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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

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Acts 17:16-17,28

:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, **his spirit was provoked** (*exasperated*) **within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.** **:17** Therefore he **reasoned** (*challenged*) in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.... **:28** for in Him we **live and move and have our being,**

To do this – We’re to be willing, usable and equipped!!!

1 Peter 3:15

But **sanctify** the Lord God **in your hearts**, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you - a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; (*gentleness and respect*)

!!! THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IS A MILITANT FAITH !!!

(This world is supernaturally hostile towards Jesus Christ, Christianity and The Christian – so get over it)

The Christian Experience is Often Portrayed in a “Theater of War” Setting

Jude 3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you **exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints.

We are to be using our swords against a wicked and cruel dragon.
We're to be suited up in armor and on the look-out for our enemy.

Why?

Because we have joined the side of Christ. We're with Him now warring on enemy occupied territory advancing His kingdom of light.

Matthew 10:22

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

John 15:18-20

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. :19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. :20 Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND SPIRITUALITY

DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

1.) Warning: Failing to Recognize What You Are

WE ARE SUBJECT TO SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS

2.) Warning: Refusing to Consider the Obvious

ETERNITY AND THE ETERNAL AWARENESS OF OUR HUMANITY

3.) Warning: Making Certain You're on the Right Road

THE DANGER OF DOCTRINAL ERRORS

4.) Warning: Staying Focused on the Main Thing

Satan's Demonic Agenda is Devoted to Your Destruction.

But Why? – Why Would Satan and His Demonic Creeps Care?

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Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

The Main Thing Now That You're a Christian – Is That You Fight

2 Timothy 4:7 & 2 Timothy 2:3-4

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.... **2Tim 2:3**
You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **:4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

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5.) Warning: Being Sure About Loving God

Unbiblical Spirituality is designed by Satan to draw our hearts away from our dependence upon God. Never underestimate its ability to do this.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit **expressly** says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, (why?) giving heed to **deceiving** spirits and **doctrines** of demons

Getting Lost Along The Way:

It doesn't have to be the biting off of snake's heads or being a disciple of dungeons and dragons.

Apathy, Materialism, Worldly Affections, Self Interests

can rob us all from loving God the most.

Just Be With Jesus Everywhere & All The Time

(Keep your gear on - spiritually speaking)

Satanic Powers are Always Seeking to Steal the Word

Weapon of Choice #1

The Holy Spirit's Presence Active in Our lives (yieldedness)

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 16:12-13

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. :13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 2:20-28

But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and you know all things. :21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. :22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. :23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. :24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. :25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. :26 These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. :27 But the **anointing** which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. :28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

anointing *cri÷sma chrisma, khris´-mah*; from 5548; an unguent or smearing, i.e. (figuratively) the special endowment (“chrism”) of the Holy Spirit: — anointing, unction.

Weapon of Choice #2

The Word of God – The Bible Imbedded in Our Hearts (resourceful)

The Bible is to be the most popular thing in your heart and mind.
You are to have more of it than you are of this world’s knowledge.

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. :13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

When Jesus Confronted Satan

**It was Always with The Word of God.
Jesus Quoted the Book of Deuteronomy The Most.**

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the Spirit,
which is the word of God

The Bible is God's All Sufficient Word to Mankind

(Nothing more is needed. There's nothing lacking. God hasn't forgotten a thing)

sword grk: μαχαιρα machaira, makh'-ahee-rah;

a knife, dagger, blade. Used for close hand to hand combat, the machaira was the roman soldiers last weapon to be drawn due to its effectiveness. It was light in weight and extremely sharp. The macharia was plunged and driven into the opponent in a rapid and repeated manner and to the hilt which resulted in the piercing and puncturing of vital organs. Death was almost certain as it was used with force and speed rendering it the most effective defense against an enemy.

**The Bible is The Printed Version of God's Will and Word
Jesus Christ is The Personal Revelation of God's Will and Word.**

Read Again (and Slowly) Psalm 119

Weapon of Choice #3

Prayer - Maintaining A Prayer-Altar Within Our lives (holiness)

Prayer + Holy Living + Consistency =

A keen weapon in the hand of God against the present evils of life.

**Think About the Examples We Have from Scripture and Life
Where the LORD Acted When Prayer was Offered Up**

What Are We Up Against?

Non-Human Spiritual Beings That Move In And Through Our World.

Ephesians 6:12 AMP.

For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. :4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, :5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

But They Are Limited Against A True Christian Believer. Can a Christian Be Demon Possessed?

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? :15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? :16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: *"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."*

Oppression not Possession

(However – for the non-believer, the void will eventually be filled)

Angels (fallen from power)

Fallen (rebellious) angelic beings are mentioned throughout scripture. The most well-known is Lucifer. (see Isaiah 14 & Ezekiel 28) Fallen angels can appear and disappear at will. They have access to the presence of God.

They Can Walk Among Us Undetected.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. :14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. :15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness,

Hebrews 13:2 NIV

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

**The Holy Spirit has given some the Gift of “discerning of spirits”
as found in 1 Corinthians 12:10**

Demons (less in power)

Demons almost always must be in association with a human being and or a living animal or some inanimate object such as an idol, (1 Corinthians 10:19-20) an image, statue, dolls and the like.

**They seem to capitalize off of ignorance and naïveté.
They are always involved with the cults or occult practices.**

Warning - During the earthy ministry of Jesus Christ, demonic influences and demon possession was forced to be exposed by the person of Christ.

Demons may be the spirit-souls of those who, in Genesis 6, died at the time of Noah’s flood. Not fully human, not fully angel – these aberrant offspring are wanderers...

2 Peter 2:4-6

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; :5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, **bringing in the flood** on the world of the ungodly; :6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

Genesis 6:1-4

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, :2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. :3 And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” :4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

Jude 6-7

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; :7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

I believe that these are aberrant offspring, wandering souls, demons...

Matthew 12:43-45 ESV

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through **waterless** (*arid, dry, desert*) places seeking rest, but finds none. **:44** Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. **:45** Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

What Is To Be The Christian’s Response?

Our response is to be Firm, Aggressive, Vigilant, Spiritual, Biblical

**We are fighting from the position of victory. We are not fighting to win
– we are fighting to advance.**

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness *is* from Me,” Says the LORD.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **:9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

this carries with it a lot of weight coming from Peter “The Sifted One” = Luke 22

1 John 4:1

Beloved, **do not believe** every spirit, but **test** the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **:2** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **confesses** that Jesus Christ has come in the **flesh** is of God, **:3** and every spirit that **does not confess** that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. **1 John 4:4** You are of God, little children, and have **overcome them**, because (*this is how*) He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **:11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **:13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **:14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **:15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **:16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **:18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

The Cross

Come Forward for Prayer Tonight

End of Study

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