

SERMON NOTES

Title: The Invisible War

Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Topic: Spiritual Warfare

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Basic truths about spiritual warfare:

1 THERE'S AN INVISIBLE WORLD. 2 WE ARE INVOLVED IN AN INVISIBLE WAR. 3 OUR FOE IS FORMIDABLE

Background: Who is Satan? He is a **created** being, an angel whose name is **Lucifer**. His rank: **cherub**, one of the highest classes of angelic beings.

Lucifer was the highest of the cherubs. Ezekiel 28

Lucifer was created **perfect**. His job was to be the guardian of **God's glory**.

He had more **power** than anyone in all the universe except God and he was more **beautiful** than anything or anyone except God.

What happened to change all that? **pride**. (1 Timothy 3:6; Isaiah 14:13). He wants to be God and he makes a personal choice.

In Isaiah 14 there are five "I will..." statements that he makes:

- a. "I will ascend to Heaven."
- b. "I will raise my throne above the stars,"
- c. "I will sit on the mount of the assembly,"
- d. "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,"
- e. "I will make myself like the most high,"

Lucifer convinced **one third** of the angels to join him in his **rebellion** and as their punishment they were **kicked out of heaven**. At the heart of sin is the desire to be **our own God**.

4, WE MUST BECOME AWARE OF SATAN'S **METHODS**

We should not be **afraid**.

"In order that no advantage may be taken of us by Satan for we are not ignorant of his schemes." 2 Corinthians 2:11

"Be angry but do not sin lest the devil have an opportunity or foothold in your life." Ephesians 4:25.

When we're talking about demonic activity it's not necessarily weird stuff, we're talking about familiar things like **unforgiveness, bitterness, hardened hearts, deceived minds**.

We need to know his **schemes (M.O.)**.

We can learn a lot about his schemes by learning **his names**. (see below)

Satan (Zech. 3:1; Matthew 4:10; Rev. 12:9, 20:9; 20:2) used 35 times, comes from the Greek word diabolos meaning "slanderer, accuser." **Lucifer** (Is. 14:12) means son of the morning, "shining one" or "light bearer." Even though this describes him before his fall, Satan currently "transforms himself into an angel of light" to deceive the world (2 Cor. 11:14). **Anointed cherub** (Ezek. 28:14) indicates that he had one of the highest (if not the highest ranking of all the angels. **Evil one** (Matt. 13:19, 38; John 17:15; Eph. 6:16; I John 5:18,19) describes him as the personification of evil. **Ruler of this world** (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) refers to his power over the evil world system of men and demons. **God of this age** (2 Cor. 4:4) is used in reference to his power to blind the minds of the world to the gospel. **Prince of the power of the air** (Eph. 2:2) describes his pervasive spiritual influence. **Serpent** (Gen 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; 20:2) portrays his deceit and craftiness. **Dragon** (Rev. 12:3, 7,9) indicates his fierce nature and power to destroy. **Accuser** (Rev. 12:10). **Tempter** (Matthew 4:3; I Thess. 3:5). **Deceiver** (Rev. 12:9; 20:3) **Murderer** (John 8:44) **Liar** (John 8:44). **Sinner** (I John 3:8). **Beelzebub**, ruler of the demons (Matt. 10:25, 12:24,27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15) literally translated means "lord of the flies." **Belial** (II Cor. 6:15) means "worthless" or "wicked". **Roaring lion** (I Peter 5:8) describes him as hungry and on the prowl.