Spiritual Warfare

A mystery that we shouldn't expect to fully understand.

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.[a] I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. and beryl. were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickednéss was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned.

"So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So'l made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

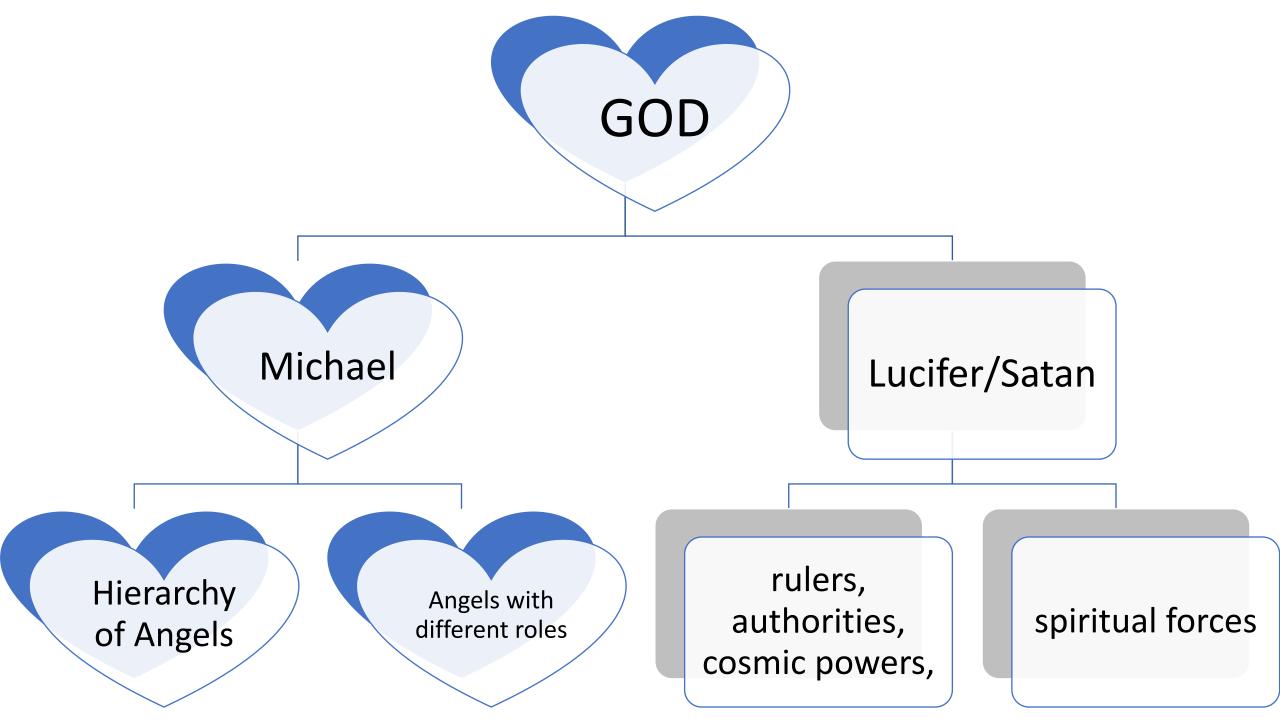
And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth......

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment"

God is not at the same level as Satan. God doesn't even bother to fight Satan Himself.



<u>James 4:7</u> <u>Luke 10:19</u>

<u>1 Peter 5:8-9</u> <u>2 Corinthians 11:14</u>

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 Isaiah 54:17

Romans 8:37-39 Matthew 18:18-20

John 10:10 Revelation 12:7-9

Ephesians 6:11-12 Exodus 14:14

- 1. What do we learn about the enemy?
- 2. What do we learn about ourselves as believers?
- 3. How should we view spiritual warfare? Ignore it? Focus on it? Be aware of it? Engage in it?
- 4. What are some things the scriptures teach us to DO?
- 5. Where does spiritual warfare happen?

- How can you recognize resistance from the enemy?
- What can you do when you recognize it?
- How can you PREPARE daily for resistance from the enemy?

Thought Life

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinth 10:5

(NOT JUST LUST OR WORRY!)

These thoughts are in the first person. (Ex: I need to hide this part of myself.)







We receive God's love by thinking His thoughts towards us.

Preparation

Abiding

Feasting and meditating on Scripture/Truth

Aware of His Presence

Fasting

Listening to Him

Being still

Being present with yourself

Being present with others

Tending to your heart instead of ignoring emotions

Seeing yourself the way God sees you

Battle Plan

Worship

Fasting

Rest

Ignore

Pray

Ask others to pray

Fellowship

Opposite Spirit

Laugh out loud

Rebuke out loud—"Anger, go in

Jesus' name"

What is the ONE thing that God wants you to add to your life and take out of your life as you move forward on this journey with spiritual warfare?

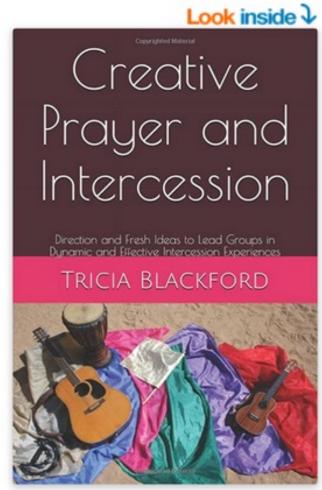
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