

- b) Queen of Heaven – Jeremiah 7:18, NIV – “The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes of bread for the Queen of Heaven.”
- c) Mammon – Luke 16:13, NASB – “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”
- d) Babylon – Revelation 18:2, NIV – “With a mighty voice he shouted: ‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.’” – Revelation 17:1,15 NIV – “(1) I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters.” – (15) The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.”

## HOW TO DO HIGHER-LEVEL SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### 1. Stand Against The Devils Schemes

Ephesians 6:11, NIV – “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.”

### 2. Engage In Proactive Spiritual Warfare

Revelation 2:26-27, NIV – “(26) To him who overcomes (Greek = nikao = conquers) and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations – (27) He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery -- just as I have received authority from my Father.”

### 3. Bind The Strong Man

Matthew 12:29, NASB – “Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”

### 4. Declare God's Wisdom To The Rulers And Authorities

Ephesians 3:10, NIV – “... Through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.”

### 5. Submit To Apostolic Authority

Luke 10:1,17-19 NIV – “(10) After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them (Greek = apostled them) two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ... (17) The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’ (18) He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall (Greek = falling) like lightning from heaven. (19) I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.’”

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### # 1 – Understanding Levels Of Spiritual Warfare

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#### 1. Satan Wants To Blind People Of The Glory Of Christ

1 Corinthians 4:4, NIV – “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.”

- Age (Greek = aion = period of time)
- Blinded (Greek = tuphloo = blinded or obscured)
- Minds (Greek = noema = perception, purpose, intellect, disposition)
- See (Greek = augazo = gaze upon, receive and reflect)

#### 2. Satan Has Schemes To Deceive Us

2 Corinthians 2:11, NIV – “in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

- Outwit (Greek = pleonekteo = gain an advantage over, defraud)
- Unaware (Greek = agnoeo = to not understand, or to ignore)
- Schemes (Greek = noema = perception, purpose, intellect, disposition)

#### 3. Satan Has Organized Forces To Help Him In The War

Ephesians 6:10-12, NIV – “(10) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (11) Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (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.”

- a) We must rely on the Lord's power, not ours (vs. 10)
- b) We must put on our spiritual armour (vs. 11)
- c) We must understand our enemy (vs. 12)
  - i. Rulers (Greek = arche = chiefs or high rulers)
  - ii. Authorities (Greek = exousia = forces or jurisdictions of authority)
  - iii. Powers (Greek = kosmoskrator = world rulers)
  - iv. Wicked spiritual forces in heavenly places (Greek = pneumatikos poneria epouranios = wicked spirits in high places)

## GOD HAS GIVEN US ARMOUR AND WEAPONS

Ephesians 6:13-18, NIV – (13) Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (14) Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, (15)

and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (16) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (17) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (18) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

### 1. Belt Of Truth Around Your Waist

- Buckled (Greek = to gird or fasten)
- Waist (Greek = oosphus = the hip or the place of procreative power)

### 2. Breastplate Of Righteousness

- Breastplate (Greek = thorax = chestplate)
- Righteousness (Greek = justification or righteousness)

### 3. Fitted Feet With Readiness From The Gospel Of Peace

- Feet fitted (Greek = feet bound with)
  - Readiness (Greek = preparation)
  - Gospel of Peace (Greek = eirene = joined with, at peace with)
  - Those who stay at peace with God are always ready
- Ephesians 4:27, NIV – “and do not give the devil a foothold.”
- Foothold (Greek = topos = a place or opportunity)

### 4. Shield Of Faith

- Shield (Greek = thureos = large shield)
- Faith (Greek = pistis = persuasion, conviction of and reliance on truth and constancy in that reliance)

### 5. Helmet Of Salvation

- Helmet (Greek = perikephalaia = guard covering the entire head)

### 6. The Sword Of The Spirit = The Word Of God

- Sword (Greek = machaira = short sword)
- Word (Greek = rhema = spoken utterance)

### 7. Pray In The Spirit

### 8. Pray For All The Saints

## THREE LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

### 1. Ground-Level Spiritual Warfare (Healing And Deliverance To Individuals)

Mark 16:17, NIV – “And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues..”

Matthew 10:7-8, NIV – “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.”

### 2. Occult-Level Spiritual Warfare (Binding Powers Of Darkness)

- Dealing with powers of darkness that are more coordinated and organizes than one or more demons attacking a certain person at a certain time.
- Examples – witchcraft, Satanism, fortune telling, shamanism, new age

Acts 19:18-20, NIV – (18) Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. (19) A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. (20) In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

### 3. Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare (Territorial & High-Ranking Spirits)

- Assigned by Satan to coordinate the activities of the kingdom of darkness over a certain area (Ephesians 6:12)
  - a) Rulers (Greek = arche = chiefs or high rulers)
  - b) Authorities (Greek = exousia = forces or jurisdictions of authority)
  - c) Powers (Greek = kosmoskrator = world rulers)
  - d) Wicked spiritual forces in heavenly places (Greek = pneumatikos ponia epouranos = wicked spirits in high places)

## EXAMPLES OF HIGH-RANKING SPIRITS

### 1. Rulers – Chief Or High Rulers

- a) Jezebel – usurps authority, turns people to immorality (Rev. 2:20)
- b) Python – squeezes out passion and hinders hearing the voice of God
- c) Leviathan – twists communion, causes confusion

### 2. Authorities - Territorial Spirits

- a) Racism – eg. Nazism
- b) Poverty
- c) “Slumber” / Spiritual Apathy

### 3. World Rulers

- a) Satan – 2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV – “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers ...” – Ephesians 2:2, NIV – “... the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”