

# Spiritual Warfare- Bondage, Strongholds, and Freedom

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## Introduction

**2 Timothy 2:24-26**

## Body

### A Brief History of Sin

**Genesis 1:26-28**

- God creates man, as He created all things, perfectly.
- We were created completely and utterly free.
- To establish His authority, and our free moral agency, He gave us one, and only one commandment.

**Genesis 2:15-17**

- God's position and His authority are established. He would be in charge and we would be subordinate to Him.
- This is the good and the bad of choice: The power to choose good AND the power to choose evil.
- We see that both conditions were too much for them

**Genesis 3:6-19**

- From this point forward Adam and Eve were the servants of sin.
- Because like begets like, all of Adam's descendants were born into slavery.

- It is because of this original sin that all of mankind is born into bondage. Slavery. A servant of sin.
- The Exodus

## Demonic Possession / Oppression

**2 Corinthians 6:16**

### Possession

- When we receive the Holy Ghost, God come in and dwells in His temple. He does this legally.
- When the devil possesses an individual, he does so illegally.

### Oppression

- A Holy Ghost filled believer cannot be demon possessed.

**2 Corinthians 6:14-16**

- They can however, oppress a believer

### The Human Spirit

- We have been given power and authority over all the works of the enemy, but we have no power or authority over an individual's free will.

## Strongholds

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

- In every person's life are general sins that God needs to deal with.
- In this person's life there are also going to be strongholds resident in their spirit that will need to be pulled down and destroyed.
- The various lines of defense when seeking out strongholds:
- Strongholds can be resident in an individual, in a family, or in a city.

# Freedom

- Despite the fact that everything is arrayed against us ever getting free of sin (our sin nature, the world system, our enemy), God is infinitely more powerful than all of them put together.
- For those who are still in bondage, God has given us power and authority over all the works of the enemy. God desires that we make war against our enemy and destroy him.

# Conclusion

**John 10:10**

**2 Corinthians 3:17**

God created us to experience complete liberty and freedom in Him

Those that God has freed from the bondage of sin and death are now at liberty to, through God, give liberty to others.