

SERMON NOTES

Series: The Invisible War

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Topic: Spiritual Warfare

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Five basic truths about spiritual warfare:

1 THERE'S AN INVISIBLE WORLD THAT'S JUST AS REAL AS THE VISIBLE WORLD.

2 WE ARE INVOLVED IN AN INVISIBLE WAR, THAT HAS ETERNAL IMPLICATIONS.

3 OUR FOE IS FORMIDABLE, AND HIS GOAL IS TO DESTROY US.

"Be sober. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8.

When lions prowl, they're looking for something that's **vulnerable** and easy **to kill**.

Lions don't prowl **all the time**, neither does Satan. It's when you're vulnerable, and discouraged that Satan is on the prowl.

The double whammy is the **temptation** and then the **guilt & condemnation**.

"But Michael the archangel when he disputed with the devil and was arguing about the body of Moses, he didn't dare pronounce against him a railing judgment but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'" Jude 9

Take authority over Satan and his associates in the **name of Jesus**.
"Satan, in the name of Jesus, in the authority of His shed blood and the power of His resurrection, I demand that you leave me alone."

We never need to be **afraid** of our enemy but there needs to be a healthy **respect** for Satan and demonic forces recognizing that they are not intimidated by us, but they have to submit to the authority of Christ.

One of Satan's biggest lies is that God is a cosmic **vending machine**.

Satan leads you to believe **happiness** is God's primary goal for you.

Life is not a **playground**. It's a **battleground**.

God's goal for your life as a believer is not happiness, its **holiness**.

From Genesis to Revelation, Satan and demons play a major role.

25-30% of Jesus' interactions, parables and miracles involved demons.

Jesus takes this subject seriously, and I think it's about time we do too.

