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SPIRITUAL WARFARE Prolog

SW: SFaRfSoABT: _____

Spiritual Warfare: Spiritual Force are Responsible for Some or All Bad Things.

Some believe that demons, or Satan himself, is responsible for individual wrongs.

This is based mostly upon Ephesians 6:12:

“For we _____, not against _____, but against _____, against _____, against the _____ of the darkness of this world, against hosts of _____ in heavenly places.”

Wrestle, Flesh and Blood, Principalities, Powers, Rulers, Spiritual Wickedness

Does that say that demons are responsible for our wrong thoughts and actions? Some think that it leads to that conclusion, and they teach accordingly, believe accordingly, and live accordingly...BUT

James 1:14-15 - *“Every man is tempted when he is drawn away by _____ and enticed. Then when _____ has conceived, it brings forth _____, and when _____ is finished, it brings forth _____.”*

His Own Lust, Lust, Sin, Sin, Death

The Bible is saying that our sin is OF _____. That’s good news! Why? Because...

Our Fault

FiP,BiW: _____

Fault is Power, Blaming is Weakness

Just to drive the point home, **James 1:16** adds: “_____ my beloved brethren.”

Do Not Err

Despite how often the Bible holds us responsible for our own sin, some people think that wrong behavior is evidence of “Spiritual Warfare” - a “demon” of shopping, of smoking, of drinking, of money problems. Some people believe in generational strongholds, that something done by your ancestors explains your problem today. You are not responsible, a demon is or Satan Himself is.

What about Ephesians 6:13? Let’s look at it again, this time with 6:11 and 6:13...

Ephesians 6:11-13 - *“Put on the whole _____, that you may be able to stand against the _____ of the _____. For we _____, not against _____, but against _____, against _____, against the _____ of the darkness of this world, against hosts of _____ in heavenly places. Therefore put on the whole _____, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*

Armor of God, Stand, Wiles/Schemes, Devil, Wrestle, Flesh and Blood, Principalities, Powers, Rulers, Spiritual Wickedness, Amor of God.

Is the AoG _____ literal armor or metaphorical armor?

Armor of God

The rest of the passage tells us that it includes T: _____, R: _____,

P: _____, F: _____, S: _____,

S:TWoG: _____.

Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Faith, Salvation, Spirit: The Word of God

If the “Battle” in Ephesians 6:12 is as metaphorical as the Armor of God, what does it mean?

W/B:P: _____ - This was the Greco-Roman Wrestling of the day, a contest in which the goal was the pin the opponent.

Wrestle/Battle: Pale

FaB: _____ - Means Physical or People. So it is a Wrestling Match, but not against People. They were not fighting against people. So what were they fighting?

Flesh and Blood

P:A: _____ - First in a Series, Principle, Politically, Principalities are ruled by Princes. That’s where the word Principality comes from. But it is also the root word for Principles. We are fighting wrong principles.

Principalities: Arche.

P:E: _____ - Ability to do what one pleases, or make others do a thing by virtue of authority. To exercise authority, one must have have right to authority.

Powers: Exousia

RoDotW: KStA: _____
“Rulers” is sometimes used of human rulers, but Rulers of Darkness more commonly refers to the Angel of Death or Satan, to Supernatural Rule Makers. Darkness here is Spiritual Darkness, which, for us, would mean “being in the dark” on Truth at the GRPO level. “The World” means “this age” or “this system.”

Rulers of the Darkness of the World: Kosmoskrator Skotos toutou Aion.

RMR,aRMiaR: _____
Rulers Make Rules, a Rule Maker is a Ruler

HoSWiHP:PPEE: _____
Hosts is an Army or a Large Group. Spiritual is GRPO. Wickedness is knowingly wrong missing the bullseye. Heavenly Places is Heaven or Celestial. This would be a large force of wicked GRPO being passed off as Divine Truth, claiming that Heaven is governed by this wickedness.

Hosts of Spiritual Wickedness in Heavenly Places: Pneumatikos Poneria en Epouranios

IF THE PROBLEM WAS SPIRITS, WHY ARE THE EPISTLES ABOUT TRUTH?

They were correcting a wrong GC: _____.
God Concept.

They were correcting wrong RB: _____.
Religious Beliefs.

They were correcting wrong P: _____.
Principles.

They were correcting wrong WoDwP: _____.
Ways of Dealing with People.

If the problem was Spiritual Warfare, then why were the Epistles written for correction?

Why weren't the Epistles written to train the leaders in Spiritual Warfare?

WHAT IF IT IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

James 4:7 - “_____.”

“Resist” is withstanding or putting up a fight. “Flee” means he needs to run away from you - that he must seek safety by escaping from you.

Resist the Devil and he will Flee

Ephesians 6:11 - “_____.”

“Wiles” is methodeia - schemes, deceptions, tricks.

Stand Against the Wiles of the Devil

Ephesians 4:27 - “_____.”

“Give Place” is like deeding real estate. The implication is that if the Devil is a problem for Christians, it is because Christians “provided a place” for him. Which is Our Fault and FiP.

Neither Give Place to the Devil

THREE LEVELS OF “SPIRITUAL WARFARE”

1. TN: _____: When it is not Spiritual Warfare, it is Principles.
The Normal

This is a common area in which we have “Spirit Problems” (GRPO), and diagnosing the problem as “Supernatural Spiritual Warfare” is dangerous and counter-productive.

2. TDNM: _____ - Either Normal or SuperNormal, but it does not matter because no matter the Results are the Same AND the Solution is the Same.

The Does Not Matter

This is another common area in which it whether or not there really are spirits involved is irrelevant. Why happens and why it happens is the same. What you do about it is the same.

3. TSN: _____ - When it IS Spiritual Warfare and it does matter.

The Supernormal

This is far, far rarer than the “Spiritual Warfare” crowd might like to believe, and it can be scary.

GIVING POWER TO THE DEVIL

There is a Devil. He has an agenda revealed in Isaiah 14:12-14. He wants to be like God.

Ascribing to Satan and demons powers they do not have glorifies them and helps Satan's agenda.

Why would Christians do that? Because Christians are as human as anyone else. They do not want it to be their fault. They want the magic. They do not want to have to learn and change. They do not want to be responsible for the results they produce. When does it start? When does it end?