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### **How To Get an Advantage over Satan** **I Peter 5:8-14**

The news can tell you "What is going on." Only the Bible can tell you "Why" it is going on. Answer: Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

*What does the Bible say about Spiritual Warfare?*

## **1. Who is our Spiritual Enemy?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ or Lucifer (symbolized by a dragon, Rev. 12).

*"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon..."*

**Revelation 12:3**

B. The Demonic \_\_\_\_\_.

One third of the angels that God created followed Satan and became corrupt sinful beings.

*"...an innumerable company of angels."*

**Hebrews 12:22**

*Where are the demons today?*

- Some are bound permanently, Jude 6.
- Some are bound temporarily, Rev. 9:1-11, 14.
- Some are free wreaking havoc on earth, Mk 5:9-13; Eph. 6:12.

C. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...and the dragon stood before the woman [Israel] which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child [Christ] as soon as it was born."*

**Revelation 12:4**

Men and women become pawns of Satan and become the enemies of God – like King Herod.

## 2. Who Battles Against the Spiritual Enemy?

Satan fights against:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ and His Plan of Salvation.

*"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*

**Revelation 12:9**

B. The Holy \_\_\_\_\_, Revelation 12:7.

2/3rds of all of the angels God created are loyal to God.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ - Anti-Semitism is demonic.

**Why is Antisemitism growing across the world?**

In the last days, there will be such worldwide animosity against Jews and turmoil in Israel that it is going to take "a master politician" (European leader) who will bring peace to the Jews, Daniel 9:27.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ and Christianity, Rev. 12:9; 2 Cor. 4:4

*"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."*

**Job 1:21**

**Book of Job answers the question: "Why do godly people suffer?"**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ makes a good man even better.
- 2) Salvation is stronger than Satan's Attacks.
- 3) Our suffering releases God's power in our lives.

*for when I am weak, then am I strong."*

**2 Corinthians 12:10**

## 3. What is Satan's Battle Plan?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ you.

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."*  
**John 10:10.**

*B. Tempt you to sin, Matthew 4:7*

*"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*  
**1 John 2:16**

*C. \_\_\_\_\_ you.*

*"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty..."*  
**2 Corinthians 11:3**

*D. Accuse you.*

*"... for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."*  
**Revelation 12:10**

**How do we deal with guilt?**

1) Turn to Christ in Salvation – God declares you "Not Guilty" and you receive forgiveness of all of your sins – past, present, and future. Christ paid the penalty.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Confess your sins

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*  
**1 John 1:9**

**Why do you feel guilty?**

1) God – God convicts us of sin, John 16:8-11.

***God will not convict you twice  
 of a sin you have confessed \_\_\_\_\_!***

2) \_\_\_\_\_ – He accuses us before God.

3) Others – friends, family, and coworkers are quick to remind us of our faults.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ – you either choose to focus on your past failings or not.

*"but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."*  
**Philippians 3:13**

*E. Hinder you.*

*"Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."*

**I Thessalonians 2:18**

## 4. How to Get an Advantage over Satan

*A. Seek God \_\_\_\_\_, v. 8 "Be Sober*

Make your body your servant, not your master. Your heart and soul are to tell your mind and body what to do.

*B. Be Alert to Spiritual Danger, v. 8 "be vigilant."*

v. 8 – Peter likens Satan to a roaring lion whose purpose is to devour and destroy you.

*C. Understand your Authority, v. 8.*

Pride makes believers spiritually careless. Humility keeps us dependent on God's strength, Jude 9.

*D. \_\_\_\_\_ Temptation, v. 9a.*

*"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

**I Corinthians 10:13**

*E. Put on the Armor of God, v. 9b, Ephesians 6:10-19.*

*F. Grow Deep Spiritual Roots, v. 10.*

1) Equip Yourself with Scripture

2) Pray Regularly "Pray without ceasing." I Thess. 5:17

*G. \_\_\_\_\_ God, v. 11.*

If you're having a bad day, start praising God for who He is and what He has done.

*H. Worship and Serve God at Church Consistently, v. 12-14.*

Isolation makes you weak. Fellowship with believers makes you strong.

Spiritual warfare is not dramatic, it is \_\_\_\_\_. Walk in God's truth.