

Heavenly Warfare

Being Alert and Equipped
To the Spiritual Conflict
Around Us

Spiritual Conflict In Our Time

- Are we aware of the conflict?
- Dishonesty in our Government
- Biblical values considered harmful
- People living in fear
- Families are suffering
- Individuals making poor choices
- Depression, drug overdoses, family violence

The Context of the Conflict

- Daniel has seen 50,000 Jews pack up and go back to Jerusalem
- New conflict has stopped the reconstruction of the Temple
- Daniel has a vision concerning a great war 10:1-3
- He has been praying for understanding for 21 days
- He is fasting (note) from meat, wine and fancy foods
- An Angel appears; He is impressive but not Christ
- 10:4

Principles of Spiritual Conflict

1. God hears and answers prayer 9:21,23; 10:12
2. Demonic forces can delay answers
3. The Prince of Persia is a territorial demon not a man
 - Deut.31:8,9
 - Persia no longer power nation, demon still there; 10:13-14;
 - Angels and demons are divided by rank like an army.
 - Seraphs are the only angels recorded to have wings
 - Michael is one of the top angels - vs.13
 - Jude 9 – archangel; Rev.12:7 his angels;
 - Gabriel – Chief messenger of Jehovah 8:16; 9:21

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5. Angels can impart physical strength to you.
10:15-19
6. Higher rank demons have greater power so we need the greater power. Mk.9:25f
7. Prayer and Fasting are the conduits through which God's power is unleashed.
8. We must be armed for self defense.

The Armor of God

- Eph.6:10-18
- Realize the source of your strength. 6:10
- We must be armed to combat the strategy of Satan and his forces 6:11
- Our battle is not with people 6:12
- We are equipped to stand in victory 6:13
- Belt of truth – Committed to TRUTH
- Breastplate – Righteous living
 - Israel's sin took the favour of God

The Armor of God

- Feet ready to take the good news to a needy world
- Shield of faith – Living in Faith
- Flaming Arrows - walking by sight vs. by faith
- Helmet of Salvation – Transformed minds
- Sword of the Spirit – The Bible
- Pray in the Spirit
- Pray for the Saints

What do we do?

1. We need to repent, confess and reconcile
2. We need to stop doing the wrong.
3. We need to let God out of our box and into every moment of our lives.
4. We need to learn to fast and pray.
5. We need to learn to intercede.