

Fallen Angels

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

- *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis



"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Ephesians 6:12

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- Satan accuses the saints before God when they sin (Rev. 12:10).
- Evil angels tempt saints to sin (2 Cor. 11:13-15).
- Satan uses various “devices” to gain a foothold or advantage over the believer (1 Cor. 7:3-5).

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- Satan demands permission to “sift” or test believers (Luke 22:31-34).
- Evil angels set traps for church leaders to discredit or destroy the effectiveness of their ministries (2 Tim. 2:24-26).



Activities of Evil Angels against the Unserved

- Satan exercises dominion over the world system (1 John 5:19).
- Satan functions as the spiritual father of the unsaved (John 8:44).
- Satan tries to prevent the unsaved from becoming saved (Luke 8:12, 2 Cor. 4:4).



Activities of Evil Angels against the Unserved

- Every false religion (1 Cor. 10:19-20)
- As counterfeit believers and false teachers to infiltrate local churches and other ministries (2 Peter 2:1-3)
- Demons take possession of unsaved human beings (Mark 5:1-1).

Activities of Evil Angels against the Unserved

- Tribulation period activities
 - Satan will try to destroy Israel.
 - Satan will empower the Antichrist and the false Prophet.
 - Evil Angels will work among the nations.

Activities of Evil Angels against the Unsaved

- After the millennial period, Satan will lead all unsaved who are alive on earth at that time in a final but unsuccessful revolt against that rule.

Our Battle Strategy

- Recall
 - The power of Satan should be respected, not trifled with. He is sovereignly restricted.
 - Luke 22:31
 - Jude 9
 - Job 1, 2



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- Recall
 - The practice of Satan—be not ignorant of his schemes or devices. His schemes work best in a climate of ignorance and fear.
 - 1 Peter 5:8
 - 2 Cor. 2:11

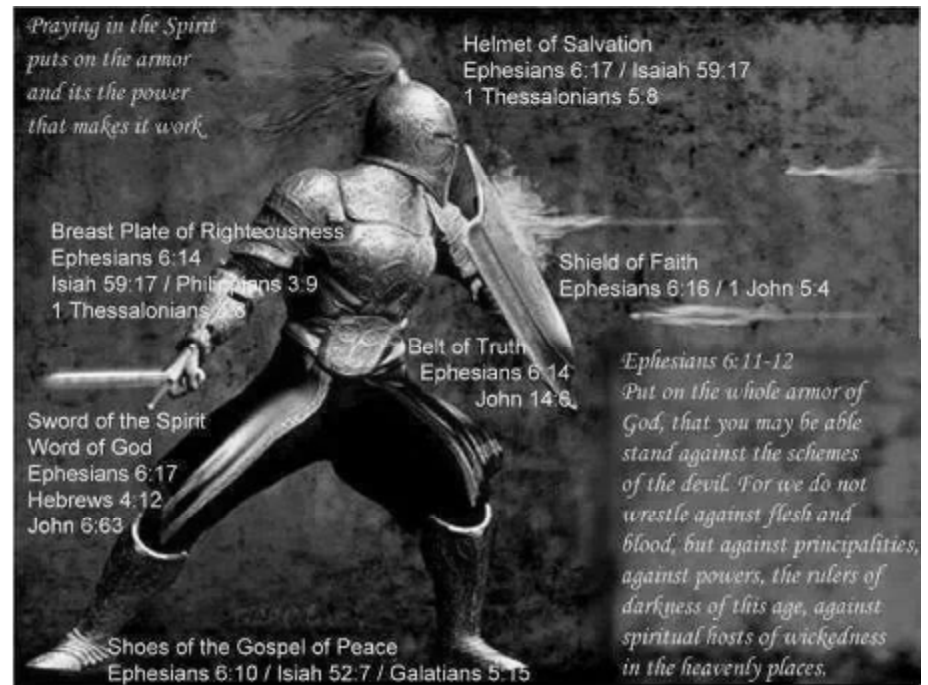


Our Battle Strategy

- Recall
 - The Prince of Victory! Christ Jesus!!
 - He purchased our victory.
 - He prays for our victory.
- The Position of Victory—"in Christ"
- The Purpose of God

Our Battle Strategy

- Resist
 - In allegiance to God
 - In armor from God
 - Eph. 6:10-18
 - In actions of godliness
 - Heb. 5:14



Our Battle Strategy

- Rely on
 - The power of Christ
 - The providence of God
 - The promises of God

Our Battle Strategy

- Principles for the battle:
 - Know God.
 - Know who you are in Christ.
 - Know the Word of God.
 - Develop a good discernment of good and evil (Heb. 5:14).

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- Principles for the battle:
 - Take every thought captive in obedience to Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-5).
 - Don't forsake Christian fellowship and being around other strong believers (Hebrews 10:24-25; Jude 20-21).
 - Hate evil. Pray that God will cause you to view it as he does.

