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“Spiritual Warfare” Ephesians 6:10-20

Introduction: There is a great interest to many in the demonic world. Many books and movies have become best sellers because of this phenomenon. Youtube videos abound and Twilight is a smash hit. I would suggest that much of what we believe about demons and Satan comes from these types of sources. Let’s look at His Word instead.

- A. Be strong, vs. 10
- B. Put on the full armor of God, vs. 11
- C. Our warfare
 - 1. Not against flesh and blood, vs. 12
 - 2. Against Satanic forces, vs. 12
 - a. Their origin
 - 1. Created good by God
 - 2. Created early in creation, Job 38:6-7; Gen. 1:1
 - 3. Each was directly created, Matt. 22:30
 - b. Their fall, Ezk. 28:15; Isa. 14:12-17; I Tim. 3:6; Rev.12:4
 - 1. When?
 - 2. Where?
 - a. From heaven
 - b. To the second heavens
 - c. To the earth
 - 3. Why? Sin
 - c. Their organization
 - 1. Satan, Rev. 12:3, 9
 - a. Names
 - 1. Satan, Adversary 52 times, I Chron. 21:1
 - 2. Devil, slanderer, 35 times, Rev. 20:2
 - 3. Beelzebub, Matt. 12:24
 - 4. Belial, Deut. 13:13
 - 5. Serpent, Rev. 12:9
 - 6. Tempter, Matt. 4:3
 - 7. The wicked one, I Jn. 2:14
 - 8. Ruler of this world, Jn. 12:31
 - 9. God of this world, II Cor. 4:4
 - 10. Prince of the power of the air, Eph. 2:2
 - 11. Morning Star, Isa. 14:12 cf. Rev. 22:16
 - b. Description, Ezk. 28:11-19 (Ryrie)
 - 1. Unparalleled wisdom, vs. 12
 - 2. Unparalleled beauty, vs. 12
 - 3. Unparalleled habitation, vs. 13
 - 4. Unparalleled covering, vs. 13
 - 5. Unparalleled function, vs. 14 cf. Gen. 3:24; Ezk. 1:5
 - 6. Unparalleled perfection, vs. 15
 - 2. Demons, Matt. 12:24
 - a. Against rulers, NT 746, “chief”
 - b. Against authorities, NT, 1849, “delegated influence, authority”
 - c. Against world powers, NT, 2888, “world rulers”,

Dan.10:13; Col. 1:13
d. Against spiritual forces of evilness, NT, 4152, "spiritual"

d. Their kingdom

1. Second heavens
2. Earth as God allows

e. Their work, Deut. 18:9-14

1. They oppose the people of God, Eph. 6:12
2. They may hinder the good angels, Dan. 10:13
3. They support the work of Satan, Rev. 12:7
4. They may control bodies of men and animals, Mk. 5:8-13
5. They may inflict physical infirmities, Mk. 9:25
6. They may produce moral impurity, Mk. 5:2
7. They may work miracles, Ex. 7:11-12, 8:3, 18-19; cf. II Tim. 3:8; Rev. 16:13-14

f. Their objective

1. Oppose the will of God
2. Promote the goals of Satan
3. Can be used by God, Jud. 9:23; I Sam. 16:14; II Cor. 12:7

g. Their powers

1. Strength is limited but very powerful, Mk. 3:5; Acts 19:16
2. Can not know the future-can prognosticate, Acts 16:16; I Cor.2:8
3. Limited finite beings
4. Can not possess believers, I Jn. 5:18
5. Can influence believers, Eph. 6:12

h. Their end

1. Some are already being punished, II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6
2. All will be judged, Jude 6; Rev. Rev. 20:10
3. All will be committed to the Lake of Fire, Matt. 25:41

Conclusion: These demonic beings are a defeated foe. We wrestle against them from a position of victory but not arrogance. We have put on the armor. So therefore stand!