

Warfare in the Mind SPIRITUAL WARFARE

EPHESIANS 6:11-12, 16

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

JOHN 8:44 (ESV)

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

* We are living in an age of deception and the lies are everywhere. *

- The rampant lies makes it hard for one to know what is true and to be grounded. -

- Shield of faith extinguishes all the flaming darts of the evil one. *-*

GENESIS 3:1-13, 21 (ESV)

1: SATAN MOCKS GOD AND HIS WORD.

- "Did God actually say... you shall not eat from __any__ tree in the garden?"
 - Why would God do __that__!?
 - Why would a "good" God keep you from anything good?
- Elohim: Satan calls God Elohim, but since the beginning of Gen 2 and throughout Gen 3, he is "Lord God" - Yahweh Elohim.
- Eve falls for it, also referring to Yahweh Elohim as simply Elohim.
- Satan is still trying to confuse the world by muddying up God's name and character.
- Satan is still planting seeds of doubt by mocking God's word.

2: SATAN CONTRADICTS GOD'S WORD - HE LIES!

- He moves from mocking to downright attacking - "That's not true - you will not __surely__ die!"
- Satan's half truth (so deceitful) - "He knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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- Half truths are whole lies!
- Satan's lies are deceitful and bring confusion and doubt to Adam & Eve.
- Satan's accusations and lies basically called God's character into question - he called God a liar.
- What happened that day? Did God lie?
 - Spiritual death happened through sin - separation from God.
 - Physical death began.
 - Process of dying in Adam and Eve
 - First death recorded - the shed blood to cover their sins (v21)

3: SATAN TWISTS GOD'S WORD - MISUSES AND ABUSES IT.

LUKE 4:9-12 (ESV) - ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹ and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

- Satan quotes and misuses scripture - Psalm 91:11-12
 - He leaves out "in all your ways" which changes the text.
- Jesus responds with "it is written" properly - importance of knowing and rightly handling God's word.
- Jesus did what Adam failed to do - proclaim the word correctly in the hour of temptation!

4: WE FIGHT BY PROCLAIMING AND TRUSTING IN GOD AND HIS WORD - SWORD AND SHIELD.

- Jesus responded 3 times to Satan with "it is written"
- This is the strategy of our warfare - trust God and his word.
- Hide behind his word.
- Speaking the truth (particularly God's word) has a powerful effect - this again was what Adam failed to do:
 - He didn't correct Eve's misspeak - can't touch the tree or its fruit
 - He didn't refute Satan's lie - he stayed quiet.

5: COMMUNION

- The Lord God clothed Adam and Eve after their sin. He still covers/redeems