

THE HEAVENLIES: A PLACE OF BATTLE

WHAT BATTLE ARE WE IN AND WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE BATTLE?

Ezekiel 28:14-15 (KJV)

¹⁴ *Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*

¹⁵ *Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

Revelation 12:7-11 (KJV)

⁷ *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

⁸ *And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

⁹ *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.*

¹⁰ *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:** for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

SATAN DWELLS IN THE SECOND HEAVEN AND GOD IS IN THE THIRD HEAVEN

2 Corinthians 12:2 (KJV)

² *I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.*

WE ARE LIVING IN TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS: VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE WORLD

Colossians 1:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *For by him were all things created, **that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible**, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

Hebrews 11:3 (KJV)

³ *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

WE ARE FIGHTING A BATTLE TO PRESERVE OUR FAITH

The ultimate purpose of life is what Apostle Paul declared in the following verse at the end of his ministries.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

⁸ *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

1 Timothy 6:12 (KJV)

¹² *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

Description of the battle

Who are we fighting against or who is our adversary in this war?

WHO IS OUR ADVERSARY?

1 Peter 5:8-9 (KJV)

⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

⁹ *Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

WHAT IS THE PHYSIOLOGY OF OUR ADVERSARY OR HOW THE ENEMY LOOKS LIKE?

Ephesians 6:10-12 (KJV)

¹² *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

FIGHT THE DEVOURER AND NOT THE VICTIM

1 Samuel 17:34-36 (KJV)

³⁴ *And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:*

³⁵ *And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.*

³⁶ *Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.*

HOW DOES OUR ADVERSARY OPERATE AND WHAT ARE HIS TACTICS?

Matthew 13:24-28 (KJV)

²⁴ *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:***

²⁵ ***But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.***

²⁶ ***But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.***

²⁷ ***So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?***

²⁸ ***He said unto them, An enemy hath done this.***

HOW DO WE OVERCOME DEVIL AND LAY HOLD OF ETERNAL LIFE?

Acts 10:38 (KJV)

³⁸ *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV)

¹⁰ *Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.***

Revelation 12:11 (KJV)

¹¹ ***And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.***

Luke 10:19-20 (KJV)

¹⁹ ***Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***

²⁰ ***Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.***