

A Fight Not Physical

Ephesians 6:10-12

Understanding Satan's Nature

1. God created Satan and demons as angels, but they “fell” – rebelled against God (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Timothy 3:6)
2. Satan is not God's equal – not infinite in any way.
3. Satan is super-intelligent – craftier than any of us.
4. Satan wants to destroy you spiritually (John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8).

- I. *I can't; God can* – We must rely on God's strength in spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:12).
 - A. Be strong in the Lord's power (6:10).
 - Do we resist Satan by our efforts or God's power through the Holy Spirit?
 - B. Put on the armor of God to defend against Satan's schemes (6:11).
 - Are we aware of how Satan personally tempts us?
- II. *It's war* – The struggles I face are initiated by Satan through this world (Ephesians 6:12).
 - A. We do not really battle against other people (6:12a).
 - B. We are actually in battle against Satan's realm – as he uses people and ideas to draw us into sin (6:12b).

Understanding how Satan works against us

1. Satan knows what appeals to our sin nature.
2. Satan produces temptations and ideas through the “world” he controls (1 John 5:19).
3. We defeat Satan by refusing to “love the world” (1 John 2:14-16).