

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

Title: Knowing the Battle Fronts;

Series: Spiritual Warfare ... 4;

Text: Ephesians 2:1 - 10

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the FACT that we are engaged in a three front conflict.

Introduction:

Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, and Daniel 10 clearly reveal that there is a spirit realm that opposes humankind, which has a special focus on those who follow the one true God (Exodus 3:14 – Elohim [430])

~ In Genesis 3 we observed the schemes of the devil against Eve and Adam; we also took special note on what is generally regarded as the first prophecy of the Christ (Hebrew, Messiah).

~ Matthew 4 records the account of the devil's attempt to cause the defeat of Christ Jesus. We gave special attention to how Christ Jesus used the Word of God (Old Testament) to defeat the devil.

~ Today we will consider the reality that we are involved in a three-front conflict.

~ Ephesians 2:1 – 10, in particular verses 1 – 3; "following the course of this world," "following the prince of the power of the air," "lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind".

1. Following the Prince of the Power of the Air:

~ vs. 2b, "following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—"

~ John 12:31, "Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out."

~ John 14:30, "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,"

~ John 16:11, "concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

~ 1 John 5:18 - 19, "We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. (19) We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

~ 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

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

Luke 14:27, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

2. Following the Course of this World:

~ vs. 2a, "in which you once walked, following the course of this world,"

~ Romans 12:1 – 2, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

~ 1 Corinthians 3:19, "For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

Examples:

~ The Humanist Manifestos consist of three key documents outlining a humanist worldview, emphasizing reason, ethics, and justice without reliance on supernatural beliefs. (1933, 1973, 2003)

~ Progressive Christianity

~ Global Anglicanism Split in Two – Thursday, October 16, 2025

~ Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

3. Following the Passions of Our Flesh:

~ vs. 3, "among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

~ 2 Timothy 2:22 – 26, Read

~ Oswald Chambers, October 5

~ If the devil and all his demons were destroyed tonight and the whole of humanity were to repent and be saved tonight, I would still have a battle tomorrow – Me!

~ Psalm 139:23 – 24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! (24) And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

~ Ephesians 4:27, "and give no opportunity to the devil." Remember John 14:30

Conclusion:

~ James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

~ 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

~ 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."