

Spiritual Warfare

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America is in trouble. America is full of greed, violence, and immorality. America is divided and judgement is coming. *Jeremiah 1:14-16, 2:11-13, 6:13-14*

We need revival.

1. **We are in a spiritual battle.** *Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Luke 10:18- I saw Satan fall*
- *Revelation 12:7-9, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 6:10-12, Genesis 3, Matthew 4*

2. How does Satan attack us?

- a. **Satan attacks our identity** - *Genesis 3, Matthew 4, Daniel 1:3-7*

- i. **Daniel means God is my judge.** His name was changed to Belteshazzar which means Lady, protect the king. Satan was attacking his manhood, his gender, his strength.
- ii. **Hananiah means Jehovah is gracious.** His name was changed to Shadrach which means I am fearful of God. Satan was attacking his confidence and his security with the Lord.
- iii. **Mishael means who is what God is.** In other words, there is no God like my God. His name was changed to Meshach which means I am despised and humiliated. Satan was trying to silence him with shame. Satan was attacking his witness. Satan wants to shut the mouths of Christians. Why? *Revelation 12:11*
- iv. **Azariah means Jehovah is my help.** His name was change to Abendnego which means; servant of Nebo. Satan does not want you to live as a son of God he wants you to be a slave.
- v. Your name speaks to your purpose and future. There is a reason God has so many names in the OT and NT. Our name speaks to our purpose and our future. I Am...
- vi. We say, "I am...Pastor, Tar Heel, Father, athlete, husband" What about our identity as a child of God
- vii. *Revelation 12:10*
- viii. The Words of others
- ix. The Pain of our past
- x. Generational sin - learned behaviors and lies

- b. **Satan attacks our purity.** *Genesis 3, Matthew 4, 1 Corinthians 10:13*

- i. **Satan is baiting us into independence.** Satan is baiting us into a life of immediate gratification. Satan is baiting us to find happiness, pleasure, and life independent of Christ. Without relationship. Pursuing pleasure into isolation and destruction is what Hell is.
- ii. **Tree of Life vs. Tree of Knowledge**
- iii. **Footholds** - *Ephesians 4:27*

- c. **Satan attacks our purpose.** *Genesis 3, Matthew 4*
 - i. He wants us to settle for the American Dream. All this is an effort to steal our faith and put us on a shelf.

3. We have to be prepared, Acts- Persecution and Revival

- a. The Work of Christ. *1 John 3:8, 1 John 4:4, Romans 8:37, Matthew 28:19, Philippians 2:9-11*
- b. The Armor of God - *Ephesians 6:13-18*
- c. Bible - *Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16*
- d. Mind - *Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*
- e. Community - *Hebrews 10:24-25*
- f. Testimony - *Revelation 12:11*
- g. Worship - does and declares all that!
- h. Discipline - *1 Timothy 4:7*, Commitment to spend an hour with the Lord 5/7 days a week; together we can shape culture
 - i. Daily Bible reading
 - ii. Memory Verse each week
 - iii. Midweek prayer downtown or at home
 - iv. Pray for your spouse daily
 - v. Give at least a tithe
 - vi. Journal- key verse
 - vii. 1st Wednesday
 - viii. Podcast- Ravi Zacharias, Chris Hodges, Robert Morris
 - ix. All in an effort to walk with God!

Just imagine:

- Room full of people passionately worshipping Jesus
- Room full of people with a Bible and taking notes
- Room full of people fully engaged in the message
- Room full of people transformed by the gospel
- Room full of people full of the fruit of the Spirit
- Room full of healthy families
- Room full of people than can pray in the moment
- Room full of people who are unshaken by world circumstances
- Room full of people who know who they are, full of joy, and eager to serve others
- Room full of people with supernatural creative ideas about how to impact the world for Christ
- Room full of people who were sending people out of the church to serve the world and around the world
- Room full of people where God's Spirit was so welcome that miracles happened spontaneously