

Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God

Lesson 03

The Battlefield The Invisible War

Ephesians 6:10-18

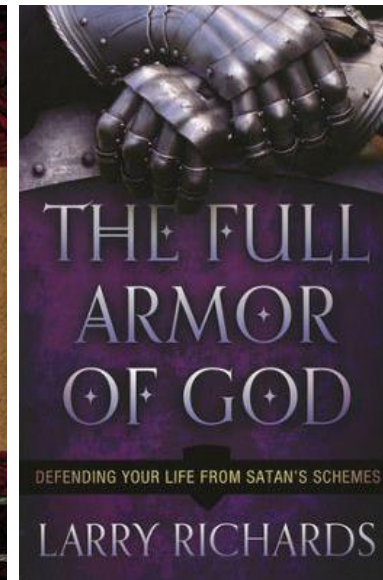
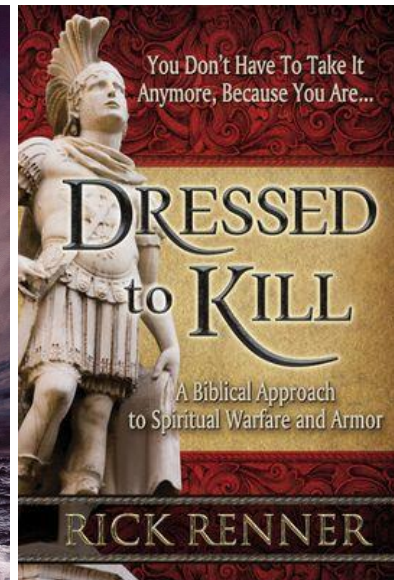
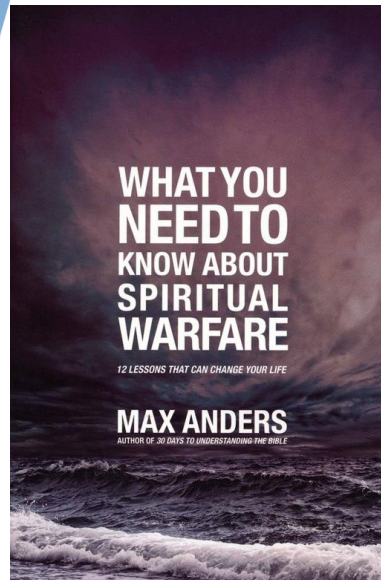
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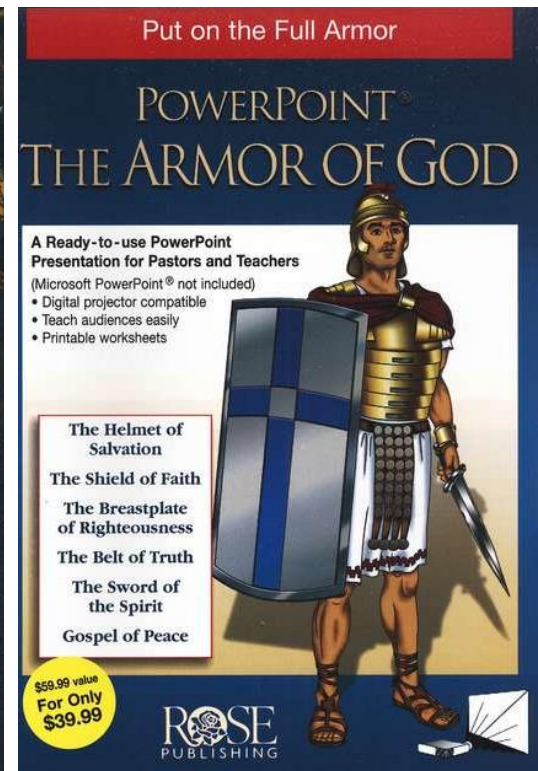
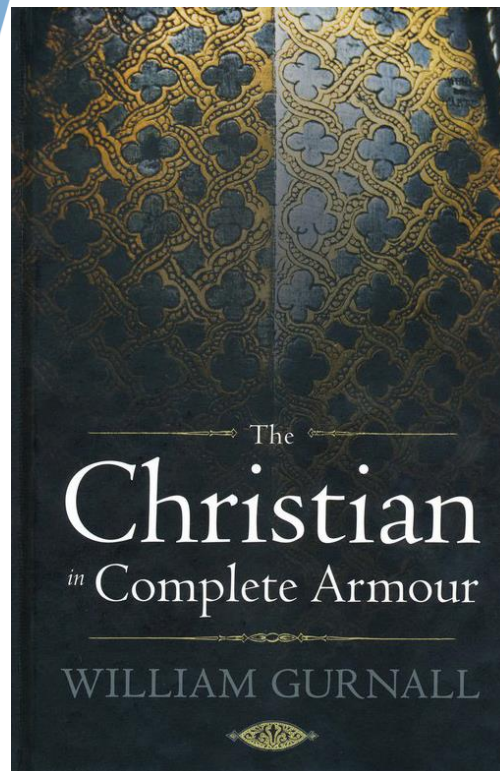


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The
WHOLE
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"PUT ON THE
FULL
ARMOR
OF GOD..."

- EPHESIANS 6:11



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ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?



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The Battlefield: THE INVISIBLE WAR

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Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

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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
	Shield	FAITH	GALATIANS 2:20
	Helmet	SALVATION	ACT 4:12
	Sword	THE SPIRIT	HEBREWS 4:12
	<i>Comms Gear</i>	PRAYING ALWAYS	2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12

- 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 [C³I]

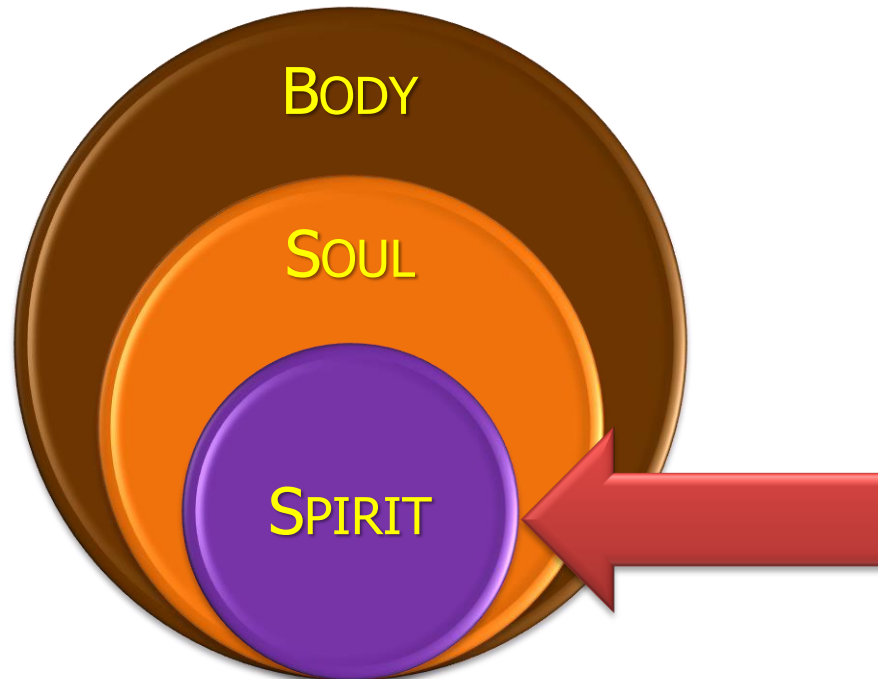


Nature of the Battle: Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Category:** We are Engaged in a Spiritual War

War Item	Spiritual	Carnal	Reference
Weapons	✓		2 Corinthians 10:3-5
Adversary	✓		Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:15; 1 Peter 5:8-9
Armor (God's)	✓		Ephesians 6:11,13; John 4:24

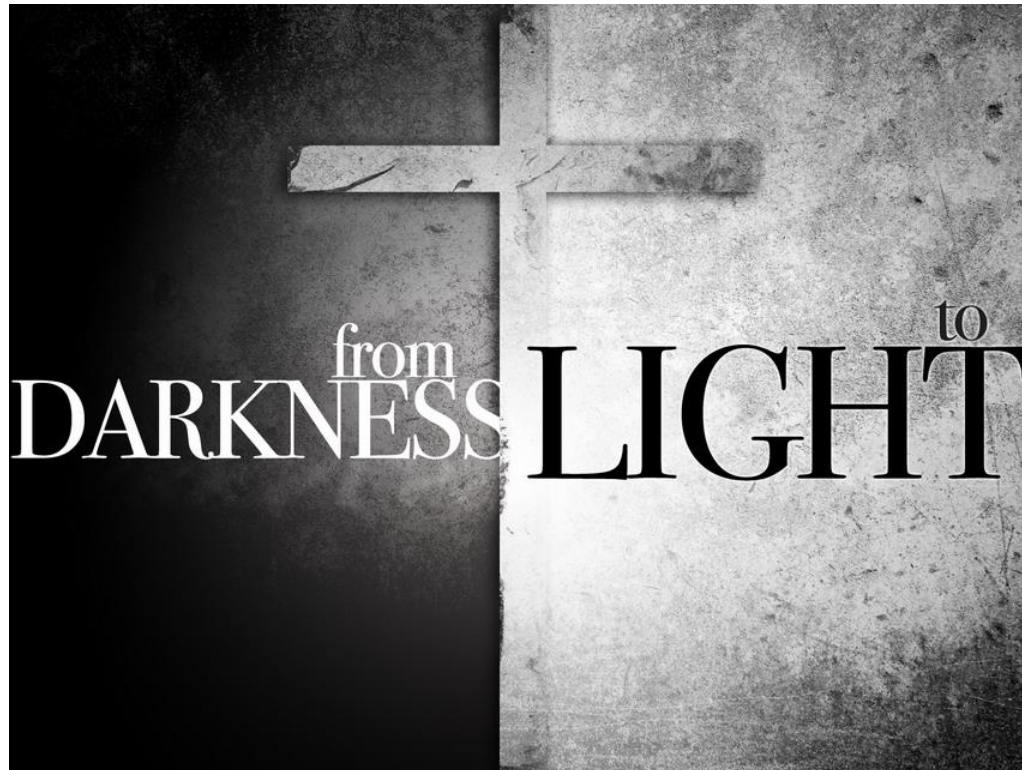
- Nature of Man
 - Tri-Partite



Nature of the Battle: Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Combatants:** Two Kingdoms: Light versus Darkness

Kingdom	Combatants
LIGHT	Trinity, Holy Angels, Saints of all Ages
DARKNESS	Unholy Trinity, Fallen Angels, Unredeemed



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- **Conflict:** Three Battle Fronts ... *Unpack this week*

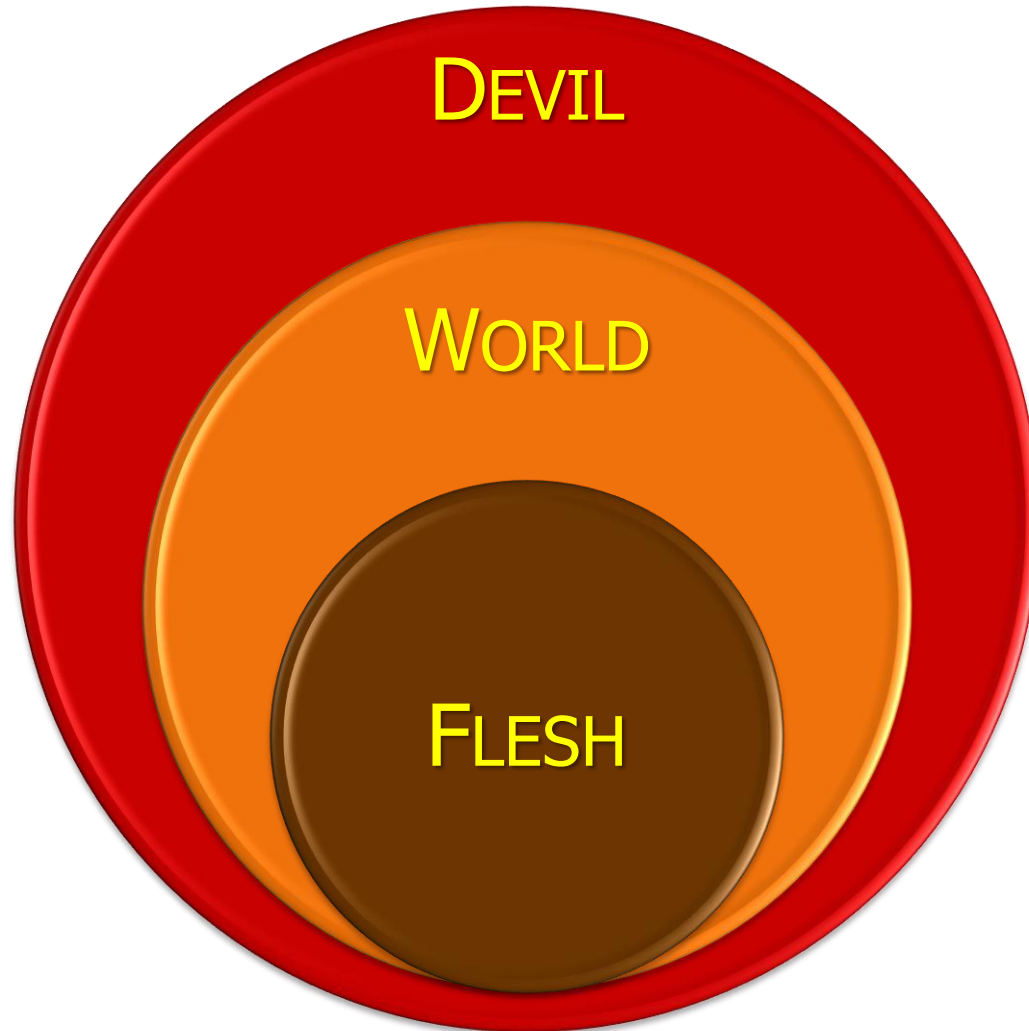
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- **Conclusion:** Eternal Bliss versus Eternal Torment

Nature of the Battle: Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Battle Fronts**

- FLESH
- WORLD
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The Battlefield: THE INVISIBLE WAR

Spiritual Battle Fronts

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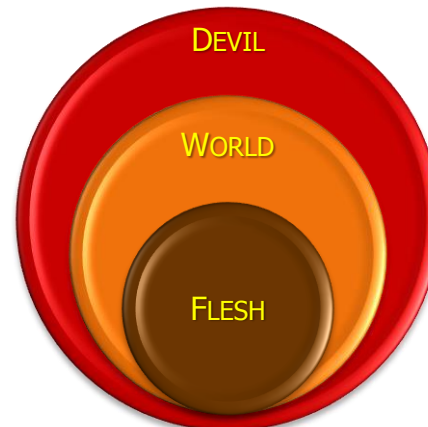
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The Flesh: Personal Battle Front

- The Term “**FLESH**”
 - Does not refer to the *natural* or *physical body*
 - It refers to our Sin Nature
 - Our Propensity to Sin - Inherited from Adam
 - “*We are sinners not because we sin -
We sin because we are sinners*”

It means we don't start off pure and acquire the habit of sinning by doing it repeatedly over time. We are born sinners and our sinful behavior is a manifestation of our very nature.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.
--- Psalm 51: 5-6 ... NKJV

The Flesh: Personal Battle Front

- The Term “**FLESH**”

- Includes our Actions and Attitudes

- Actions: Pursuit of Sex, Money, and Power
 - Attitudes: Propelled by Lust, Greed, and Selfishness

- **THE FLESH** is the **PERSONNEL BATTLE FRONT**

- Believers Battle Sin and Evil WITHIN THEMSELVES

- Battlefield of INTERNAL

BATTLE OF GOOD AND EVIL IN THE FLESH

- Powers
 - Values
 - Influences
 - Temptations

¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. --- Romans 7:17-21 ... NKJV

The Flesh: Personal Battle Front

- How can we be **DELIVERED** from this **PREDICAMENT**
 - Through Jesus Christ our LORD

²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—**through Jesus Christ our Lord!**
So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. --- **Romans 7:21-25 ... NKJV**

The Flesh: Personal Battle Front

- **SPIRITUAL VICTORY** is Assured (**NO CONDEMNATION**)

- IF ...

- We walk according to the Spirit
- Set our minds on things of the Spirit

LIVE A SANCTIFIED LIFE

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

--- Romans 8:1-8 ... NKJV

The Flesh: Personal Battle Front

- **FINAL VICTORY** is Assured
 - When All Battles Fought - *Promoted to Headquarters (HEAVEN)*
 - Freed from the Body of Sin
 - Old Body Redeemed
 - Given a Glorified Body

EAGERLY WAIT WITH PERSEVERANCE

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

--- Romans 8:22-25 ... NKJV

The Flesh: Personal Battle Front

- Is your **SALVATION** sure? Do you **KNOW** you are saved?

- If you are "**BORN AGAIN**"

- You will live eternally with Christ in Heaven (John 3:3)

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

--- John 3:3 ... NKJV

- You are sealed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption. --- Ephesians 4:30 ... NKV

- Nothing can separate you from God (Romans 8:38-39)

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any **other** created thing, shall be able to **separate us** from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. --- Romans 8:38-39 ... NKJV

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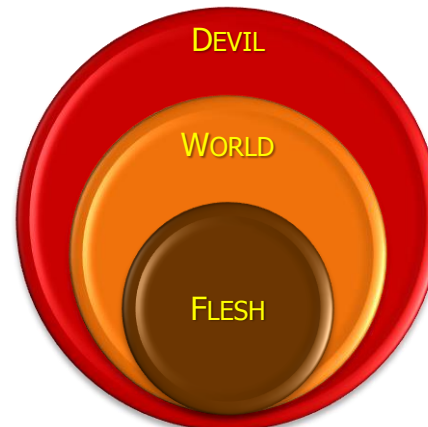
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The World: Social Battle Front

- The Term “**WORLD**”
 - Does not refer to the *natural* or *material planet*
 - Physical world was created / pronounced “Good” by God (Gen 1)
 - Sin has corrupted it and it needs / will be redeemed
 - New Heavens and New Earth ... (Revelation 21:1; Romans 8:18-22)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

--- Romans 8:18-22... NKJV

The World: Social Battle Front

- The Term “**WORLD**”
 - It refers to the Worlds System of Values
 - Values contrary to the will of God - Evil
 - Introduction of human evil in the Garden - “The Fall”
 - Satan deceived man - usurped his dominion of the earth
 - Now ruler of this world (John 12:30-32; 14:29-31; 16:10-12)

³⁰ Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself.” --- John 12:30-32... NKJV

The World: Social Battle Front

- **THE WORLD** is the **SOCIAL BATTLE FRONT**
 - Believers Battle Sin and Evil Confronting them “EXTERNALLY”
 - Battlefield of EXTERNAL
 - Powers
 - Values
 - Influences
 - Temptations
 - Do not **CONFORM** the World.

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

--- Romans 12:1-2 ... NKJV

The World: Social Battle Front

- **THE WORLD** is the **SOCIAL BATTLE FRONT**
 - We are to be IN the World but not OF the World.

DO NOT BEFRIEND THE WORLD

⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. --- James 4:4 ... NKJV

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. --- 1 John 2:15-17 ... NKJV

The World: Social Battle Front

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⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree **was good for food**, that it **was pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree **desirable to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. --- **Genesis 3:4-7 ... NKJV**

The World: Social Battle Front

- Overcoming **THE WORLD**
 - Disengage from the ungodly elements of the world system
 - Live a sanctified (righteous) life ... 2 Peter 2:20-21

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

--- 2 Peter 2:20-21 ... NKJV

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 - Keep Christ's commandments ... 1 John 5:1-5

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—**our faith**. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but **he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God**? --- 1 John 5:1-5 ... NKJV

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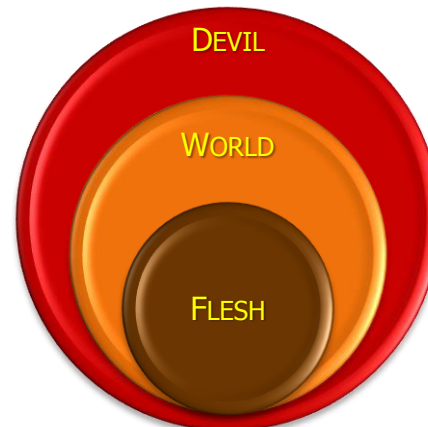
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- The Term “**DEVIL**”
 - Does not refer to the fanciful *character*
 - In **red** tights
 - With hooves
 - With horns
 - With a pitchfork
 - Does refers to ...
 - An extremely powerful fallen angel
 - Evil to the core
 - Set against God and His Kingdom



⁷ And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought with the **dragon**; and the **dragon and his angels** fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 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.--- Revelation 12:7-9... NKJV

The Devil: Supernatural Battle Front

- **THE DEVIL** is the **SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT**
 - Believers Battle Satan and other Evil Supernatural Beings
 - Satan and his allies use **THE FLESH** and **THE WORLD**
 - To keep us from doing the will of God

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary **the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ 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

The Devil: Supernatural Battle Front

- **THE DEVIL** is the **SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT**
 - Believers Need Situational Awareness (*picture of the battlefield*)
 1. Be alert to Satan's
 - Evil intentions
 - Strategies to deceive and destroy
 2. Recognize that it is God that makes us Victorious
 - His Spirit is the Key to Victory
 - Apart from Him - Certain defeat
 - We need His Full Armor

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- **THE DEVIL** is the **SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT**
 - Believers Must Continually Train and Prepare for Battle
 - We Must Cultivate
 - A Reliance on God
 - A Trust in God
 - A Daily "Putting on" the Full Armor of God ... (Ephesians 6:11)
 - A Daily "Taking up" the Full Armor of God ... (Ephesians 6:13)

91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

--- Psalm 91:1-2 ... NKJV

The Devil: Supernatural Battle Front

- **THE DEVIL** is the **SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT**
 - Victory over Satan is Certain

¹⁰ The **devil**, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the **beast** and the **false prophet** *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. --- Revelation 20:10 ... NKJV

- Overcomers Inherit All Things

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ **He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.** ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."



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- Lesson 10: Armed for Battle: SHIELD OF FAITH
- Lesson 11: Armed for Battle: HELMET OF SALVATION
- Lesson 12: Armed for Battle: SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
- Lesson 13: Sustained C³I: PRAYING ALWAYS

