Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Ephesians 6:10

It is easy to forget that there is a war going on even when you are in the midst of it.

Why do you think God allowed you to go to Israel on the same day war broke out?

The importance of being obedient to Him even when your bucket list springs a leak.

There are places in this world that the devil has a foothold in.

You get a different perspective on spiritual warfare when you forget you are in a war zone.

We lose sight of spiritual warfare because we underestimate the enemies long history of scheming.

Putting on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:11

So that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

The spiritual battle is being fought in the heavenly places, but the battlefield is earth.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Therefore stand firm. Ephesians 6:13-14

## We lose sight of spiritual warfare because we are unaware of Satan's hatred of God's people.

## Satan hates what God loves.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. John 3:17

*He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18* 

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. John 3:19

For everyone who does evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. John 3:20

But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God. John 3:21

## **Does God hate what Satan loves?**

*The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Psalm 11:4–5* 

So Israel dwells in security, the fountain of Jacob secluded, in a land of grain and new wine; His heavens also drop down dew. Deuteronomy 33:28

Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, who is the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places. Deuteronomy 33:29

## Satan controls us by allowing the hate placed in our head to be intensified by the desires of our heart.

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5