

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Battles and the War

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1. Have you sensed the spiritual realm (angels, demons)? Share your stories.
2. Just given the concept that we are in a war (spiritually speaking), how did the descriptions of how it all started (Ezekiel 28:14-19; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:3-4, 7-9), how it will end (Revelation 20:7-10), and how we are in the middle of it now strike you?
3. Of the four descriptions of the spiritual battles we face (snatching, sifting, sowing, and possessing), how have you seen these battles in other people's lives or in yours?
4. Read through Ephesians 6:10-17 and take every piece of the full armor of God and discuss how you use it in the spiritual battles we are in.
5. Listen to this quote and question from the renowned theologian, Dr. Charles Ryrie regarding Christians and demon possession, "Perhaps the question should be restated. Instead of asking whether a believer can be demon possessed, we should ask whether or not Satan or demons can work from within a believer as well as from outside. In other words, can the base of operation for Satan or demons be inside as well as outside a believer?"¹
 - Read through these verses regarding believers and Satan's work to wrestle with the question Dr. Ryrie poses: Acts 5:3; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Timothy 1:20
6. Hebrews 1:14 indicates that angels minister to us, helping us in our walk of faith. How did the monologue strike you as it was an imaginative rendition of how we might be made aware of the spiritual battles that angels are engaged in?
7. How did the sermon motivate you when thinking about your spiritual life?

¹ Ryrie, C. C. (1999). Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth (p. 191). Chicago, IL: Moody Press.