

BECOMING FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST



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PART 4 | VICTORY IN LIFE

Consistent victorious spiritual warfare is always experienced from the standpoint of victory in Christ. (John 16:33)

God promised Joshua and Israel all the land upon which they set their feet, but they still had to take possession of it. In the same way, as believers we have the authority to tread upon all the forces of darkness (Luke 10:19-20), but we still need to battle against the enemy who steals, kills, and destroys (John 10:10).

UNDERSTANDING OUR ENEMY

1. Understanding our enemy's kingdom and strategies is critical if we desire to live victoriously in vulnerable areas of conflict. Scan the code to read the entire lesson on this very important subject!
2. Although Satan should never be the center of our world view, it is important that we understand his place in Scripture and in the unfolding of God's ultimate plan. Because we are a part of God's plan in the earth, we *must* learn correct, Biblical warfare tactics.
 - Judges 3:1-2; Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:10-13; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Galatians 5:16-18.
3. The refusal to acknowledge Satan's existence works to his advantage and allows him to easily deceive mankind and envelop entire nations and cultures in darkness, base superstitions and practices.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4 *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*
4. Satan began his rebellion against God in _____ as Lucifer, the "Morning Star." As a created being and the Anointed Cherub, he was perfect in beauty and creation. However, Lucifer lifted himself up with pride against God, and led the greatest rebellion in creation with a third of God's angels following him. (QR code, pages 3-4)
 - Lucifer's deception seen in the prophecy against the King of Tyre in Ezekiel 28:11-19.



Notes...

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The code on the left takes you to the current lesson online. Put aside some time to read the information this week!

Memory verses

Galatians 5:16-18;
Ephesians 6:10-12

Answers

Heaven, organized, hope

Main thought that the Holy Spirit revealed to me...

Additional thoughts...

- Lucifer's rebellion and five "I wills" against God's authority in Isaiah 14:12-15.
 - Satan's fall from Heaven in Revelation 12:7-9.
 - The re-creation viewpoint in Genesis 1:1-2 that reveals the devastation that occurred after Lucifer's rebellion and expulsion from Heaven. (QR code, explanation on page 3)
 - The devil's temptation and the fall of mankind in Genesis 3.
 - The devil's final punishment in Revelation 20:10.
5. Our enemy, the devil, still uses the same approach today as he did in the Garden in Genesis 3:4. (QR code, pages 5-6)
- He challenges the authority of God's Word.
 - Satan perverts (calls into question) God's character and motives.
 - He minimizes God's standards.
 - He tempts us with human autonomy, "...you will be like God..."
 - Our sin influences others to sin.
 - He attacks vulnerable areas hides the consequences. (2 Samuel 11)
6. Satan's kingdom is highly _____ (QR code, pages 6-7)
- Ephesians 6:12 *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.* (Matthew 12:26-27)

THE FIRST MENTION OF A SAVIOR AND DELIVERER

1. Satan's sin originated within himself, *the true original sin*, before he was cast to the earth. Man's sin originated from an internal response to an external tempter and temptation.
2. In the midst of the fall of man, God brings _____ and declares the coming of a Savior who will defeat and destroy the very power of Satan and hell (1 John 3:8)!
- Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.* (Referencing Genesis 3:15, Romans 16:20 states that the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.)
 - Romans 5:9-10, *...having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him... For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous...*

NEXT WEEK

How Christ defeated our enemy, the devil. (QR code, page 7)

1 John 3:8 *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.* (Colossians 2:13-15)