



SPIRITUAL WARFARE STUDY

Welcome. Share Key Rules: Find a quiet room; Have a bible; Hold study material.

WEEK 2: SPIRITUAL FORCES AND FORMATIONS

Opening scripture: Revelation 12: 7-9

And war broke out in heaven.....

What sort of war was this? Would blood have flowed? Would deaths have been recorded?

.....

This is certainly not to discuss eschatology but to get you thinking about war between spirit beings (between spiritual forces of good and evil).

Spiritual forces of evil:

Some people ignore the subject of demons completely. Others have a compulsive interest in them.

Be honest. Which side of the divide do you fall into?

Why do you think you lean towards that?

You should not minimize the power of demon spirits in the world today, yet you must not become so preoccupied with them that you see a demon in everything that happens and in everyone around you.

God originally created all of the angels, some of which later became demons: (John 1:3) (Colossians 1:16).

Hell is prepared for the Devil and his angels. It will be their final destiny: (Matthew 25:41; Matthew 8:29). His angels are called demons (Mark 1:32).

Since Satan is not omnipresent (present everywhere), he uses demons to do his will and accomplish his purposes throughout the world.

Who is "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2)?

What constitute the "power of darkness" (Colossians 1:13)?

Demons are called evil spirits six times and unclean spirits 23 times in the New Testament (Matt 10:1; 12:43). They are also called devil's angels (Matt 25:41).

They are deceiving spirits 1Tim 4:1. Why are they so-called?

.....

List some ways that demons carry out their activities?

e.g They try to keep you in bondage to bad habits; they,,

At least four categories of evil forces are mentioned in Ephesian 6:12.

What are they?,,,

Some have described this as their ranking (lowest to highest). We know that they have different degrees of wickedness Matt. 12: 43 – 45.

Ephes 6 then tells us what to do. In fact, he introduces these enemies to us sandwiched in between what we are to do as soldiers. See verses 11 and 13.

Who is the prince of the kingdom of Persia (in Daniel 10:13)?

Demons are not just kept over territories but also seem to oversee sectors / areas of human endeavours e.g fashion; music, entertainment e.t.c

Spiritual forces of good:

According to God's word, angels truly exist. (Ps. 34:7; Heb. 1:13-15); so many of them (Luke 2:13-15). They are spirit beings who carry out God's wishes Heb 1:7; Ps 103:20-21

Have you ever had any encounter with an angel? Describe the circumstance(s)?

The title "angel" means "m.....r".

List some ways that angels carry out their activities? What do they do?

Other angels include Micheal (believed to be over an army of angels Dan. 10, Rev 12:7); Gabriel (Dan 9:21; Luke 1:19,26); Seraphim (Isa 6:2,6); Cherubim (Gen 3:24; Ex. 25: 18-22) etc

They bring answers to prayer (Daniel 9:21-22); guide believers (Acts 8:26); strike /kill (Acts 12: 20-23); strengthen believers (Luke 22:43); deliver believers (Ps. 34:7); serve believers (Heb 1:14) etc.

They are activated by p..... and the spoken word (of God).

They are ‘ministering spirits’ and can minister for you as well as to you.

Unfortunately, many believers have “unengaged servants” because they have not been taught regarding their function in spiritual warfare.

Caution: You need **not** know / search for their names in order to dispatch them. There is only ONE name that is relevant. The name is (Phil 2: 9-12).

You are not to worship angels. (Col 2.18; Rev. 22: 8-9).

You are not to follow any instruction or revelation supposedly given by an angel which is contrary to God’s word (Gal. 1:8).

Conclusion:

How do you know demons are in operation in a setting (e,g family)?

A:,,

How do you bring the angels of God to that situation?

A: Praying in the name of Jesus; declaring the word of God.

Demonic forces are real and truly operate in the world but these are nothing compared to the power of God; hence, nothing to fear.

The key thing is being aware of the forces at your disposal to navigate life. 1John 4:4

Mention one thing that you will begin to do differently based on what you have learnt today.

[Go through the room].

Final charge. Questions / Remarks. Closing Prayer.

Acknowledgement / Resource for further studies:

Spiritual Strategies: A Manual for Spiritual Warfare (by Harvestime International Institute).