

The War — What do I need to know about spiritual warfare?

1. Who is the enemy?

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

- What was the original sin of Satan?
- When will my enemy attack?
- What are the names of my enemy?
 - Satan — means adversary
 - Devil — means tempter

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” Matthew 16:22–23 (ESV)

- Beelzebub — Lord of the Flies
- Who is working with our enemy against us?

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- Why is the battle described as wrestling?

2. What are the enemies strategies?

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:11 (ESV)

- False Religions

They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations they provoked him to anger. They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded. Deuteronomy 32:16–17 (ESV)

So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations. Leviticus 17:7 (ESV)

No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 1 Corinthians 10:20–21 (ESV)

- Mixing Error With Truth.
- Speaking Lies to Our Heart... Jesus and Peter
- Placing Challenging Circumstances in our life.... Job

3. Where do we find the strength to win the war?

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:15 (ESV)

The Weapons — What are my weapons and how do I use them?

1. The Belt of Truth

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth,... Ephesians 6:13–14 (ESV)

Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. John 8:43–45 (ESV)

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness

and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, Ephesians 6:14 (ESV)

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Ephesians 4:26–27 (ESV)

3. Shoes of the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:15 (ESV)

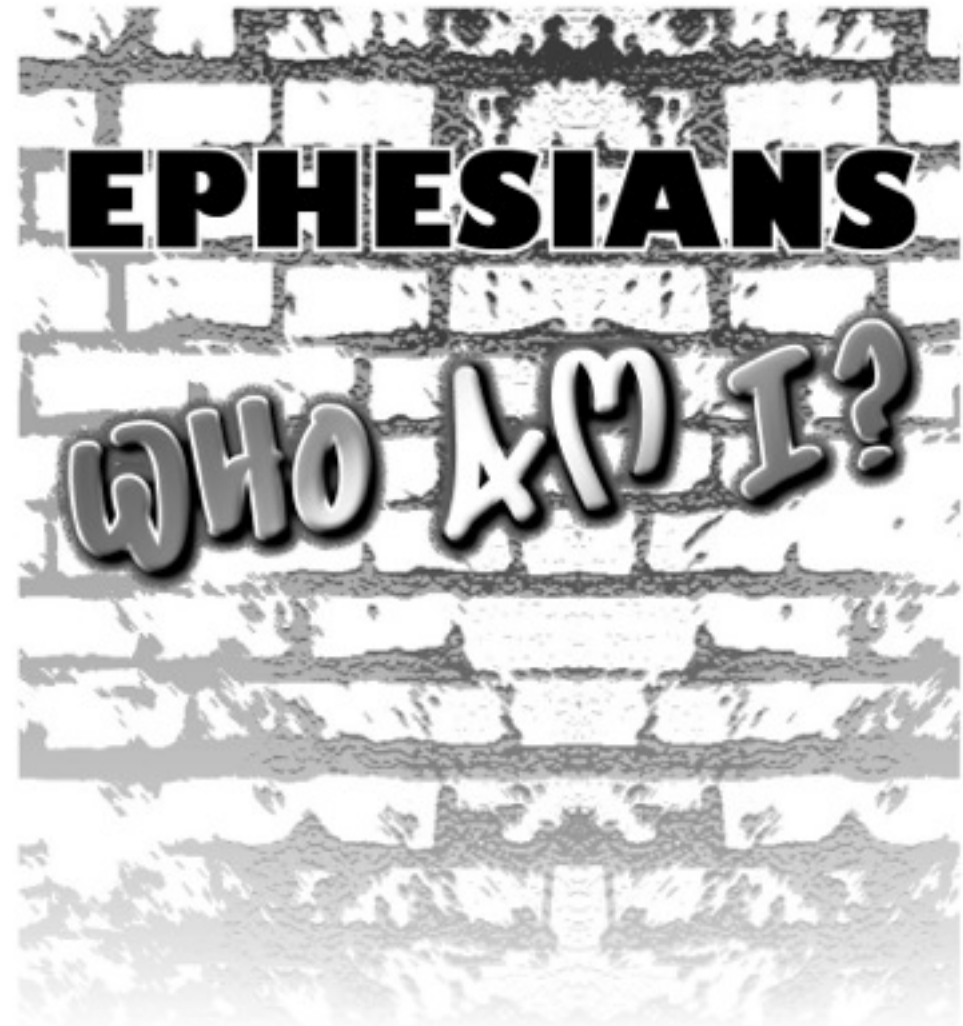
4. The shield of faith

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)

5. The helmet of salvation

and take the helmet of salvation,... Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38–39 (ESV)



Spiritual Warfare