

Big Idea: Get saved, gear up, and stand firm

Facts about Satan

- Satan is not in a boxing match with God – Luke 11:20; 13:32; I John 3:8; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14 (Not dualism or Manichaeism)
- Satan is not omniscient or omnipresent – Job 1:7; 1:12; 2:4-7
- Satan is a deceiver – 2 Corinthians 11:14; Ephesians 6:11
- Satan is a liar – John 8:44
- Satan is your father if you are not a follower of Christ – John 8:44
- Satan has influence over everything not devoted to Christ – Ephesians 6:12
- Satan is a loser as well as those who follow him – Romans 16:20; I John 2:13; Revelation 12:10-11

How to do battle:

- Understand Satan’s strategy – Ephesians 6:11-12

He will appeal to:

- 1) Lust of your flesh – I John 2:16
 - 2) Lust of your eyes – I John 2:16
 - 3) Pride of your possessions & accomplishments – I John 2:16
- Repent and be saved – Ephesians 6:11
 - Submit to Christ and take your stand for Him – 6:10, 13
 - Be strong in prayer – Ephesians 6:18

“The simple fact is that you can’t fight spiritual warfare with magic phrases and secret words. You don’t overpower demons merely by shouting at them. I don’t have anything to say to a demon anyway. I’m not interested in talking to them. Let the Lord do that (Jude 9). Why would I even want to communicate with evil spirits? But I have a lot to say to people who have barricaded themselves in fortresses of demonic lies. I want to do everything I can to tear down those palaces of lies. And the only thing that equips me to do that well is the Word of God. Spiritual warfare is all about demolishing evil lies with the truth. Use the authority of God’s Word and the power of the gospel to give people the truth. That is what will pull down the fortresses of falsehood. That is the real nature of spiritual warfare.” Dr. John MacArthur, *The Book on Leadership*, p. 141.