

THE SOURCE OF JESUS CHRIST / "The Nature of The War Pt. 2" / LESSON 3

I Review:

- ① The reality of the war
- ② The call to service
- ③ The Declaration of War
 - ⓐ Two Parties
 - ① God - use His creation for intended purpose
 - ② Satan - be like most high

The Armed Saint
Unarmed Sinner

II Preview:

- ① The Battleground
- ② The Battlefield of the Mind
 - ⓐ Wrestle

III LESSON:

- ① The Battleground
 - ⓐ Primary - ~~physical~~ spiritual
 - ⓑ Secondary - physical

• There are physical battles, and the physical can impact the spiritual - as the spiritual can impact the physical
 (question legitimacy)
 • Ex. David & Saul (refreshed, well / evil spirit)

• Christ entering in flesh manifest that the war is primarily spiritual

- ① cast out devils, spirits
- ② spiritual rebirth Jn. 3:1ff - die in your sins Jn 8:21, 23-24, 28, 32
- ③ spiritual suffering MAT 26:47-53

② The Battleground of the Mind

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- "salvation", "reconciliation", "justification"
- spiritual realm, spiritual level

• Rom. 1:21²⁸ - vain imaginations

• Eph. 4:17 - vanity of their mind

• Col. 1:21 - enemies in your mind by wicked works

• 1 Tim. 6:1-5 - corrupt minds

• 2 Cor. 10:1-6 -

③ Wrestle

• Eph. 6:12

war and battle is close

• sharp combat

• Nature of wrestling

• 1-on-1 in one sense

• agents of help - saints

• cannot escape under the regiment of the whole

• not necessarily rest or break

• Move in close, take hold of our corrupt nature, and shake us

• in the fight these enemies have no respect of persons

• lowest in the church or the elders

Duration

• your whole life

Good News < • unbeliever as an unarmed sinner

• believer an armed saint - lesser foe one that already has been defeated

One writer says, Paul does not underrate the fierceness of the struggle nor the strength of our foe. In this he is unlike Satan, who dares not let sinners know the true character of God, but must draw them on to the field with false reports and keep them there with lies and subterfuge. Paul, on the other hand, is not afraid to show the wickedness of the enemy, in all the proximity of the weakness of God being stronger than all the powers of hell. (Rom. 8:35)

~~no~~ no condition makes us exempt

3P
no privileged ground
beside being in Christ
& to adorn oneself
with God's armor

↳ conditions will be used in the wrestling

- prosperity or poverty
- ease or adversity
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2 Cor. 4:16

perish

→ • Disadvantage - body of flesh w/ sin in our members

renew

• Advantage - the ^{quickening} Spirit Holy, the spirit of His scriptures

1 Cor. 9:26-27