

# Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God

*Lesson 02*

## Nature of the Battle Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:10-18

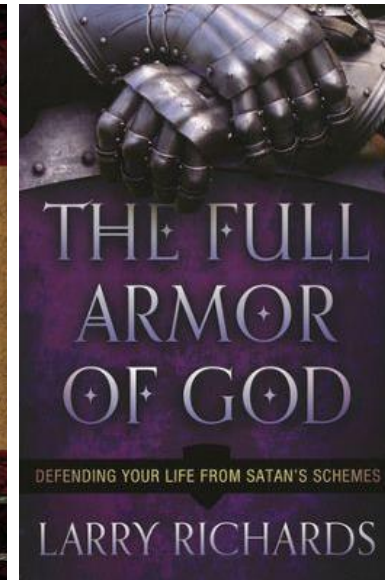
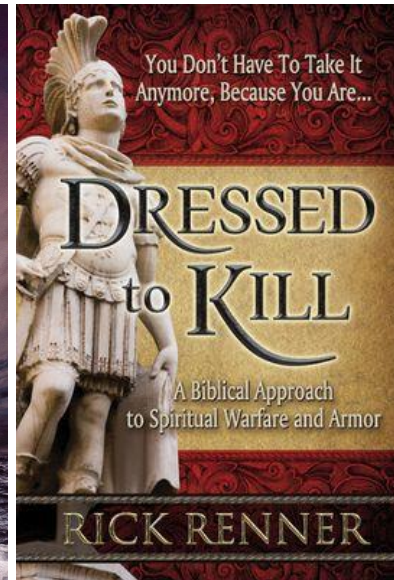
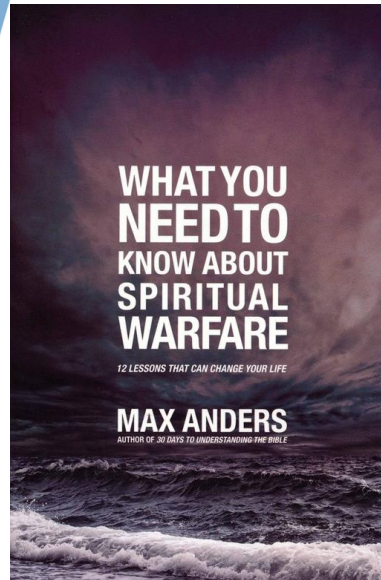
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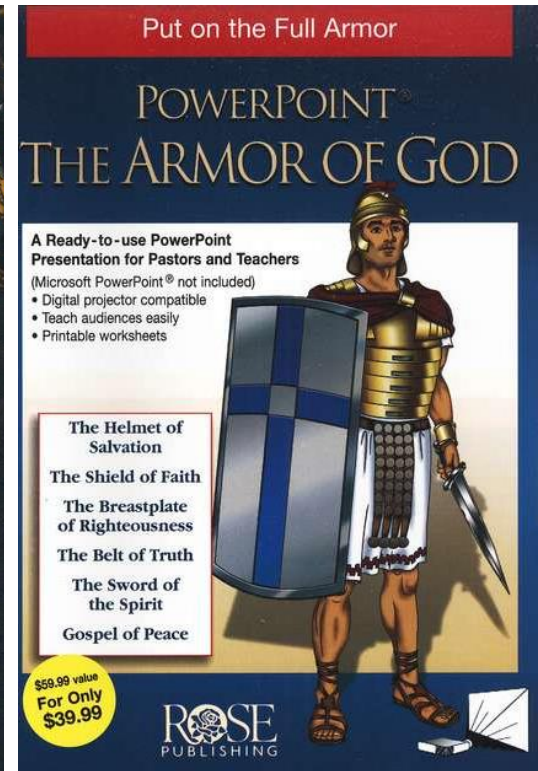
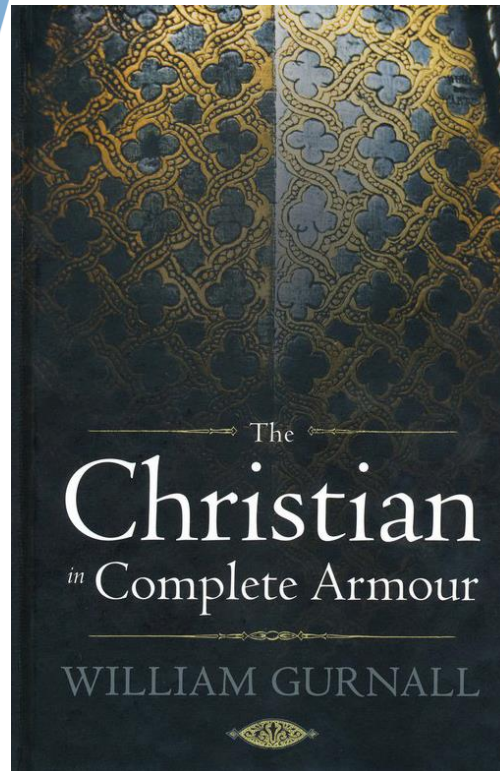


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"PUT ON THE  
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- EPHESIANS 6:11



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# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?



# Course Outline

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## *Scriptural Context*

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# Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God

## THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ... NKJV



# Scriptural Context - Armor Metaphors

## Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth

ELEMENT		RESOURCE	NT REFERENCE
Defensive	Belt	TRUTH	JOHN 14:6
	Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS	2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
	Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE	PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8
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- First Five Armor Elements represent defensive capability
- Sixth Armor Element represents offensive capability
- Seventh Armor Element represents our continued planning, monitoring and control capabilities.
  - Command, Control, Communications & Intelligence [C<sup>3</sup>I]





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<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

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<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. --- 1 Peter 5:8-9 ... NKJV

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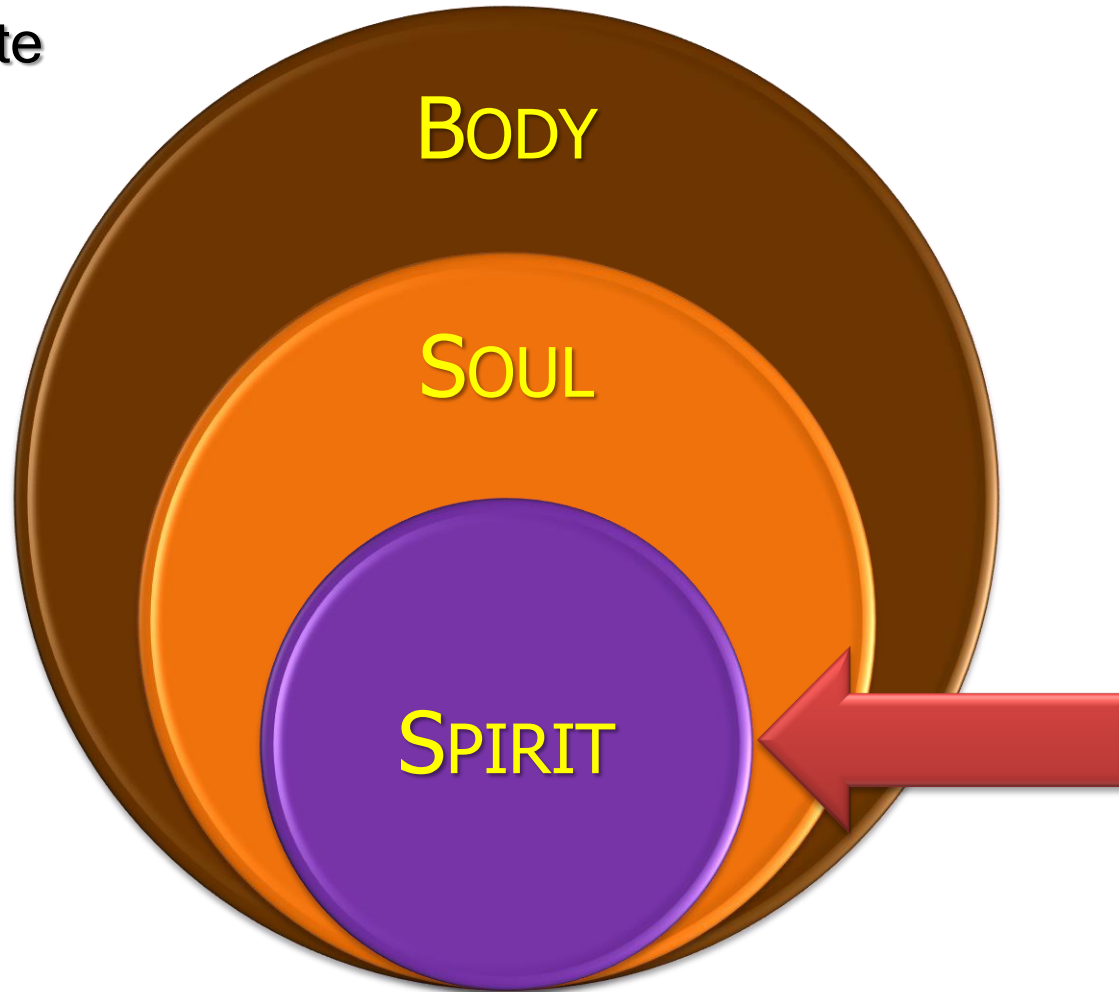
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**24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

--- John 4:24 ... NKJV

# The Category - What Type of War

- Nature of Man
  - Tri-Partite





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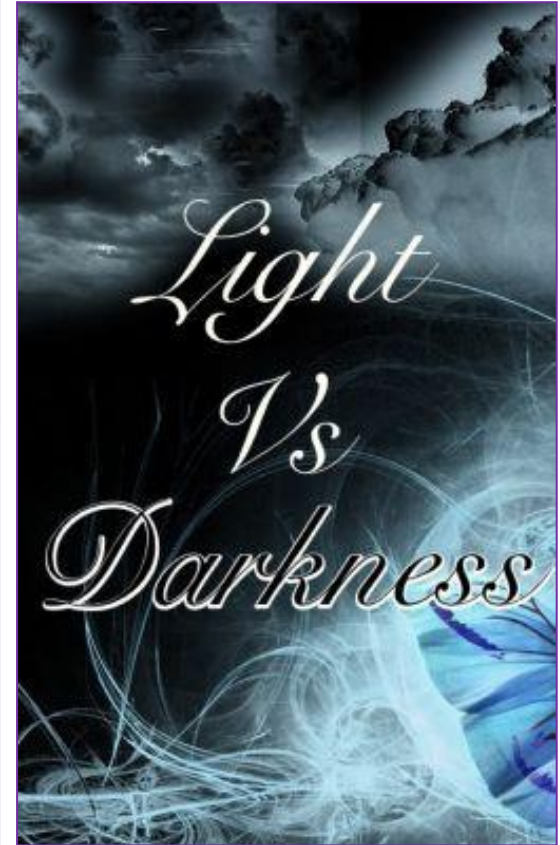
- Kingdom of Light versus Kingdom of Darkness

- God's Eternal Kingdom - **LIGHT**

- Trinity - Father, Son, & The Holy Spirit
    - Holy Angels
    - Saints of all ages
      - PAST: Old Testament Saints
      -  PRESENT: Church Saints
      - FUTURE: Tribulation Saints

- Satan's Temporal Kingdom - **DARKNESS**

- Unholy Trinity - Satan, Antichrist, & False Prophet
    - Fallen Angels
    - Non-Believers
    - Demons
      - Spirits of dead Nephilim / Rephaim
      - Titans
      - Gods & goddesses



# The Combatants - Who's Fighting Who

- Who is your Advocate?

- Trinity

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit

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- Angelic Wars ... Holy Angles versus Fallen Angels

- Revelation 12:7-12 ... Satan Thrown Out of Heaven
- Daniel 10:12-14, 20-21 ... Angel Detained 21 Days

- Angelic-Human Wars

- Our Spiritual Battles
- Christ's Battles ... culminating in the victory at the Cross - 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

# Satan Thrown Out of Heaven ... Revelation 12:7-12

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."





# Angel Detained ... Daniel 10:12-14, 20-21

<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*"

<sup>20</sup> Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. <sup>21</sup> But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.



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# The Conflict - Two Case Studies

War	Trigger	Climax	Conclusion
World War I	Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand 28 June 1914	America Enters the War (06 April 1917 Declares War on Germany)	Treaty of Versailles (18 January 1919)
World War II	Adolf Hitler's Ambitions	First Use of a Nuclear Weapons - 6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> August	08 May 1945 .... Germany surrenders 15 August 1945 Japan surrenders

WORLD WAR I	
Date	28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918 (Armistice) Peace treaties
Location	Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific Islands, China and off the coast of South and North America
Result	Allied victory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of the German, Russian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian empires</li> <li>• Formation of new countries in Europe and the Middle East</li> <li>• Transfer of German colonies and regions of the former Ottoman Empire to other powers</li> <li>• Establishment of the League of Nations.</li> </ul>

WORLD WAR II	
Date	1 September 1939 – 2 September 1945 (6 years, 1 day)
Location	Europe, Pacific, Atlantic, South-East Asia, China, Middle East, Mediterranean, North Africa and East Africa, briefly North and South America
Result	Allied victory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collapse of the Third Reich</li> <li>• Fall of Japanese and Italian Empires</li> <li>• Creation of the United Nations</li> <li>• Emergence of the United States and the Soviet Union as superpowers</li> <li>• Beginning of the Cold War</li> </ul>

# The Conflict - Spiritual War Trigger

## • Trigger Event for Spiritual War

- The Fall of Lucifer / Satan
  - When did it Occur?
    - After Creation
    - Before Fall in the Garden
  - Why did it Occur?
    - Lucifer was created
      - As a “free-will” being
      - An Archangel
    - Heart filled with Pride
      - Isaiah 14:12-21 ... “5-I will” statements of Lucifer ... *King of Babylon*
      - Ezekiel 28:11-19 ... *King of Tyre*
  - What was the Result?
    - Satan Thrown to the Earth
      - Luke 10:18 ... Fell like Lightning





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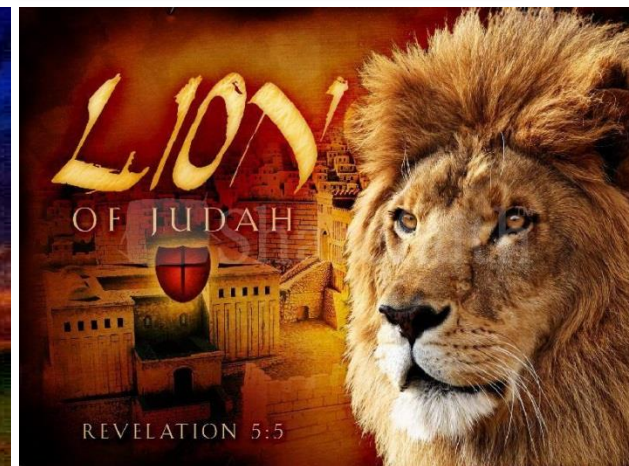
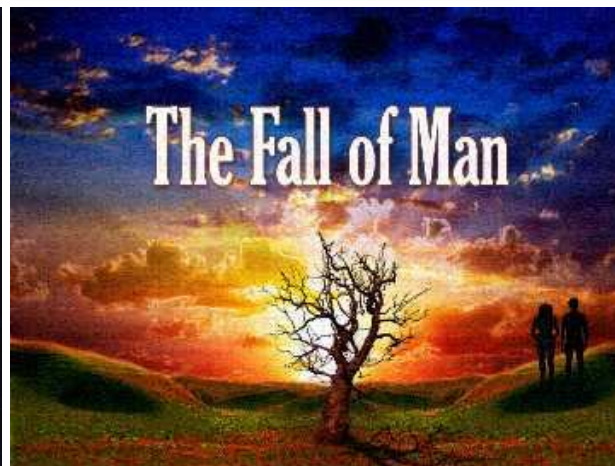
## • Dominion of the Earth - The Worship of Man

- |                      |            |              |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| • Assigned to Adam   | CREATION   | Genesis 1    |
| • Usurped by Satan   | THE FALL   | Genesis 3    |
| • Redeemed by Christ | THE SCROLL | Revelation 5 |

CREATION

THE FALL

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COMPUTER SYSTEMS	Cyber Command

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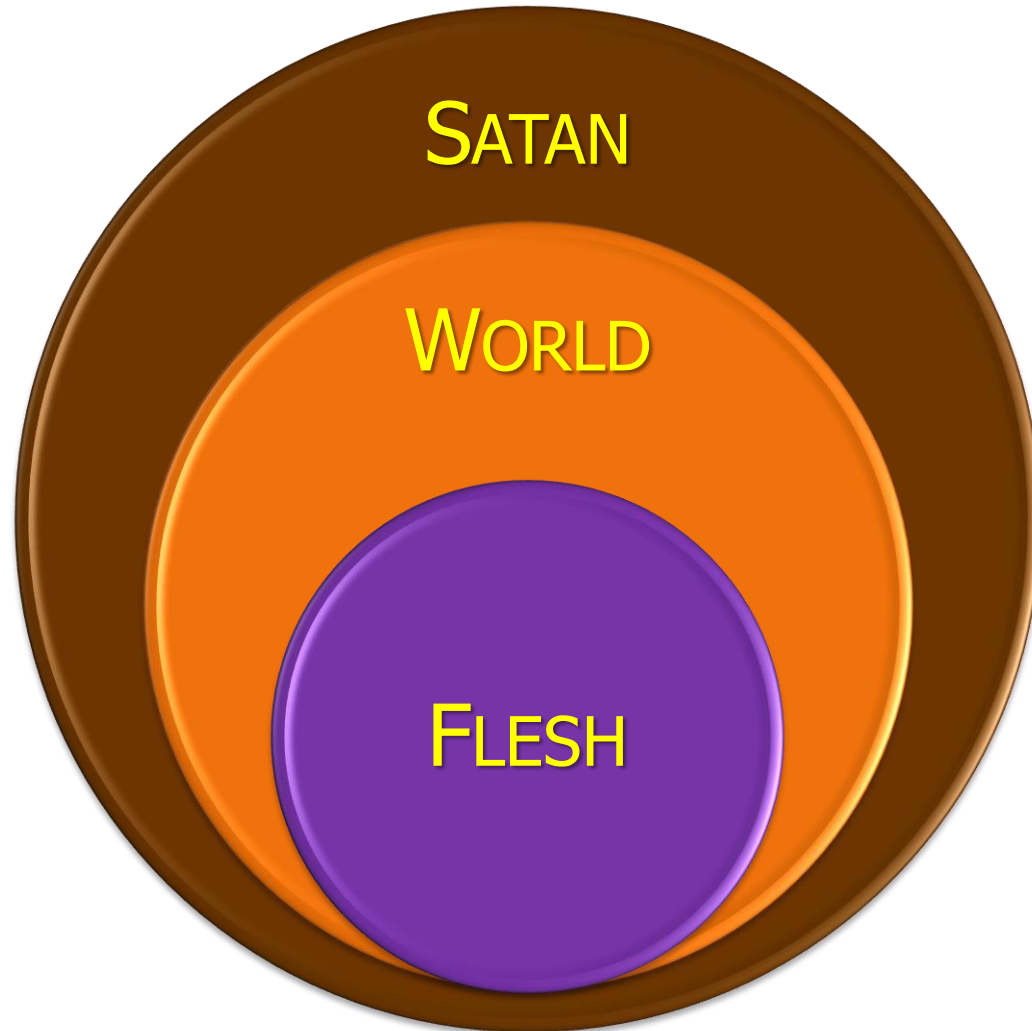
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  - Spiritual battles are fought on 3 fronts
    - ✓ Next week we will unpack these three battle fronts

FRONT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCES
FLESH	<b>THE PERSONAL BATTLE FRONT</b> Our sin nature – inherited from Adam	Romans 8
WORLD	<b>THE SOCIAL BATTLE FRONT</b> Corrupt value system of the world ... Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, & pride of life	1 John 2:15-17
SATAN	<b>THE SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT</b> Satan and his allies attempt to thwart God's will for you, by using both the <b>Personal</b> (Flesh) and <b>Social</b> (World) Battle Front.	Daniel 10; 1 Peter 5:5-11

# The Conflict - Spiritual War Trigger

- **Battle Fronts**

- SATAN
- WORLD
- FLESH



# The Conflict - Key Battle: The Cross

- Key Battle of Spiritual War: The Cross
  - Because of Jesus' ...
    - Victorious Sinless Life
    - Sacrificial Death on the Cross
    - Powerful Resurrection from the Dead
  - We share in the spoils of Christ's victory
    - We are reconciled to God
    - Our Sin Problem has been Solved
    - We have Eternal Life

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-- Colossians 2:15 ... NKJV

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  - We have access to the Full Amor of God

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# The Conflict - Conclusion: Your Eternal Destiny

## • Conclusion of Spiritual War

- Eternal Bliss - *For the Believer*
  - We will be with Jesus
    - When all the battles are over - the war is won
  - Jesus has assured us He is preparing a place for us (John 14)
  - Revelation 21-22 speaks of the New Heavens and New Earth

**14** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know."

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

--- John 14:1-4, 6... NKJV

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- Eternal Damnation- *For the Non-Believer*
  - God Demands Payment for Sin
    - God is a Holy God
    - All sin must be accounted for
    - You are incapable of paying your sin debt ... {SIN PROBLEM}
    - You will eternally suffer to satiate God's Righteous anger toward sin
  - If you are in this condition, there is still hope for you
    - As long as you have life - you have hope
    - Yesterday is gone ... Tomorrow is yet to be
    - Today is your day for salvation - make your salvation sure
    - When you breath your last breath - eternity is fixed.

**10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. --- 2 Corinthians 5:10 ... NKJV



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