

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE | THE ENEMY

### Satan and Demons

- Satan and Demons are fallen angels who were cast out of heaven for rebelling against God.
- They want to hurt God and the best way to do that is to hurt the ones He loves.
- Demons will be eternally condemned to pay for their sins in Hell alongside all who reject Jesus.

Satan is:

1. Not omniscient, omnipresent, or omnipotent (Matthew 4, Job 1-2)
2. Strategic (1 Timothy 3:7, Matthew 4)
3. Influential (Job 1:17, Revelation 2:10)
4. Condemned (Matthew 25:41)
5. Resistible (James 4:7)

(Genesis 3:1, 1 John 3:11-12, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Matthew 12:24)

### Demonic Activity

Nonbeliever:

1) Possession

- Self-harm (Matthew 12:22)
- Perform evil (Luke 22:3-4)

2) Deceit (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Christian:

1) Deceit

- False doctrine and teachers (1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- Performing signs to deceive (Revelation 16:14)
- Temptation

Spiritual realm vs physical realm

### Christians and Demons

- Who has authority over whom?

*Matthew 10:1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.*

- Can a demon have any power over a Christian?

*1 Corinthians 10:21 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.*

No, because the Holy Spirit dwells within the Christian

*Romans 8:9-11 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

*1 John 4:4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

*Luke 10:18 [Jesus] replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

### The Christian's Response

Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)

#### Belt of Truth

→ Scripture is your foundation (John 17:17)

#### Breastplate of Righteousness

→ Guard your heart (Proverbs 4:23)

→ Christ-like character (1 Peter 5:8)

#### Gospel of Peace

→ Remembrance of the Gospel (Psalm 119:11)

#### Shield of Faith

→ Submit to God (Matthew 6:31-33)

#### Helmet of Salvation

→ Hold on to the Gospel (2 Corinthians 10:5)

#### Sword of the Spirit

→ Knowledge of Scripture convicts and guides (Hebrews 4:12)

→ Knowledge of Scripture rebukes and corrects deception (Luke 4:1-13)

Prayer (Ephesians 6:18, Mark 9:29, James 5:16)