

Spiritual Warfare

January 8 The Invisible War – Translating to the New Covenant

[Supplemental Materials: Lighthouse Study - Intro & Chapter 1]

Defining “Spiritual Warfare”:

Not prayer or “spiritual growth” (Submitting our life to God - process of reckoning our flesh “crucified” – put to death, i.e., **2Cor 4:10, 11**)

Not “faithfulness under temptation” (Holding fast to our faith through trials – i.e. **Job, 1Cor. 4:12, 10:13, James 1**)

Not “healing” (restoration of our physical, mental or emotional wholeness – though may be related to warfare – **Luke 4:39, cp., James 5:14**)

***An offensive assault on spiritual authorities, for the purpose of releasing and freeing areas of our lives, or the lives of others, that have been held under the enemy’s control.**

In the example of Jesus, it is NOT prayer, but resistance – a commanding or ordering of spiritual beings to be bound, and/or to leave a place.

Recognizing “direct” and “indirect” influence of the enemy:

Indirect. There are many “areas” in our life that are not in alignment with the character of Jesus. At some point in time, there was direct involvement by the enemy in our life or the lives of our ancestors to create the behavior, habit, or way of thinking, but at this point there may not be **direct** influence by Satan or demons. However, it is typical that when we try to **remove** that pattern from our lives, the enemy may show up to interfere, at which point we have...

Direct Warfare. Direct enemy influence means we are dealing directly with Satan or an evil spirit. This becomes evident when there is apparent control being asserted over a person’s mind, will, emotions or body; that is, a person experiences physical manifestations, thoughts, feelings, or any **resistance to the things of God** that are not explainable by natural processes. When this is happening, the person will have trouble making a confession of Jesus’ Lordship or that He is come in the flesh. (**1John 4:1-3**)

A TOUR OF SCRIPTURE'S TEACHING ON THE BATTLE:

Key OT Passages

Notes:

Genesis 1:26ff "Dominion"

Genesis 3: "Whisperer"

Genesis 4:7 "crouching"

[*"The Hebrew word for 'crouching' is the same as an ancient Babylonian word referring to an evil demon crouching at the door of a building to threaten the people inside. Sin may thus be pictured here as just such a demon, waiting to pounce on Cain."*] <http://bethaderech.com/messianic-jewish-emuna-overcoming-sin/>]

Job 1: Where has Satan been... "To and fro"

Key Concepts of Our New Covenant

Notes:

John 14 Spirit of God - "with us" to "in us",

Galatians 4 Relationship to God - Servants to sons,

Eph 1:18-2:6 Meaning of "position",

1Cor. 12:1, 2Cor. 2:11 – Not ignorant

Eph. 6:10-17 = Change of the Battlefield

Can a believer be "possessed"?

"diamonizomai" - How much "influence"? -

Christian error in this understanding has to do with a corrupt concept of leadership. If we rely on titles rather than organic influence, we will be defeated. The law does not insulate us from the "lawless one" – only spiritual power counts on the field of battle.

13 matches in KJV for "1139"		
Reference	Context	Lexicon
Mt 4:24	divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed	1139
Mt 8:16	they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils :	1139
Mt 8:28	Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils , coming	1139
Mt 8:33	thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils .	1139
Mt 9:32	they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil .	1139
Mt 12:22	Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil , blind,	1139
Mt 15:22	Son of David, my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil .	1139
Mk 1:32	that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils .	1139
Mk 5:15	they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the	1139
Mk 5:16	it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the	1139
Mk 5:18	he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the	1139
Lk 8:36	saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the	1139

The Battle is ours – to win!

Luke 10 and James 4:7

January 15 Identifying and Engaging the Enemy –

Testimony & Discussion:

WHO IS OUR BATTLE AGAINST? “*Not flesh & blood*”

Ephesians 6:12 “*RULERS AND POWERS,...*”

- ▶ *Rulers – Greek - “Arche”; Literally meaning an authority who was FIRST IN TIME. In this context, evil arch-angels who held positions at the fall of Satan;*
- ▶ *POWERS – Greek - “Exousia” Literally, magistrates, or those with delegated authority.*

SEVEN PLACES WE FIND THESE TWO TERMS USED TOGETHER IN THE NT...

Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. He Created them - Colossians 1:16 *Created beings, subject to God’s purpose*
2. He is Head Over Them – Col. 2:10 – *Ultimately “head” over them all*
3. He Disarmed Them – Col. 2:15 – *Disarmed by Jesus’, and made a “public display”! (See Ephesians 4:8)*

Concerning Believers:

4. We are Seated FAR above them – Ephesians 1:21 – *We are seated with Christ (2:6) who is seated “far above” them all!*
5. We are to prove God’s Wisdom to them -Ephesians 3:10 – *The eternal purpose of the Church: to show them the manifold wisdom of God!*
6. We are to Wage War Against them - Ephesians 6:12 – *They are our adversaries, led by the devil! (v.11)*

Concerning Their Final Destiny:

7. We will put the last one under the Lord’s feet! - 1Corinthians 15:24 – *They will be abolished when the last of them is under Jesus’ feet, and He delivers the Kingdom to our Father in heaven*

The Battle is with believers...every example and instruction re: SW in the NT is involving believers!

- 2 Cor. 2:10, 11 *No advantage to Satan – not ignorant...*
2 Cor.10:3, 4, “*We do not war according to the flesh...*”
Gal. 4:8, 9, *We were slaves to “stoikia” or ‘ranks’;*
Eph. 1:18 - 2:6, “*...far above all rule and authority...*” (us too!)*
Eph. 3:8-12, “*...made known to rulers and authorities...*”
Eph.4:26, 27 “*Do not give the devil an opportunity.*”
Eph. 6:10 – 20, “*Our struggle against rulers, powers...*”
1 Tim. 4:1 “*Doctrines of demons*”;
James 4:7, “*Therefore submit to God and resist...*”;
1 Peter 5:8, 9, “*Your adversary, the devil, prowls – resist him!*”

BINDING AND LOOSING:

Matthew 12: 29; 16:19; 18:18-20 Notes:

When is battle “ordered” ...

For yourself?... Galatians 5:1

For others?... Acts 5:16, 8:7, 19:8-18;

January 22 The Battle for the Mind – Testing Things Spiritual Chapters 5, 6

Battle for the Mind - Key Passage:

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 Why we are not at war with “sin”:
(Verse 3, literally, “For though we walk not after the flesh, we do war!”)

Destroying “speculations” > logismos - _____

And every Lofty thing” - hupsoma – a “high place”; a reference to idolatry first used in **Lev 26:30-31:**

‘I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you.

Taking “every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” – Picture of warfare.

First Mention of spiritual attack by Satan was in the thoughts – Specifically the m_____ of
God’s words to Adam and Eve.

Gen. 3:5-9 _____

Global implications in **Gen. 6:5-9, 12-13** _____

(Note the passages on Page 60 in the book – diagrams on page 61-64)

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Testing Things Spiritual – Key Passage: 1 John 4:1-3, 1Cor. 12:1-3

Background on identifying the voice of God – The Holy Spirit:

1. No one comes to Jesus without hearing it **John 6:44, 45**
2. Voice of God in the New Testament is consistent: **Matt. 3:17, Lk. 9:35**
3. Believers are meant to live by it – “**no plan B**”: **Rom. 8:14**

Testing and the 3 C’s (note also the examples in Acts, page 77)

1. **CONSISTENT WITH SCRIPTURE?:** “You search the Scriptures...” **John 5:39** (See also **Acts 17:11, 2Tim. 3:16**). Don’t just ask if you can find a verse that seems to support what you are seeing!
2. **CONFIRMED WITH FRUIT?** You will know them by their fruits. **Matt 7:15-17**; (note fruit: the reproducing part of a plant-Is faith being reproduced?)
3. **CONFESSING THE LORD.** “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits...” **1 John 4:1-3** (see also **2Cor. 11:3, 4**)

Remember that testing is for _____ benefit, not the judgment of another.

January 29 **Walking Under Authority - Walls & Gates**
Chapters 7, 8: The Purpose of Spiritual Warfare

Restoring the Center of “Worship” Our Lives

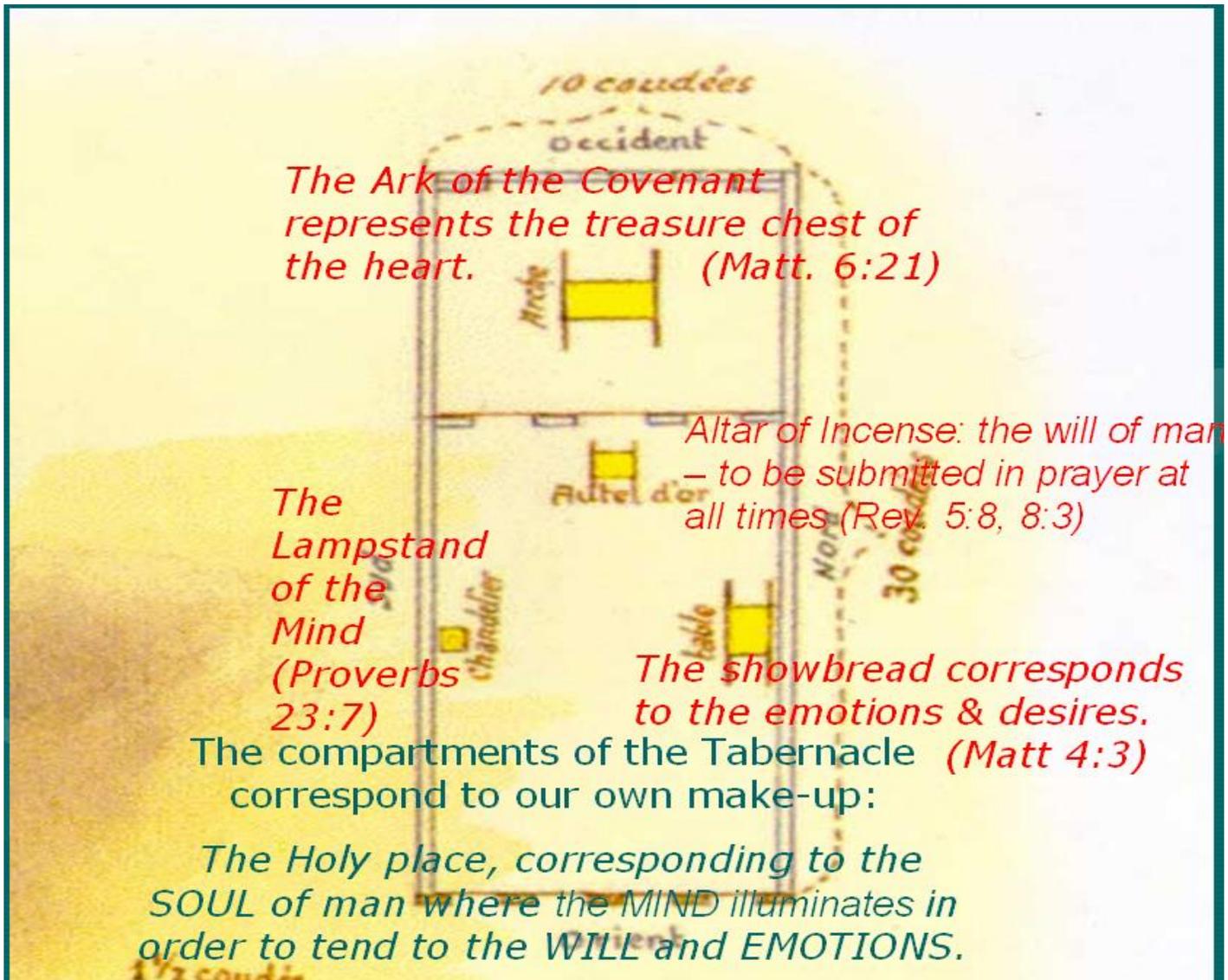
Key verse 1Cor. 6:19-20

*General strategy of the enemy is to take control, often through use of deceit or fear, of areas of our lives and to hold them captive and unavailable to the moving of God’s Spirit in our lives – and so to destroy “worship” as defined in **Romans 12:1&2**, so there will be no “proving” of God’s will on earth. (See “Ichabod”, **1Sam. 4:19-22**)*

*Jesus said the Father was seeking “worshippers”. **John 4:23, 24***

The intension to bring the worship of the true God into the “temple” of our lives is an act of war against the god of this world! The Old Testament accounts of restoration of worship and the city of God illustrate the resistance we face now on the spiritual front:

This restoration is illustrated in the Book of Ezra – who was a grandson to Hilkiah the priest, who had discovered the Book of the Law in about 624 B.C. Recovery of the revelation of God in our lives is the first step toward restoration. (See VSW page 87, ff.)



Rebuilding Boundaries (“Holiness”) of our Lives

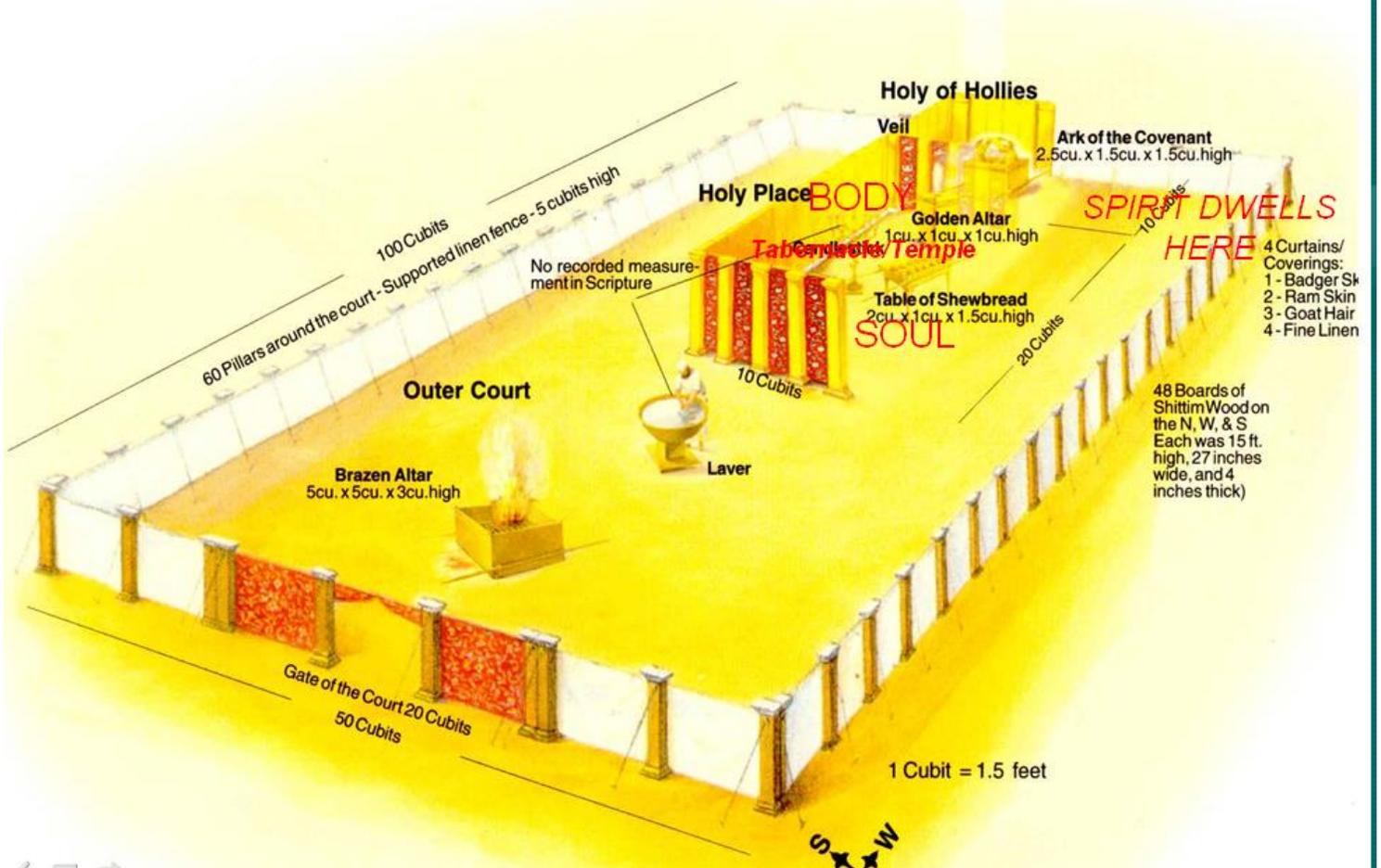
The prophet wrote in Nahum 3: 13 –

"The gates of your land are opened wide to your enemies; fire consumes your gate bars."

What did Paul write to the believers in Corinth in 2Corinthians 11:3, 4?

In order to stay free, our life needs new spiritual walls and gates (boundaries) to serve as protection against spiritual attack. What instruction do we find in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 22? _____

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle



As we tour the Ten Gates of the City, note the significance of each in securing the borders of your own life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

