

Spiritual Warfare

Demolishing Strongholds

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

1) _____ It.

2) _____ It.

3) _____ It.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

4) _____ The _____.

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16)

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message notes

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The War

The Choice

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The Rhythm Of Relationship

The world-view of the Bible is characterized by warfare between God's Kingdom and Satan's. This is the backdrop of God's redemptive intent. In Genesis 3, God begins to reveal this to His people. Everything God does is determined, most importantly, by His plan to defeat Satan, overthrow his kingdom, and reestablish God's own effective rule over all creation. The whole Bible, therefore, is working toward this end. (*Rooted*, Week 5, Day 1)

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The Backstory

Now the serpent ... said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. (Genesis 3:1–7)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive together with Christ, even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:1–5)

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. (Colossians 1:13)

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The Big Picture

1) The _____ ... Is _____.

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle 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. (Ephesians 6:10–12)

2) _____ ... Is To _____.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning. (John 8:44)

3) Satan's _____ ...

Is _____.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

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. (2 Corinthians 10:4–5)

If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31–32)