SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DELIVERANCE

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And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?
1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

"As we await the day when our heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, will return to deliver us fully from this present age, we must be set apart from the world. When the Scriptures say "world," they generally refer to the world system-the political and social order that rejects God, is ruled by Satan, and governs the minds and manners of people who have not been saved (2nd Corinthians 4:3-4: *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them,* and 1st John 5:19: *We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one).* Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God secured the ultimate victory over the devil. Satan may rule this world, but his reign is fast approaching its end. Our deliverance-and God's glory-shall endure for all ages. With this in mind, we are to share God's light and love with the world-not to be confused with falling in love with the world or seeking to receive its love. Focusing on our heavenly home, we must clothe ourselves with humility. We must put off all self-seeking efforts and motives. These only fuel our pride, a dangerous attitude that blinds us to Satan's deception and makes us vulnerable. And we must cling to the cross, the same instrument that deals Satan's death sentence and secures our salvation through Christ's victory."

Derek Prince

Let us not glide through this world and then slip quietly into heaven, without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let us see to it that the devil will hold a thanksgiving service in hell, when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle.

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INTRODUCTION
TO
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Jesus, as I often say, is the only real hero (Philippians 2:9-11: *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*). Somehow we have been wrongly taught that there is some great cosmic personal battle going on between Jesus and our archenemy satan, and they are like equally powerful brothers angrily battling over us. First off, Jesus is God and satan is a being that He created for His divine purposes and a being He could wipe off the map at any time He chooses. Secondly, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, hardly a position of warfare, (*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God*-Colossians 3:1. *But to which of the angels has He* [the Father] *ever said. "Sit at My right hand till I make Your* [God the Son's] *enemies Your*

footstool?"-Hebrews 1:13). (Just a side footnote: Jesus stood up when Stephen became the first Christian martyr (*But he* [Stephen], *being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God*-Acts 7:55 This is the only time recorded in the New Testament, as far as I can see, that Jesus in heaven stood, except in the book of Revelation where He stood as the Lamb that was slain.) Finally, Jesus is omnipotent or all powerful (Revelation 19:3: *And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!)* and omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-10: *Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your hand shall hold me*) and satan is neither omnipotent or omnipresent. Finally, satan is not an archangel. Many outstanding Christian leaders teach this erroneous idea, but the word *archangel* is always singular in the Bible, and the only archangel is Michael and there is NO scriptural evidence to suggest that satan ever reach the level of archangel. In fact, as we will emphasize later, satan is a mere cherub. However, don't be fooled into thinking he has no power, because he is a very powerful being.

Nevertheless, there *is* a cosmic battle going on, on earth and in the second heaven between the forces of evil and the forces of good or between the kingdom of darkness or the

kingdom of light, against members of the Body of Christ and demonic spirits.

Unfortunately, most in the Church today are not taught how to engage in this fight to the death. John Eldredge in *Waking the Dead* reminds us, "We are at war…. The world in which we live is a combat zone, a violent clash of kingdoms, a bitter struggle unto the death. I am sorry if I am the one to break the news to you: *You were born into a world of war, and you will live all your days in the midst of a great battle, involving all the forces of heaven and hell and played out here on earth.* Where did you think all this opposition was coming from?"

Michael Fickness adds to this: "The coming kingdom of God is going to have a far greater impact on the earth than any asteroid ever could. For when the holy ones truly arise, the kingdom of God will advance with such ferocity that all of man's kingdoms and complex world systems will be shaken-until they are eventually removed." As the prince of this world, satan is behind these world systems, and, until Jesus comes, it will be a fight to the finish between God's people and the Babylonian world system and the forces of the kingdom of darkness.

So why teach a course on spiritual warfare and deliverance? First, I want you to understand that we are at war, and the battles taking place today will only become increasingly ferocious and bitter as we near the Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 12:12: *"Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."*)

Secondly, I want to convince you that *you* have a part to play in this fight to the death. We quote again the verse from Hebrews 1:13: *But to which of the angels has He* [the Father] *ever said. "Sit at My right hand till I make Your* [God the Son's] *enemies Your footstool?"* This verse is found 7 times in the Bible (Psalm 110:1, Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:43, Acts 2:35; Hebrews 1:13, Hebrews 10:13). It is my belief that the Body of Christ on the earth, i.e. you and me, are called to make the enemies of God His footstool. In other words, we are to battle these enemies until they are totally defeated.

Finally, I hope to teach you how to fight using the weapons which He has given us in scripture. (2nd Corinthians 10:3-5: *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal* [of fleshly devising], *but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*) (These verses in the Amplified read as follows: *For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual] warfare according to the flesh and using the weapons of man.* [4] *The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.* [5] *We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true]*

knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ…)

The Church in the Western World is overall ineffective and powerless, "…*having a form of godliness, but denying the power. And from such people turn away!"* (2nd Timothy 3:5) Until we learn how to defeat the enemy, we will continue to be ineffectual and powerless, and we will continue to minister to people, bound up by demons and desperately wanting to be free, and see no real change and no abundant life. (John 10:10-***"The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."***

Most Christian believers live in some type of bondage and do not see the Lord move in their circumstances because they have no clue how to do spiritual warfare, thus never living the abundant life that Jesus promised.

When I teach this course, I usually get three different unfavorable reactions. First, there are those who are filled with fear (we will be looking specifically at the spirit of fear later in the class). Paul makes it very plain in 2nd Timothy 1:7 (*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind)* that fear is not of God. A second reaction of some is a grossly out-of-balance approach that sees a demon under every bush and tries to spiritualize everything. A final reaction, just as bad as the first two, is the reaction that says that demons are not real, just myths to explain natural occurrences. Frankly I feel more sorry for this latter group than I do for the previous two groups for these people, unless the eyes of their understanding are opened, will spend their lives either

in bondage themselves or surrounded by others in bondage, all of which could be set free and filled with the Spirit.

I'm not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me-he's got judo I never heard of. But he can't handle the One to whom I'm united, he can't handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature.

A.W. Tozer

SPIRITUAL WARFARE VERSES DELIVERANCE

Spiritual warfare is a generic term that includes *all* opposition to satan and the kingdom of darkness. It is paramount that we learn to engage in spiritual warfare so that the kingdom of darkness will be defeated. *The Prophet's Dictionary* by Dr. Paula Price defines spiritual warfare in this way: "A term used to describe conflict and intangible infliction and assaults that emanate from and take place in, the invisible spheres of creation. It is centered on God's invisible creatures battling with the prayers of His saints, members of the church of Jesus Christ, on earth." Spiritual warfare always, to some degree, involves the forces of good against the forces of evil, the Christian body on the earth and angelic beings, against the forces of satan and antichrist spirits and the kingdom of darkness.

Deliverance, a part of spiritual warfare, involves casting out demons from humans and from, I believe, even inanimate objects, such as statues and houses and businesses, etc. The believer has the power to do deliverance, (even self-deliverance when the bondage is relatively weak), but must know how to use the spiritual

weapons the Lord has given him to defeat demons and evil spirits.

Again deliverance is a part of spiritual warfare, but spiritual warfare involves much more than just deliverance. For example, we can wrestle to the ground, at least on a temporary basis, principalities, but we have no authority to cast them out (Ephesians 6:11-12: *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle* [to the ground] *against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*) This often takes a season of specific prayer and should not be done as a lone ranger but is more wisely done in a corporate fashion. Likewise curses cannot be cast out, but we can be cut off from our curses when we recognize that Jesus hung on a tree to make null and void our curses and when we accept His sacrifice for us in this area (Galatians 3:13: *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*) We will be looking at breaking curses and wrestling principalities in much more depth later in this course.

Prayer Study 523B
Lesson Two
Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance

The enemy will remind you of your condition. A still small voice will remind you of your calling. If you listen to the enemy, instead of the still small voice, you will quit.
Ricky Johnson

History of Satan

God in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is the only eternal self-existent being (Isaiah 41:4: *Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD am the first; and with the last I am He.* Isaiah 44:6: *Thus says the LORD. the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts, "I am the First and I am the Last. Besides Me there is no God."* Isaiah 45:6: *"That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.* Revelation 1:8: ***"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,"*** *says the Lord,* ***"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."***) Therefore, Satan had to be created by God. All God created was good (Genesis 1:31: *Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.)* Satan, as Lucifer, was created "good." But God gave his creatures, including man, *free will*. Each being can choose to do good or evil (Joshua 24:15: *"And if it seems evil to you to serve*

the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Ammorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

We can also learn a great deal about Satan from Ezekiel 28:12-19: *Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD; You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden sealest up the sum, 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, the 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; I established you. You were on the holy mountain of God. You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground. I laid you before kings that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading. Therefore I brought fire from your midst. It devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all*

who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you. You have become a horrow and shall be no more forever."

We know that Ezekiel is not writing about an earthly king because the word "cherub" is only used in references to angels. This cherub was anointed, meaning he was set apart for God's purposes and had God's divine favor. God had given Satan a certain amount of power and authority. Satan was very beautiful and full of wisdom. His body was covered with beautiful gems and he had musical instruments in his body. He was created perfect in all his ways, but he became prideful because of his beauty, and iniquity was found in him. It was not put there by God. Lucifer created it.

The word "covering" is from the Hebrew word *cakak*, and means to entwine, to fence in, cover over, protect, defend, hedge in. Perhaps he was created as a covering and protection for the earth. At any rate he was cast out of heaven after Adam and Eve were created because God said the Creation was still "very good" on day 6 after man had been created.

Satan wanted to be God. He became the "god of this world," but he will be eternally punished according to Revelation 20:7-10: *Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who*

deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 12:1-9 tells us that when he was kicked out of heaven, he took a third of the angels with him. Thus, Lucifer became Satan, and the fallen angels became demons. *Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve starts. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they* [the dragon and his angels] *did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, the serpent of old, called the devil and satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earthy and his angels were cast out with him.*

Jesus testifies that he saw this scene of satan falling from heaven: John 10:17-20: *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in*

Your name." And He said to them, ***"I saw Satan fall like lightning from the heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."***

1. **Why didn't God just destroy Satan?** God knew what was going to happen even before He created Satan since God is omniscient. He is just and righteous and could not destroy Satan without destroying humankind, whom He deeply loves. He had a better way. That was sending His only begotten Son to die so that mankind could be redeemed. God also leaves satan on earth, I believe, so that mankind will have a choice between choosing evil, which satan represents, or good, being unholy or holy. He does not want humans to follow Him because they are programmed like robots but because they sincerely love Him.
2. **Why is Satan pictured as a hoofed creature in red with horns and a tail and pitchfork?** This caricature comes most likely from the mythological character Pan. Perhaps Satan wanted this view of himself to be used so that people would eventually dismiss Satan as a myth. There is, however, a reference in Revelation 12:3 (verse quoted earlier in this handout) that speaks of a red horned dragon with seven heads and ten horns.

3. **What are some of the Biblical names of Satan?** Abaddon, which means *destruction* (Revelation 9:11; Accuser (Revelation 12:10); Adversary (1st Peter 5:8); Angel of Light (2nd Corinthians 11:14); Angel of the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 9:11); Apollyon, which means *destroyer* (Revelation 9:11); Beelzebub, which means *lord of the flies* (Matthew 12:24); Belial, which means *wothless* (2nd Corinthians 6:15); Devil (1st John 3:8); Dragon (Revelation 12:9); Enemy (Matthew 13:39); Evil One (John 17:15); Father of lies (John 8:44); God of this age (2nd Corinthians 4:4); King of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4); King of bottomless pit (Revelation 9:11); King of Tyre, which means *to distress* (Ezekiel 28:12); Lawless One (2nd Thessalonians 2:8-10); Liar (John 8:44); Little horn (Daniel 8:9-11); Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-14); Murderer (John 8:44); Power of Darkness (Colossians 1:13-14); Prince of the Power of the Air (Ephesians 2:1-2; Roaring Lion (1st Peter 5:8); Ruler of the Demons (Luke 11:15); Ruler of this World (John 12:31-32); Satan, which means *adversary* (Mark 1:13); Serpent (Revelation 12:9); Star (Revelation 9:1); Tempter (Matthew 4:3); Thief (John 10:10); Wicked One (Ephesians 6:16).
4. **What does satan do?** He tries to cause humans to do bad things as, for example, when he tempted Eve, when he incited David to conduct a census, and when he entered the heart of Judas. He also acts as a kind of heavenly prosecuting attorney, bring charges against sinners before God's heavenly throne (Zechariah 3:1-2: *Then he showed me Joshua the*

high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and satan standing at his right hand to oppose. Job 1: 8-11: *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"*)

5. **Why did Jesus come?** To destroy the works of the devil (1st John 3:8: *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*).
6. **How do we know about satan?** The only way we learn about Satan is through the Bible. Satan hates the Bible because it blows his cover. He has tried his best to destroy it. He could not do that, so now he starts religious movements, which change the Bible message. Key Biblical passages concerning Satan are Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Job 1 & 2, and Revelation 12.
7. **Is there a Hell?** Yes, yes, yes!!! Those who say otherwise do not know the Word of God and are walking in deception. Jesus spoke more about Hell than any other person in the Bible spoke of it. Matthew 25: 41 speaks of those who will be cast into hell: ***Then He will say to those on the left hand.***

Depart from Me, you cursed into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

8. **Where is Satan now?** In Luke 10:18 Jesus said, ***"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven."*** There is scriptural evidence that Satan is standing in the 2nd or Middle Heaven (Revelation 12:10 being one verse: *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation and strength and the kingdom of God and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down"*) accusing the brethren before the throne of God, and that he goes back and forth from this point to earth where he goes to and fro and walks up and down in it (Job 1:7: *Then the LORD said to satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answeredthe LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking back and forth on it."*). Furthermore, Peter tells us in 1st Peter 5:8: *Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.* Remember, however, that Satan is not omnipresent like God is and cannot be in two places at once.
9. **Why did Satan's followers crucify Jesus?** Because they were stupid! *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory; which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.* 1st Corinthians 2:7-8

10. **How do we fight Satan?** After having a real salvation, born again experience through accepting Christ and thus being covered with the blood, receiving power from the Holy Spirit, and walking in the power and authority that Jesus gives us over all devils (Luke 9:1: *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.*), we can defeat Satan. Mark 16:17 tells us that we are to cast out devils in the Name of Jesus (***And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."***) 2nd Corinthians 10:4 tells us that we have power to pull down enemy strongholds (*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds*.) (How ignorant the Church is of this one fact!) James 4:7 tells us to resist the devil and he will flee (*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you)* Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the whole armor of God in order to fight Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness (Ephesians 6:11: *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*) Besides this armor, our weapons include prayer, fasting, confession, praise, calling on the Name of Jesus, pleading the Blood of Jesus, holy living, being under authority, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, which come from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, declaration, the

power of agreement, binding and loosing, and many more.

11. **What is the goal of a demon?** Ultimately a demon wants to destroy a human being who is made in the image of God.
12. **What is the purpose of deliverance ministry?** Deliverance ministry involves commanding in the Name of Jesus a demon to come out of a person. This is accomplished by the spoken Word, in the Name of Jesus, through the Blood of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit and is generally done simply and quickly (Acts 16:16-18: *Now it happened as we went to prayer that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.*)
13. **We know that Satan has already lost his war with the Lord (1st Corinthians 15:54-57:** *So when this corruptible has put on incorruption. And this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus*

Christ"; **Colossians 2:15:** *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it)*; **Hebrews 2:14-15:** Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage; **Revelation 1:18:** ***"I am He who lives and was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen. And I have the keys to Hades and of Death"*** **), but he still attacks us. What are some ways that the devil attacks Christians today?**

a. Keep you out of church (**Hebrews 10:24-25**: *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*)
b. Get Christians back into the world (**2nd Peter 2:20-22:** *For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true*

proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit, and a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire. **2nd Timothy 4:9-10:** *Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica-Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.*)

c. Render Christians useless (**1st Timothy 5:14-15:** *Therefore, I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, , give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully, for some have already turned aside after Satan*; **2nd Timothy 2:16-18:** *But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past, and they overthrown the faith of some.*)

d. Disrupt or corrupt worship and doctrine (**Galatians 1:6-9:** *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed*).

e. Cause trouble and division among brethren (**Proverbs 6:16-19:** *These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, hands that shed innocent blood, a*

heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren. **Romans 16:17:** *Now I urge you brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned and avoid them.* 1st **Corinthians 1:10-13**: *Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Apollos" or "I am of Cephas" or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*).

"At Warloo, the English troops obeying orders fell on their faces for a time and let the hot fire of the French artillery pass over them. Then they sprang to their feet and rushed to the thickest of the fight and beat back their foes. The Lord wants His people flat on their faces, before they attempt to meet the great crises of life."
A.T. Pierson

The Organization of Satan's Kingdom
A LOOK AT EPHESIANS 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wicknessess in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 6:12

SATAN

Commander in chief of evil forces
Satan is neither omnipresent, omniscient, or omnipotent. He does, however, have power which is much greater than human power. We can defeat his power, however, through the Blood and Name of Jesus, through the Word of God, through *dunamis* or the Holy Spirit's power working through us, and through so many other Biblical weapons that are rarely spoken of in the pulpit.

PRINCIPALITIES

These are very powerful demonic forces usually over large areas of land and sometimes, I believe, over ministry groups. These princes are the strongman over an area and influence religion, lust, suicide, murder, etc. Anywhere there is an obvious spiritual problem, you can be sure there is a strong demonic prince over that area behind the problem. Year ago some very balanced and legitimate spirit-filled intercessors from Macon discerned that the principality over Perry, among other threats, manifested a suicidal spirit. There have been an usually high number of suicides in the Perry area over the years. A lady I know, who is now with the Lord, was given a vision of the principality over this area. She described it as an octopus with its different tentacles representing different problems areas in this area, such a drug additions, occultic activities, religions, sexual perversion, etc. They are powerful, and yet we, as a corporate body, are to wrestle them to the ground. Gabriel in coming in answer to Daniel's prayer about the last days had to call the archangel Michael to fight the Prince of Persia before he could get through and stated that he would have to deal with the Prince of Grecia on the way back. If the Body of Christ could get a revelation about Principalities, we could change whole areas and bring forth righteousness and peace. Why is the Church not teaching this?

POWERS

Powers are demonic forces right under Principalities in rank and power. They are evil powers over institutions, such as schools, churches, penal systems, etc.

RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD

These demonic beings influence literature, rock music, television, liberal and unbiblical sex education teachings in our schools, movies, and slanted news reports, etc.

SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES

These demonic spirits have to do with spiritually high places. They are what's behind occult groups, demon worship, cults, false doctrines, Islam, etc.

DEMONS AND EVIL SPIRITS

These are evil spirit beings who are some of Satan's main agents in his warfare against humanity. They are disembodied spirits who seek to embody human beings. I do not think that I can prove this Biblically, but from my experience, I see demons as being more powerful than spirits, but I am not sure there is a true distinction between the two, although the scriptures do speak of both demons and spirits.

"God is the shaper of your heart. God does not display his work in abstract terms. He prefers the concrete, and this means that at the end of your life one of three things will happen to your heart: it will grow hard, it will be broken, or it will be tender. Nobody escapes."
Ravi Zacherias

THE THIRD HEAVEN

In order to understand more fully the role of principalities we need to know about the three heavens.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know. God knows-such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows- how he was caught up into Paradise and heard unexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2nd Corinthians 12:1-4

Traditionally, most scholars accept the following interpretation of the three heavens:

1st Heaven: The visible sky that we see when we walk outside and look up.

2nd Heaven: Some area between our vision of the sky and paradise. Perhaps this is th place of the stars, the black hole, and other galaxies, but most likely it is a place between all that and Paradise, and a place where Satan spends a good bit of time accusing the brethren before the throne of God. Remember that Satan came to present himself before the throne of God in the book of Job. He said that he had been going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down on it. Then he left the presence of God to attack all that Job had. Most likely this 2nd Heaven is from where he was talking to God who Himself was in Paradise. I find it unacceptable to think that he would have had access to Paradise after his fall from there. It is sort of like going to see the President of the United States and having to stay outside the fenced in area of the White House and talking to him by television cameras.

3rd Heaven: This is what we normally refer to as Heaven or Paradise. It is where all our saved loved ones will be. It is where we , as believers In Christ, will go when we die. It is where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty and will stay there until God the Father, using the Remnant Company of the Last Days, will make His enemies His footstool (Psalm 110:1).

"The root-trouble of the present distress is that the Church has more faith in the world and the flesh than in the Holy Ghost, and things will get no better till we get back to His realized presence."
Samuel Chadwick

Are Demons Real?

The following is the beginning of a chapter written by Robert Liardon. His book title is "Haunted Houses, Ghosts & Demons: What Can You Do About Them." This was written several years ago.

"Not too long ago, I came across a true story about five college students who decided that they were too smart and too sophisticated to believe in evil spirits or ghosts or anything of the sort. They went out to a certain location near their school that was supposedly "haunted," and they made fun of whatever spirits were present in that place. They ridiculed them, and challenged them, and dared them to make their presence known.

They thought it was all so much fun.

Unfortunately, though, these students did not belong to Jesus. They figured that those who believed in Him were just as foolish as those who believed in evil spirits. Because of their unbelief, they were not protected by the

Blood of Christ, and the demons of that place apparently decided to take them up on their dare.

Within six months of their visit to the "haunted" area, all of those college students had dropped out of school. Friends who knew them said they had become paranoid and fearful. They talked about strange things happening to them-about hearing voices, and seeing disembodied spirits and feeling that their lives were in danger. Basically, those young men were into hiding. Goals and dreams were abandoned. They had learned a very important lesson about the reality of the supernatural world, but they had learned it at a very great cost.

Now I don't want to give you the impression that every so-called "haunted house" is actually the home of a demon (or demons). Most "haunted houses" are nothing more than old buildings that have become a little run-down and creepy looking, and because they look sort of "scary," people let their imaginations run away with them. There is far too much paranoia in the world, and I don't want to feed it. But it is vitally important to understand that some haunted houses really are haunted.

Almost always, in a case like this, you'll find out that the demon was attracted to the place by some tragedy that happened there. Demons especially seem to be drawn by the spilling of human blood.

And then, there are places that have been dedicated to Satan, and which are full of demons because of that.

I know of one instance, as a matter of fact, where an entire *country* was dedicated to Satan-and that is the tiny island nation of Haiti. Now Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, if not in the entire world. It is an

incredibly impoverished, backward country, and it's a country that is very much into demonism.

Haiti has been through a series of repressive governments. It's a place where you can still hear Voodoo drums at night, and where, legend has it, zombies sometimes roam the countryside at night. Well, you know, I don't believe in zombies, but I sure do believe in the existence of demons.

Part of the reason for Haiti's trouble is that more than 200 years ago, one of the governors of Haiti was a Satanist. He had an official ceremony in which he dedicated the country to the devil, and effectively "handed over" Haiti to Lucifer's control. Poor Haiti has had terrible trouble ever since.

Now, I am not saying that there are not good Christian people in Haiti. But there are many more who have Christianity all bound up in Voodooism, and so there is an intense battle between the forces of good and evil in that country."