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Spiritual Warfare

The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NASB)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

The Spiritual Realms

1. Christianity is not just ideas such as theology & cognitive content!
2. Christianity is not just emotions such as spiritual experiences!
3. Christianity is not just inward existential depth and mysticism!
4. Christianity is not just social and cultural rituals and traditions!
5. Christianity is not just behavioral, full of morals and good works.
6. Christianity involves an active participation in the Spiritual Realms which are real places filled with real actual spiritual beings and real actual spiritual forces:
 - God, angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim, demons, powers, principalities, thrones, dominions, just men made perfect, blessings, curses, prophecies, altars, temples, Heavenly Watchers, Beasts, the First, Second and Third Heavens, the Pit, the Lake of Fire and so on.... see Isaiah 6:1-7 and Daniel 7:9,10 as examples)

Jesus & The Spiritual Universe

1. 12 legions of angels at His command (Matthew 26:53)
2. His life a fulfillment of prophetic Scriptures (Matthew 26:54)
3. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who are still living and resurrection is a reality (Matthew 22:29-32)
4. Is transfigured and talks with Moses and Elijah (Matt 17:1-8)
5. At Jesus' baptism by a prophet Heaven is opened, God speaks, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove (Matthew 13:13-17)



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6. A special star portends His birth and he is born in a Bethlehem as a fulfillment of prophecy, and God appears in dreams to the wise men, Joseph etc. (Matthew 2:1-12)
7. Jesus is driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, and is tempted by the Devil, to do things such as turning stones into bread and angels minister to Him (Matthew 4:1-11)

The Great Separation

1. In Genesis 1 & 2 everything was good. Heaven and Earth were in harmony and the Garden of Eden contained spiritual properties. Then Adam and Eve sinned and we lost access to heavenly things. A great curse was placed over mankind and the earth. Eventually this age was brought to an end by the Flood.
2. Since then God has slowly been reuniting Heaven and earth, through Abraham, through Israel and the Temple, through the incarnate and victorious Christ, through the Church, through the outpoured Holy Spirit and the gifts and in the end God's dwelling place will be with men in a new, reunited Heaven and earth and all evil will be removed.

The Kosmos (World)

1. The kosmos is the ancient astrological (evil) heavens and the world in rebellion against God, the Devil's earth without Heaven. When Jesus announced the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" he was announcing the end of the kosmos and its tyranny over men and his healing miracles proved this.
2. The Devil's kosmos is "passing away" along with the lusts thereof. The Devil controls it and even offered it to Jesus (Luke 4:1-13). The Great Commission is destroying the kosmos and eventually it will reach the point where Satan is cast out.
3. Satan deceives the kings of the earth by promising them exalted positions in the kosmos (Masonry etc) and he is assisted by earth-dwellers (people who love the earth without heaven and wish to sin and worship idols)

Christians and The Spiritual Universe

Pentecost baptizes us into the spiritual world:

Acts 2:16-18 (NASB)

- "16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; 18 Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy."
- As participants in Heaven we are to leave the kosmos and its evil order behind us: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 1 John 2:15-17

The Heavenly Zion



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Hebrews 12:18-24 (NASB)

18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19 and to the last of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 20 For they could not bear the command, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned.” 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, “I am full of fear and trembling.” 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Christians Already Belong In Heaven!

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have come (past tense) to the heavenly Zion• We ARE citizens of Heaven• We are part of God’s household• We are sons of God• We are Jesus’ brethren• We have died and been raised with Christ and our life is hidden with God in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hebrews 12:18-24• Galatians 4:26• Hebrews 2:10-18• Romans 8:14-17• Ephesians 2:6; 1:20,21• Ephesians 2:19• Philippians 3:20,21• 1 John 3:1-3• Colossians 3:1-4• Romans 6:1-11
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Faith In The Invisible (Hebrews 11)

- Faith involves an understanding of the spiritual and invisible realm that creates forms and undergirds this Universe and its operation. (Hebrews 11:1-3)
- Faith believes that God the Creator is in charge and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)
- Faith enables mystery, adventure and impossibility (v 4-22)
- Faith seeks the “City that is to come, a heavenly city” (v. 16)
- Faith sees, believes and relies on the invisible realm for tangible solutions to real world problems (v. 23-34)

The Throne of God

- The central reality in every major vision of Heaven is the Throne of God!: Revelation chapters 4 & 5, 20:11-15 and Daniel 7:1-14
- This throne controls the Heavens and the Earth and the entire natural and supernatural order: Genesis 1, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1-3
- The gospel of the Almighty Creator God: Revelation 14:6,7



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- Read Jonah chapter 1 and look for God's throne-room control of earthly events both natural and supernatural!

The Throne of Satan

- Satan had a "throne" the pagan altar to Zeus in Pergamum, which has now been rebuilt in Berlin.
- Satan's throne is on earth! In a building made with human hands!
- God does not dwell in buildings made by human hands (1 Kings 8:27, Isaiah 66:1, Acts 7:48, 17:24, 25, 2 Corinthians 5:1)
- Satan's power is tiny compared with the power of God Almighty
- Satan controls human systems simply through human weakness and sin and through deception.

The Conflict

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is invisible• Is spiritual• Involves angels, powers and principalities• Does not involve human weapons of warfare• Does not fight for the kingdoms of this world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ephesians 6:10-20• 2 Cor. 10:3-5• Daniel 10:1-14• John 18:36
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The Two Kingdoms

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Kingdom of His Beloved Son / of Light• The Kingdom of Darkness• The sons of God• The sons of the Devil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colossians 1:11-20• 1 John 1:5-10, 2:8-11• John 1:12• Romans 8:14-25• 1 John 3:1-3, 8, 10• Hebrews 2:10-18 cf. Matthew 3:7-10• John 6:70, 8:44• Matthew 13:37-42• Acts 13:10
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Three Main Types of Demons

1. Those in the “air” and the spiritual realms.

Ephesians 2:1-4, 6:12, Rev 9:20, 12:1-9, 16:14, John 10:10

Cultural, religious and territorial influence, idolatry, cults, resist the gospel, deceive the kings of the earth, create wars, create rebellion, instigate crime and disobedience.

2. Those that occupy human bodies.

Mark 5:1-17, Acts 16:16-18

Personal and minor regional influence. Madness, disease, occult prediction, some criminal acts

3. Those chained in darkness under the Earth.

Jude 1:6, 2 Peter 2:4, Revelation 9:1-12, 11:7, 17:8

Archetypes, ruled the ancient world, founded the world religions and ancient myths and legends. Ancient spirits in rebellion, now judged, but may be released for a brief period during the Tribulation when the Pit is opened and Abaddon/ Apollyon is released.

The Three Big Battles

- 1. The Battle For Israel** (to prevent the birth of the Messiah) as recorded in the Old Testament and the Gospels esp. Matthew.
- 2. The Battle For The Church**, the body of Christ. The war against the saints. Aims to delay the return of Christ who will return with all His “holy ones”, this is the battle to prevent the salvation of the lost, the maturing of Christians and the perfection of the Church in all nations. This is recorded in the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles.
- 3. The Battle for Final World Dominion and Government**, Satan tries to hold on to earth but He knows that his time is short, persecutes the Church, takes over all structures of human government and puts up a last-ditch stand at Armageddon. This is mainly recorded in Revelation, Daniel, Ezekiel and other prophetic literature.

The Victory Of Faith

1 John 5:1-5 (NASB)

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”



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The Victorious Mind

Romans 8:4-6 (NASB)

“so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”

The Overcomer

1 John 4:4 (NASB): “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

Revelation 12:10-11 (NASB): “Then 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, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”