

SERMON NOTES

Series: The Invisible War
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Our new life is lived out in a **hostile** environment.

We are in a **spiritual, invisible** war.

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might." (10)

You need **supernatural** strength to be victorious.

We already possess this strength.

We have to **allow** God to do it, yet it's a **command** to obey.

The power is the power that **raised Christ from the dead** and now dwells in you.

"Put on the full armor of God," You can stand firm if you continually do this.

How is this battle being fought? Through "schemes"; specific strategies to take you out.

The struggle isn't in the material world, it's an invisible war.

The hierarchy of demonic power: 1. **Powers**, 2. **World forces of this darkness**, and 3. **Spiritual forces of wickedness**.

Demonic activity was **very common** at this time.

There is an arch enemy that is using material things to try to destroy our life.

Not **every bad thing or problem we face** is because of demonic forces. Sometimes **you** are responsible!

"When speaking about the reality of Satan and demonic activity, the danger is always two-fold: to put way too much emphasis or way too little." C.S. Lewis

To summarize, there is an invisible world that is **just as real** as the visible world.

The invisible realm is just as real as anything you can **touch or feel**, as powerfully illustrated in II Kings 6 :15-17.

"Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out the hold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city and his servant said to him, 'Alas, my Master, what shall we do?' So he answered, 'Do not fear for those who are with us are more than those with them.'" (15)

"Then Elisha prayed and said, 'Oh, Lord, I pray open his eyes that he may see,' and the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (17)

Elisha prayed and his servant was supernaturally able, for that moment of time, to see an army of angels gathered to protect him.

"The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh." Though we live according to the flesh we don't battle according to the flesh." I Corinthians 10: 3-5