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Bible Study #6

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

In the Gospel of John, Jesus teaches us that “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). But the spiritual realm is also occupied by evil spirits, whose aim is to separate us from God. “Spiritual warfare” means standing strong with Jesus against these spiritual enemies.

Let's begin by memorizing 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 WICKEDNESS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.

In this lesson, you will learn:

- Who Satan is, and what his aims are.
- How Satan attacks us spiritually.
- How Jesus provides for our defense against Satan's attacks.

It is important for us to understand this, so we can be alert for spiritual attacks, and turn to Jesus immediately when they occur.

When you answer these questions, do not simply copy the verse, but use your own words.

1. How does Jesus describe Satan?

(John 8:44) _____

2. From these two Bible verses, what are Satan's main goals?

(1 Peter 5:8) _____
(John 10:10) _____

God intends for us all to grow up spiritually, much as we grow up physically – with one important difference. Spiritually, we have been given the gift of eternal

life, which goes on forever in heaven. Physically, the days of our lives are numbered; they will not go on forever.

Please review the parable (illustration story) in Luke 8:5-15, in which Jesus teaches about some of the phases we go through as we grow up spiritually. Think of the soil in the parable as an indicator of the readiness of your heart to follow Jesus & the risk you're running of being attacked by Satan

3. What type of soil best illustrates the condition of your heart today?

4. Satan is a powerful enemy, but what is God's perspective on Satan's power?
(1 John 4:4) _____

5. What does Jesus say about the odds of Satan ripping us away from Him?
(John 10:27-28) _____

6. In Ephesians 6, Paul describes the armor with which God supplies us in our battles against the enemy. List the items of armor below:

- a. (verse 14) _____
- b. (verse 14) _____
- c. (verse 15) _____
- d. (verse 16) _____
- e. (verse 17) _____
- f. (verse 17) _____

7. To what does Paul also give great importance (verse 18): _____

8. As God view our daily battles with Satan, what is His attitude?

(2 Chronicles 16:9) _____

From memory, write out your memory verse from page 1.

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