

# Spiritual Warfare- The Nature of our Enemy

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## Introduction

**Genesis 22:17**

## Body

We are at war. We are waging a spiritual battle for not only our own souls, but for the souls of our family. The souls of our co-workers and neighbors. The souls of this city.

The design of this series:

- Less theory, more hands-on, practical application. Actionable Intel.
- Help us to see both the gravity of our calling, AND the great rewards waiting for us if we'll reach out and take them by faith.

## Our Enemies

### Satan

#### His origins

**Ezekiel 28:11-19**

- satan is a created being
- He was created a perfect being
- Sometime after, iniquity was found in him and he sinned
- Because of his sin, God judged him.

**Isaiah 14:12-17**

- The details of his being cast out of heaven
- All of this because of pride
- His desires vs. his expected end

## **His nature**

**John 8:44**

- satan is a murderer
- satan is a liar and a deceiver
- satan hates truth and will do everything he can to destroy it

## **His strategies**

**2 Corinthians 2:11**

- We are to have an understanding of his strategies and tactics.
- We are to use this information to our advantage against him.

Temptation, then Accusation

**1 John 2:1**

Fear

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**Joshua 1:9**

Doubt

**Mark 11:23**

**Matthew 14:31**

**Acts 10:20**

**Acts 11:12**

God does NOT want us to be in doubt as to who He is or what He says or what He wants.

Discouragement

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**Romans 8:31**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

Distraction

**Proverbs 4:25–27**

**Luke 10:38–42**

lies / false doctrine / substitutes

- satan has a substitute for every Godly doctrine
- satan is the father of lies and will use scripture (albeit warped and distorted) to confuse us.

**Psalm 119:11**

**Joshua 1:8**

**Psalm 1:2–3**

## **His position**

[Ephesians 2:2](#) - Called the “prince of the power of the air”

[John 12:31](#) - Called the “prince of this world”

[II Corinthians 4:4](#) - Called the “god of this world”

- satan is presently the one who heads up the world system
- We must avoid the world and separate ourselves from it

**1 John 2:15–17**

- The love of God and the love of the world are forever contrasted and mutually exclusive.
- Lust of the flesh
- Lust of the eyes

- Pride of life

## Conclusion

We fight against real, external, cunning enemies who hate us and who hate the God we serve.

God, in every area, and on all fronts, fights for us. Heals us when we're wounded. Picks us up when we've fallen, and will give us ultimate victory if we endure to the end.