Our Spiritual War

**Reality of Satan –**
- Devil – 34 times in NASB NT
- Satan – 36 times in NASB NT
- Paul – Eph. 4:27 – not give opportunity
  - 2 Cor. 11:14-15; 1 Thess. 2:18
- Peter – Acts 5:3; 1 Pet. 5:8
- John – 1 John 3:8, 10

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Jude 9 – Michael, contending with the devil…
James 4:7 – resist the devil and he will flee

Jesus –

SPIRITUAL War

**Eph. 6:12**
For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

SPIRITUAL War

- 1 Pet. 2:11 – abstain from fleshly lusts – war against soul
- 2 Cor. 10:3-5 – not war after the flesh
- 1 Tim. 1:18 – war a good warfare
- 2 Tim. 2:3 – endure hardness as good soldier

Temptation

**Personal – twice,**
- Eve & Christ – YET
- Job –
- David numbering Israel - 1 Chron. 21
- Peter & Christ – Matt. 16:23
- Judas – John 13:2
- Ananias & Saphira – Acts 5:3

Deception / Lies

As Satan deceived EVE

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2Cor. 11:3
Deception / Lies

As Satan deceived EVE
‘Has God said?’
‘You shall be as God…’
‘You shall NOT die…’

Remember: he was a liar from the beginning (John 8:44)

Deception / Lies

NOT appear as ENEMY

No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (2Cor. 11:14)

Satan’s War

Christ has broken Satan’s power
– When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him. (Col. 2:15)

Satan’s War

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Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. (Heb. 2:14)

Satan’s War

YET Satan is active (but limited)

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1Pet. 5:8)

Satan’s War

• As we grow in Christ – become bigger target – Luke 22:31f
• Satan works in the long haul –
• Relentless – not end to struggle –
Satan’s War

• WE can WIN -

But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. (1Pet. 5:9)

Your Battle Today?

• You ARE engaged
• ARE you aware?
• WHAT is your battle?

Forgiveness In Christ!

Armor

• Truth – (God’s word OR CHARACTER)
• Righteousness
• Prepared
• Faith (trust)
• Salvation
• Word of God
• Prayer
• Watchfulness
• Perseverance