

Satan's Strategic Battle

Ephesians 6:10-13

Introduction: Today we come to the last topic that Paul addressed in his letter to the Ephesians. Everything we have learned to this point in Ephesians about our new identity and new life in Christ has prepared us for this last pivotal message: Spiritual Warfare.

A look into two opposing kingdoms at war – The kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan.

The structure of Satan's kingdom – (vs. 12)

Four levels of Satan's kingdom

1. The foot soldiers or “rulers”
2. Demonic field marshals or “authorities”
3. World dominators or “cosmic powers over this present darkness.”
4. “Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places”

Daniel's encounter with high-level demonic forces in the Heavens. (Daniel 10:10-21)

Six secrets about the spiritual war from Daniel 10.

1. Prayer stirs heaven to action.
2. Angels are sometimes involved in answering our prayers.
3. Some prayers take longer for an answer because of unseen reasons.
4. We must pray urgently and never stop.
5. God's angels are super powerful.
6. In the end, God and the Saints win!

Conclusion: C. S. Lewis said, "On the back of Satan's neck is a nail-scarred footprint."