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BOOKS

1. Penetrating the Darkness: Discovering the Power of the Cross Against Unseen Evil *and* Prayer is Invading the Impossible by Jack Hayford.
2. The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare by Ed Murphy.
3. Born for Battle by R. Arthur Mathews.
4. The Spiritual Warfare Answer Book by David Jeremiah.
5. Pulling Down Strongholds: Mighty Weapons for Spiritual Warfare by Derek Prince.
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WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL WAR! Our spiritual enemy is often unrecognizable and doesn't confront us on obvious battlefields. He is lawless, using ruthless and unconventional tactics like deception, distraction, and disguising evil as "good." As 2 Corinthians 11:14 warns, *he (Lucifer) comes as an angel of light*. His name, Lucifer, means "Light Bearer," and "Morning Star" is derived from the Latin words *lux* (light) and *ferre* (to bring). (Isaiah 14:12)

Many pastors and teachers downplay spiritual warfare, leaving many of God's people unaware they're even in a battle. This ignorance puts believers in grave danger. (Hosea 4:6) The church *must* recognize the enemy and his strategies, and believers *must* learn how to gain victory over this unseen power through God's Spirit. (Ephesians 6:10)

Paul declares this warfare in 2 Timothy 2:3-4, *You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.*

Read Genesis 3:15; Luke 10:18-19; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 2:15; 1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7; 1 John 3:8

Today, spiritual warfare is intensifying as Satan's attacks grow bolder, while too many Christians fail to take it seriously. When danger increases and awareness decreases, someone must sound the alarm to prevent disaster! (Ezekiel 33:1-10)



SATAN'S ORIGIN

Satan began his rebellion against God as Lucifer, a holy and glorious being in Heaven. As the Anointed Cherub (Ezekiel 28:14), he was responsible for glorifying God. He was perfect in beauty and wisdom, and Ezekiel 28:13 suggests he had musical instruments — “timbrels and pipes” — built into his very being, indicating his role in leading heavenly worship! Music and praise flowed naturally through him, and his purpose was to reflect God’s glorious majesty and direct worship toward the Creator.

However, Lucifer became prideful, captivated by his beauty and position. Instead of glorifying God, he sought to elevate himself and usurp God’s throne (Isaiah 14:13-14). His desire for self-glorification led to a Heavenly rebellion and war. He was cast out of heaven along with one-third of the angels who followed his rebellion (Revelation 12:3-4).

1. The lamentation (prophetic warning) against the King of Tyre in Ezekiel 28 became the description of Lucifer.
 - **Ezekiel 28:12-17** *You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers;... Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;...*
2. **Isaiah 14:12-15** speaks of Lucifer’s fall from heaven due to his pride and desire to be like God. Here we read about Lucifer's five prideful “I wills,” including, “I will be like the Most High,” (Jehovah) El Elyon, God Most High! *How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Day Star) son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart:...*
 - **I will** ascend into heaven — There are three heavens: the earth and its atmosphere, the cosmic, spiritual heaven (Daniel 10:12-14), and the highest Heaven where God’s Throne is (2 Corinthians 12:1-4). Lucifer desired God’s place and throne in Heaven.
 - **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God — The “stars of God” refer to the angels in Heaven (Job 38:7; Jude 13; Revelation 12:3-4, 22:16). Lucifer wanted to rule over all the angelic beings.
 - **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north — This seems to indicate a desire to know hidden things known only to God (Isaiah 2:2; Daniel 2:35).
 - **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds — God’s Divine Glory or Presence is often described as a cloud, a divine visitation of the presence or dwelling of God on the earth (Exodus 40:34-38; 2 Chronicles 5:13-14). Lucifer wanted this glory.
 - **I will** be like the Most High (Elyon, Supreme) — This is the pinnacle of the other four desires — to BE God. These desires represent independence from God and a willful, personal, and selfish ambition against God’s personality, glory, and power.
3. **Revelation 12:7-9** *Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost*

their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

- Revelation 12:3-4 ...his tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth, possibly alluding to one-third of the angels who also lost their place in Heaven, were cast to the earth, becoming the demonic army on the earth.
4. Although the first two verses of Genesis may not immediately reveal this, a deeper study of the Hebrew text uncovers a dramatically different picture of the world's initial condition. When Lucifer was cast out of Heaven and onto the newly created earth, his furious rebellion left the creation in ruins, turning it into a desolate wasteland...

THE GENESIS 1:1-2 GAP "THEORY"

The Gap Theory suggests a significant time gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. Supporters believe Satan's rebellion, symbolized in Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, and Revelation 12, occurred during this period. Genesis 1:2 may describe the earth's desolation after Satan's fall, followed by the six-day re-creation process.

Key words in the original Hebrew

1. **Genesis 1:1-2** *In the beginning, God **created** the heavens and the earth. The earth **was without form and void**, and **darkness** (was) on the face of the **deep**. And the Spirit of God was **hovering** over the face of the **waters**.*
 - Created – 1254 (bara): The initiation of an object, creation out of nothing.
 - Was – 1961 (Hayah): Became, dynamic, not static, changing, not fixed and permanent.
 - Without form – 8414 (Tohuw): A desolation, a desert, a desolate city, a worthless thing, confusion, and emptiness. This word has a very negative connotation.
 - Empty – 922 (Bohuw): To become empty, a vacuum, an indistinguishable ruin.
 - Darkness – 2822 (Choshek): Darkness, misery, destruction, death, sorrow, wickedness.
 - Deep – 8415 (Thown): An abyss.
 - Hovering – 7363 (Rachaph): To brood, to be relaxed, flutter, shake.
 - Waters – 432 (Mayim): Urine, semen, piss, wasting, flood.
2. **Genesis 1:1-2** *In the beginning, God initiated the creation of the heavens and the earth out of nothing. The earth became a desolation and an indistinguishable ruin, and darkness, destruction and wickedness was on the face of the abyss. And the Spirit of God was brooding, relaxed, fluttering, and shaking over the face of the water (waste).*
3. **The (re) creation in Genesis 1:3-31** *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light...*

SIN ENTERS CREATION Genesis 3:1-24

1. When Lucifer was cast out of Heaven, he brought his rebellion into the Garden of Eden, and to Adam and Eve. The temptation he presented to Eve was the same that led to his own downfall — the desire to be like God. When Eve ate the forbidden fruit and offered it to Adam, sin and

destruction entered the human race, corrupting God's creation. Yet, even in that moment of corruption, the promise of a Redeemer was set in motion (Genesis 3:15), ensuring that God's plan for redemption would one day restore what had been lost.

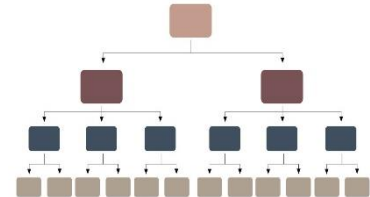
- Romans 5:12-21 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people,...*
2. **Satan's sin originated within himself before he was cast to the earth. Man's sin originated from an internal response to an external tempter and temptation.**
 - James 1:13-15 *...But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed...*
 3. As Adam and Eve responded to Satan's deception and took from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the glory of God left. They realized their own nakedness and sought covering from things other than God's Presence (Genesis 3:7).
 - Adam and Eve walked in the glory of God, experiencing deep fellowship that profoundly impacted their physical bodies. They likely radiated as "bodies of light" (biophotonic), reflecting the brilliance of being in God's Presence. We see a glimpse of this when Moses came down from Mount Sinai when his face shone like the sun after being with God for forty days (Exodus 34:29-35). As their sin diminished their radiance, they began to realize their "nakedness."
 4. Their relationship with God was deeply changed! *Instead of running to God, they hid from Him* (Genesis 3:8-10).
 - This brought a curse on the woman, the man and the earth (Genesis 3:14-19) and brought death upon the entire human race. (Romans 5:12)
 - God has never, and never will, abandon mankind or allow Satan a victory! (Genesis 3:14-15)
 5. The result of the original sin was FAR REACHING. It brought death upon the entire human race (Romans 5:12)
 6. Sin's root is PRIDE, and the result contradicts God's character, His Laws, and Commands, thus causing us to live a life INDEPENDENT of God. (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25)
 7. Despite the fall, God promised a future victory over Satan through the seed of the woman
 - Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*

SATAN'S HIGHLY ORGANIZED KINGDOM

1. Satan operates a highly organized kingdom according to Matthew 12:22-30 *...If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?* However, Christ was quite clear about the ultimate power of the Kingdom of God against the kingdom of the evil one.
 - Many times, when Satan is referenced in the notes, it is referring to the entire evil kingdom: Satan, his demon lords, and all the evil spirits interfering in human life. (Ephesians 6:11-13)

2. The battle is NOT God/Christ against our enemy, the devil. Christ utterly defeated him at the cross, stripping away his authority, power, and weapons! (See Colossians 2:14-15 and 1 John 3:8) The end time spiritual battle is against God's people, the Church! Victory is NOT guaranteed but achieved through a submitted heart, doing what God directs, going where He leads.
3. Paul mentions three heavens in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. They are (a) The earth and its atmosphere, (b) the cosmic, spiritual heaven (Daniel 10:12-14), (c) and the highest Heaven where God's Throne is (2 Corinthians 12:1-4).

4. This seems to be implied in Ephesians 6:11-13 *Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle (wrestling) is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*



- **Rulers:** "Arche" — Implying that which is first, at the beginning, possibly the prince of this world.

John 12:31 *Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince (Archon) of this world will be driven out.*

John 14:30 *I will not say much more to you, for the prince (Archon) of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,...*

- **Authorities:** "Exousia" — The power which receives authority from delegation (Matthew 8:5-9). This seems to be a "second" layer of rulership over nations.

Daniel 10:12-14 *Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the Chief Princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days,..."*

These may have been the "Watchers" over mankind who ultimately fell and followed Satan. The Book of Enoch (not accepted as Canon) states that "these watchers were powerful angels dispatched to Earth to watch over humans. They soon began to lust for human women and, at the prodding of their leader Samyaza, were instructed to procreate among them. The offspring of these unions are the Nephilim, savage giants who pillage the earth and endanger humanity." The Nephilim, or fallen ones, are mentioned in Genesis 6:1-8.

The two Greek words for "power" are Exousia (authority), as in Luke 10:19, and Dunamis (dynamic, explosive power), as in Acts 1:8. This refers to the authority empowered by the higher authority (Arche) to carry out the plans.

Question: How does this affect our missions in an unreached, unengaged ethnos, people group beyond geophysical boundaries? Pakistan is an example of one nation with many ethnic nations (separate customs, languages, etc.).

- **Powers:** "Kosmokrator" — a world ruler of darkness. This layer implies the delegation of dealing with and influencing governments, ideologies, issues of philosophy (world views

and ethnocentricity), religions, and darkening people's minds.

2 Corinthians 4:4 *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

- **Spiritual forces of evil:** “Poneria” — Carnal, ruled by uncleanness, malicious, moral evil, expressing evil to others, depraved spiritual excess. spiritual forces of evil that induce sinfulness and lawlessness in individuals, unclean spirits, infirmities, death, etc. While high ranking demons may operate in the second heaven, other demons infiltrate our environments at our home, work place, recreation and even the church.

Matthew 4:24 *News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.*

5. Discussion.

- How do these forces affect the Church?
- What are a few ways we can not only resist but overcome them? Individually and as a congregation of believers?

THE TEMPTER'S CHARACTER

Read Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:1-11; John 8:42-47; John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 11:13-14; Revelation 12:10-11, 20:10

1. We are not engaged in a battle against flesh and blood but against a powerful and dynamic spiritual enemy whose primary goal is the destruction of God's people. (Ephesians 6:12)
2. He is _____, crafty, calculating and scheming. 2 Corinthians 2:11 *...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*
3. He is a spirit being but with _____. Job 1:12; Job 2:6 *The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man, himself do not lay a finger.'*
4. He is fully _____ to his cause. John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;...*
5. He is able to _____. 1 Chronicles 21:1 *Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.*
6. Satan knows how to entice people with their WEAKNESS. James 1:13-15 *When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. (2 Samuel 11:2-3)*
7. The hook is baited and _____ areas are attacked.

8. The appeal is to our SENSUAL desires. 2 John 2:15-17 *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. 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. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*
9. The consequences are _____.
10. God's Word is _____ (Genesis 3:4)
11. **We make the final choice.** The choice does not involve feelings but is made on a decisional level. Will I or will I not submit to the Word of God and to God's commandments? In this lies victory or defeat.

THE "LITTLE FOXES" PRINCIPLE

Song of Solomon 2:15 *Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.*



Most "major" sins often begin with a seemingly small, insignificant sin left unchecked. When we quickly confront and deal with these smaller sins, we can avoid the devastating consequences that larger sins bring—not just to our own lives, but to the lives of others as well.

A defensive strategy to guard against this...

1. Deal with ALL "small" sins. Psalm 19:13-14 *Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*
2. _____ with God and with yourself to be a godly person. Job 31:1 *I made a covenant with my eyes...*
3. Be honest and _____ with sinful thoughts and motives. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*
4. Walk in a constant relationship with the Holy Spirit. **NEVER withdraw because of failure!** Galatians 5:16-18 *So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*
5. Be _____ to a trustworthy person. (Proverbs 27:6, 17) Discuss topics such as...
 - Are you spending quality TIME WITH GOD and growing as a Christian?
 - Is your THOUGHT LIFE pure?

- Are you keeping SHORT ACCOUNTS with God?
- Are you walking in OBEDIENCE to God?
- Are you TITHING and GIVING?
- Are you the SAME PERSON behind closed doors as you are in public?

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 5:8-9 *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.*

NEXT WEEK: OUR SPIRITUAL ARMOR

Romans 16:20 *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*

Answers – subtle, limitations, committed, influence, vulnerable' hidden, challenged, covenant, aggressive, accountable