

Sunday, September 21, 2025

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: There is a Spiritual Enemy

Series:: Spiritual Warfare ... 1

Isaiah 14:12 - 16; Exekiel 28:11 - 19;

Daniel 10:1 - 14

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the reality of spiritual beings who oppose God and His Redeemed; they are led by Lucifer.

Introduction:

Last Sunday we concluded our devotional examination of the book of James. The title of the devotional was, ‘Praise, Pray and Plead’ and had three major observations: ~

1) Commanded to Offer Praise, ~ 2) Commanded to Pray, ~ 3) Commanded to Plead

~ Ephesians 6:10 – 12, “*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over the present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*”

Compare with 2 Kings 6:16, “*He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them,”*”

~ There are two main errors when it comes to opposition from spirit beings:

~ 1) Ignore it thinking they are ancient stories and not literal.

~ 2) To overstate their activity and presence that we see a demon behind every bush.

~ In order to have a Biblical understanding on spiritual warfare we need to go to the foundations.

Illustration of our kitchen floor.

1. Insights From Daniel:

~ 10:1, “In the third year of Cyris king of Persia” – this is a human king

~ 10:2 – 12, the description and mission of a spirit being

~ 10:13, a spirit “prince of the kingdom of Persia” withstood him for 21 days until Michael came to his aid. This was a real conflict in the spirit realm. What we see in the physical realm is not understood until we see into the spirit realm.

2. Insights From Ezekiel:

~ 28:12, This is a lament over the human king of Tyre which quickly turns to the spirit being (Satan).

~ 28:13, “You were in Eden, the garden of God...On the day that you were created they were prepared.”

~ 28:14, “You were the anointed guardian cherub.”

~ 28:15, “You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.”

~ 28:16, “O guardian cherub,”

~ 28:17, “Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.”

~ 28:18, “By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries;”

3. Insights From Isaiah:

~ 14:12, “*How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!*”

KJV and NKJV – “O Lucifer”

Hebrew 1966 light-bearer (this is the only occurrence)

4. Insights Of the First Sin:

~ Ezekiel 28:17, “*Your heart was proud because of your beauty;*”

~ Isaiah 14:13 – 14, “You said in your heart,”

~ 1) “I will ascend to heaven;”

~ 2) “I will set my throne on high”

~ 3) “I will sit on the mount of assembly”

~ 4) “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;”

~ 5) “I will make myself like the Most High.”

Conclusion:

John 10:10, “*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*”

1 John 4:4, “*Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*”