so don’t discount demonic harassment, if you do not “hear” the word “you”.

If any of this sounds familiar, then you have very probably come under attack. This is WAR! Satan is the original abuser. Whom do you think the demons are most likely to attack? Believers of course! Their mission is to cripple your witness, your joy, and if possible to drag you back into unbelief. They will do anything to silence the witness for the truth.

Remember: Satan is a liar, and the father of lies! (John 8:44)

And yes - demons can actually attack physically. They can and do cause sinking or fainting spells, usually when one is about to study or to write something the demons do not want understood or explained. They can cause mysterious pains in the body as they attempt to keep the person from doing something of importance in the cause of Christ.

The battle is for the mind, and is fought in the mind. Demons can cause visual apparitions (seeing things or creatures or people that are not actually there). They can cause the subject of their attack to smell things, or feel things (like cold sensations, or touch sensations). There are accounts of fully experienced rape, that “happened” totally in the mind of the victim. (The experience was no less real to the victim.)

Accounts of alien abductions, including medical examinations or other physical experiences are describing demonic activity. We know this because some have stopped the “abductions” in the name of Jesus.

PLEASE learn the methods of the enemy. **Learn how to use the authority given you “in Christ” to defend yourself!!** I am reviewing several books which were recommended to me on this topic. I will post the best resources as I find them. And please do send me your recommendations.

It is of vital importance that believers learn their true identity “in Christ”. See Dr Anderson’s book, “WHO I AM IN CHRIST”. Without this understanding, the believer cannot put on “the whole armour of God” (*Ephesians 6:11*).

*We pray constantly for those who visit this website.
“Our Father in Heaven, deliver us from the Evil One.”
We celebrate our freedom - in Christ.
Prophecy Viewpoint*

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The following is a list of names for Satan, and a short history according to the Bible.

HE IS OUR ENEMY

Satan: 52 times - means “accuser”

The Accuser of the Brethren: 1 time (*Revelation 12:10*)

Devil: 34 times - meaning “slanderer” (one who makes false accusations)

John 8:44 [Jesus to the Pharisees] "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." (NAS)

The Deceiver: (*Revelation 12:9*)

Liar and “the **Father of lies**”: (*John 8:44*)

Tempter: 2 times

Ruler of this world: 3 times (*Jn 12:31, Jn 14:30, Jn 16:11*)

God of this Age: (*2Corinthians 4:4*)

The prince and power of the air:

Ephesians 2:2 “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience”

Ruler of Demons: 4 times (*Matt 9:34, Matt 12:24, Mar 3:22, Lk 11:15*) Satan and his demons are fallen rebel angel spirit beings.

Jude 1:6 “And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling-- these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.” (NIV)

Disguises himself as an angel of light in order to deceive. (*2Cor 11:14*)

Evil One: 5 times (*Matt 5:37, Matt 6:13, Lk 11:4, Jn 17:15, 2Thess 3:3*)

Belial: (2Cor 6:15) meaning “vileness”

The Enemy or Adversary: (1Peter 5:8)

Murderer: (John 8:44)

Like a roaring lion:

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

Abaddon and Apollyon: both mean “destroyer” (Revelation 9:11)

Beelzebub: 3 times in parallel Gospels - meaning lord of the house, used as a common name for the Ruler of Demons

Prince of Persia: (Daniel 10:20) This may be a high demon. It is not specific. Only that Gabriel the angel from the LORD who came to Daniel, would later fight with “the Prince of Persia”.

HIS BEGINNING

Lucifer: meaning “Light Bearer” or Day Star (Isaiah 14:12)

NOTE: The true Day Star is Jesus (Revelation 22:16). He is “the Light” (John 1:9). Satan wanted this highest position. He wanted to supercede the Son of God. His jealousy caused his “fall”.

Son of the Morning: (Isaiah 14:12)

Anointed covering cherub: (Ezekiel 28:14)

The two covering cherub on the Ark of the Covenant, show us that this position was closest to GOD Himself.

HIS FALL

Created being:

Ezekiel 28:15 “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

Fallen Angel:

Isaiah 14:12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!" (NAS)

Serpent of Old:

Revelation 12:9 "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

The Devil used a tree snake in the Garden of Eden, to speak lies to Eve about GOD (Gen.Cpt 3).

HIS FUTURE

Revelation 12:7-10 "And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. (NAS)

Dragon: (Revelation Chapter 12)

Revelation 20:1-2 "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;"

Revelation 20:3 "and he cast him into the bottomless pit [the abyss], and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

This is where Satan gets the name "Angel of the Abyss".

Revelation 20:10 [At the Gog/Magog Battle] "and the Devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet were [thrown Rev 19:20], and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever [unto the age of the ages].
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THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

2 Corinthians 10:4 “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (physical) but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,”

Ephesians 6:10-18 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (NIV)

The soldier's sword hung from his belt. The SWORD is God's Word. We must believe that the Bible truly is God's word, or we will not seek to learn what it says, or learn to use it effectively. Without the BELT, the soldier would not take his sword with him.

The BREASTPLATE is Christ's righteousness - not our own, that covers us front and back. The breastplate hung from shoulder straps. Without the back plate, the front plate would just fall off.

The SHIELD here is the large shield used by Roman soldiers to cover them from arrow attacks. They would link their shields together, and could move forward, almost like a tank. Christians should learn to link their shields, to give each other strength.

The HELMET of salvation, is our own awareness - in our minds, that we are saved because we belong to Christ. We belong to Him, and He has already won! The HELMET covers the head, neck, and ears - protecting us from Satan's lies. Our salvation is sure “in Christ”. We must know this, if we are to stay strong, to withstand doubters and to help others.

It is clear that the Devil is not in charge of Hell. Far from it.
See our studies: “[Dominion](#)”, “[Where are the Dead?](#)”, “[Hell - What it's Not](#)”, “[Millennium](#)”.

Romans 16:20 “And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.”

Satan is a defeated foe. Remember that!

1. Believe in Jesus, the Christ of the Bible, the divine Son of God.
2. Renounce all false religion - those which do not recognize Jesus Christ as the one and only divine Son of God, who is worthy to be worshiped, who died to bring us to reconciliation with His Father.
3. Confess your sins to God, asking His forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

Especially ask forgiveness for those acts which took you into the realm of the Evil One - such as Tarot Card readings, spirit mediums, fortune tellers, levitation, and many forms of “magic”.

Renounce all ecstatic “tongues” speaking or laughing.

Ask the LORD to bring to your mind, any other thing that has given Satan grounds to harass you. Confess such and ask for forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

4. Pray the Lord’s Prayer, in the name of Jesus.
5. Out loud - in the name of Jesus Christ, by your authority “in Him”, command every enemy of God the Father and of Jesus Christ His Son, to leave your presence immediately, and never return. Command that no substitutes or replacements may be sent by the Evil Ones to bother your mind. Command they be sent to wherever Jesus’ angels direct.

We want to help. On our resources page we have collected recommendations for books and videos on “[Spiritual Warfare](#)” and “[Faith Support](#)”.

We have also collected recommendations for books and videos that support faith through more knowledge of “[Creation Science](#)”, “[Biblical Archaeology](#)”, and the “[Prophecies of Messiah](#)” fulfilled by Jesus.

Fight back!
Strengthen faith!
Help others!

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