

Clickbait: The Battle is Real

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Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 ESV

I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labours might have been in vain.

1 Thessalonians 3:5 NIV

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44 NIV

The backstory of Satan and demons:

That ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Revelations 12:9 NIV

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!


Isaiah 14:12 NIV

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

Luke 10:18 NIV

The Armour of God

Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV

Take warfare seriously, by taking your faith seriously  . Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10 NIV

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Jude 9 NIV

Know who the real enemy ☒ is.

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 NIV

Know the enemies' plans ☒ for you. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:11 NIV

Do not be unaware of the devil's schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:11 NIV

Allow the gospel to permeate your life ☒.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions.

Ephesians 6:14-18 NIV

Live in confidence, not paranoia ☒.

Therefore put on the full armour 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.

Ephesians 6:13 NIV

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Recall a time or event in your life in which you are certain that the enemy had a role to play discouraging you. What factors make you sure it was spiritual warfare, and not just coincidence or human choices?
2. As you battle the enemy of your soul, what takeaway from the sermon is helpful for you in having a heightened awareness of spiritual warfare?