



ARMOR UP: STAND FIRM IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Lesson 1

Spiritual warfare begins the moment you are born. Satan will do everything that he can to keep you in darkness and away from the Lord.

Jesus warns us about demons, hungry like wolves, waiting to devour the unsuspecting believer. As Christians enter into God's family, they tend to "sweep out" their house. Clearing away old sins, habits, lusts etc. Unfortunately, soon old habits return, old sins resurface, and the saint becomes a sinner again.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation." (Matthew 12: 43-45)

This bible study is an introductory lesson plan geared to help gain an understanding of spiritual warfare and the ramifications of "an empty house."

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■ ■ Scripture

1. Read Luke 10:18 and Revelation 12:7,9 How do these verses relate to the fall of Satan?
2. Read Ezekiel 28. Do you believe that the Prince Of Tyre (28:110) refers to a man, while the king of Tyre (28:1117) refers to Satan? Why or Why not?
3. Read Isaiah 14:12–15. Who is Lucifer? What was his sin?

■ ■ Food for Thought

Some people do not believe in Satan or demons, even some Christians. Why do you think this is? What are the dangers of this belief?

■ Practical Application

Read Colossians 2:13–15. Make a list of the benefits you have received through the death and resurrection of Christ.

■ Digging Deeper

Read Matthew 12:43–45. How does this passage relate to spiritual warfare in your own life?

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