

## **Spiritual Warfare**

This booklet is a topical devotional guide on the theme of spiritual warfare. It is often difficult for us to "see into" the spiritual realm and comprehend the magnitude of the war in which we are engaged. Yet the Old and New Testament saints had a good grasp of that war. This understanding sustained them in times of trial and persecution. We need to have a good grasp of this war as well if we are going to persevere and overcome in the battle, as did the Saints of old. (See Romans 8:37, Hebrews 11:31-12:2)

### **Week #1: The Reality of Warfare**

This week we will study the reality of the war. We will be looking in the Old and New Testaments. Each day write what you learn about the war that has been and is presently raging in the spiritual realm. Pray daily for God to sensitize you to the battle and your place in it.

Day #1:

Genesis 3:14, 15

Ephesians 6:10-18;

Revelation 6:9-11;

Day #2:

Revelation 1:12-20;

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28;

Revelation 3:5, 12, 21

Revelation 21:7, 8

Day #3:

Joshua 5:13-6:2;II

Chronicles 20:20-30

Day #4:

Isaiah 14:12-20

Ezekiel 28:12-19 (applied to king of Tyre and symbolically to Satan)

Day #5:

Daniel 10:10-21 (Who are the princes here?)

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11 (compare the ruler here with the princes above)

Day #6:

II Kings 6:8-23

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Day #7:

Job 1:6-12, 2:1-7

Acts 5:1-11

It might be good at the end of each week to write a brief summary of what you have learned. The following questions may be of help:

1. Who is the war between?
2. When did man become involved?
3. Which side is he on?
4. How does God's plan of redemption fit into the strategy of the war?

### **Week #2: Focus of the War: the Church**

This week we will study the focus of the spiritual warfare. In the Old Testament it was against Israel, but in the New Testament the battle shifts to the Church and her agents (ie. Paul). We will then study the specific battle Paul faced in Corinth. Each day write what you learn about spiritual warfare.

Day #1:

Matthew 16:18-28;

Revelation 12:1-17

Day #2:

II Corinthians 4:3-18

I Thessalonians 3:5

Matthew 25:41

Day #3:

II Corinthians 5:1-9

Matthew 12:24-29

Day #4:

II Corinthians 6:1-10

Luke 10:17-20

Day #5:

II Corinthians 10:3-18

I Corinthians 16:9

II Corinthians 2:10-16

Day #6:

II Corinthians 11:3, 4, 13-15

Philippians 1:29, 30

Day #7:

II Corinthians 12:7-10

I Peter 4:12-14

Take a few moments to write down your impressions of what you learned this week. You might deal with the following questions:

1. What are some ways the devil attacks the Church?
2. What are some ways the devil attacks leaders and members of Churches?
3. What is the "normal Christian life" as far as warfare goes?
4. Where have you seen the devil attack you? The Church? What has been your response?

### **Week #3: The Schemes of the Devil**

This week we will focus on the schemes the devil uses to divide and conquer the Church of Jesus Christ. We will see how he attacks whole Churches as well as individuals within the Churches. Read each section and try to note the schemes the devil uses.

Day #1:

I Corinthians 1:10-13, 3:1-3, 4:6

Philippians 2:1-4, 4:1-3

Day #2:

I Corinthians 5:1-13;

I Cor. 6:1-3, 7

Day #3:

I Cor. 11:18, 19, 27-32

Ephesians 4:14, 17-24

Ephesians 4:1-3

Day #4:

I Timothy 1:18-20

I Timothy 3:6

Day #5:

I Timothy 6:6-12

II Timothy 3:1-7, 9

Day #6:

I John 2:15-19

I John 3:8

I John 4:1

Day #7:

I Peter 1:6-9, 4:12, 5:8-10 (Read these together)

Jude 3, 4

Take a few minutes to meditate on what you have learned about the schemes of the devil.

1. Which ones may he be using against you?
2. Which ones have been used against the Church?
3. How successful have they been?
4. Are there any remedies suggested?
5. What is your part in protecting the Church?

#### **Week #4: Agents of the Devil**

This week we will study who the devil uses and how he uses them in his efforts to bring down the Church in his opposition to God. Write down what you learn.

Day #1:

Jude 8-23

Day #2:

Matthew 7:15-23

Colossians 2:4, 16-23

Day #3:

Titus 1:10-16

Romans 8:5-8

Day #4:

II Peter 2:1-22

Day #5:

II Peter 3:3-13

Galatians 1:6-9,

Day #6:

Acts 20:28-32

I Timothy 4:1, 2

Day #7:

Romans 16:17-20

Philippians 3:17-19

Once again take some minutes to summarize your thoughts on what you learned this week. The following questions may be of help:

1. Are most of the attacks from within the Church or without?
2. How does our flesh give openings to the evil one?
3. What would be some dangers to you? The Church?

#### **Week #5: Engaging the Enemy**

This week we will be examining the personal attacks of the enemy: how and where he will strike against us. We will also look at the methods we should use in opposing him (You will have to look over the other weeks to get a complete view of this). The importance of this study cannot be underestimated. Please thoroughly examine these verses as well as those in the other weeks.

Day #1:

Matthew 4:1-11

I Peter 2:11, 12

Day #2:

II Timothy 2:1-10, 14-16

James 1:13-16

Day #3:

II Timothy 4:1-8

II Timothy 2:24-26

Day #4:

Romans 6:16-23

Matthew 10:34-36

Day #5:

Romans 7:14-25

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Day #6:

Romans 8:31-39

Day #7:

Romans 13:12-14

James 4:3, 4, 6-11

Once again take a few moments to summarize what you have learned. What should you be doing to engage the enemy?