

Spiritual Warfare

Part 1

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood

Introduction

We are delivered from the power of darkness

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Jesus has overcome the world

John 16:33

³³These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

No weapon of any kind

Isaiah 54:17

¹⁷No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

7 Ways!

Deuteronomy 28:7

⁷The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

This is the victory that overcomes the world – even our faith

1 John 5:4-5

⁴For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

⁵Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Transforms into an Angel of Light

2 Corinthians 11:14

¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Watch and be sober

1 Thessalonians 5:6

⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

More than Conquerors

Romans 8:37

³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

If two or three shall agree...

Matthew 18:18-20

¹⁸Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

We are not in this alone

Psalms 23:4

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Greater is he that is in you

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Knowing the truth = Freedom

John 8:32

³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Like dwelling in the secret place of the most high



James 4:8

⁸Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Him that had the power of death

Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

His first attempt already failed

Speculation: You almost get the impression as though it wasn't much of a war – fighting yes, but as if the bad guys never had a chance

Revelation 12:7-9

⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The Blood of the Lamb and the word of his testimony

Revelation 12:11

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

The devils believe and they tremble

James 2:19

¹⁹Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

The Lord will keep you from Evil 2 Kings 6:15-19 2 Kings 6:15-19

2 Thessalonians 3:3

³But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

There are more with us than there are with them



2 Kings 6:15-19

¹⁵And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

¹⁶And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

¹⁷And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

¹⁸And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

¹⁹And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

Their sword shall enter into their own heart



Psalms 37:12-16

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

We will tread them under that rise against us

Psalm 44:5 Zechariah 4:6

⁵Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

The Lamb shall overcome them

Revelation 17:14

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit says the Lord

Zechariah 4:6

⁶Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint

This reminds of Elijah outrunning the chariots



Isaiah 40:31

³¹But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Stand fast in the faith – be strong

1 Corinthians 16:13

¹³Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Point #1: Spiritual warfare in the Old Testament

A view into the Spirit world

Angels



Daniel 10:12-14

¹²Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

¹⁴Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

Point #2: Spiritual warfare in the New Testament

Spiritual Wickedness in high places

Evil spirits are behind new testament warfare Deuteronomy 28:7

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Summary

Hast thou not known? Hast though not heard?

Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Correlating Music

Destined to Win – DeGarmo & Key - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU-our6Nk6E>

Run to the Battle – Steve Camp - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbGtxYj8yKY>

Army of the Lord – Acapella - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KtIF-6ZHOw>