

Spiritual Warfare

We Have an Enemy and It's Not Each Other

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Message Truth:

Step one in our warfare plan is to realize that we do have an enemy and that it is not one another. Jesus has and continues to pray for our spiritual protection and unity. Our unity is critically important to our ability to engage in spiritual warfare. In His Model Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray for protection from the evil one. In His High Priestly Prayer, Jesus also prayed for protection from the evil one as well as for our spiritual unity. Each of us need to understand our great need for protection, what it means to pray for protection from evil, and how we accomplish this protection.

⁷ *And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.* ⁸ *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.* ⁹ *This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,* ¹⁰ *your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* ¹¹ *Give us today our daily bread.*

¹² *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.* ¹³ ***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*** ¹⁴ *For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

¹⁵ *But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.* Matthew 6:7-15

Message Text:

¹¹ *Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name -- the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.* ¹² ***While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. . . .*** ¹⁵ *My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but **that you protect them from the evil one** . . .* ²⁰ *My prayer is not for them alone. **I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,*** ²¹ *that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* John 17:11b-12a,15,20-21

① We have an enemy and _____!
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¹² *For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*** Ephesians 6:12

② Our enemy is _____.

⁸ *Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

⁹ *Be firm in your faith and resist him, because you know that other believers in all the world are going through the same kind of sufferings.* ¹⁰ *But after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who calls you to share His eternal glory in union with Christ, will himself perfect you and give you firmness, strength, and a sure foundation.*

1 Peter 5:8-10 (GNT)

⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. ⁷ The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From **roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.**" Job 1:6-7

③ Spiritual warfare occurs around us, and _____ unless God _____.

④ Methods _____.

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

● Remember your location: _____

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent Me. John 15:18-21 (ESV)

○ As _____

¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If

anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17 (NASB)

● R _____ {Pride of Life}

²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. 1 Samuel 15:23 (KJV)

● F _____ {Lust of the Flesh}

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Galatians 5:16

● D _____ {Lust of the Eyes}

⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Timothy 6:8-10

○ As _____

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. Revelation 12:10