MODULE 1: SPIRITUAL STRATEGIES FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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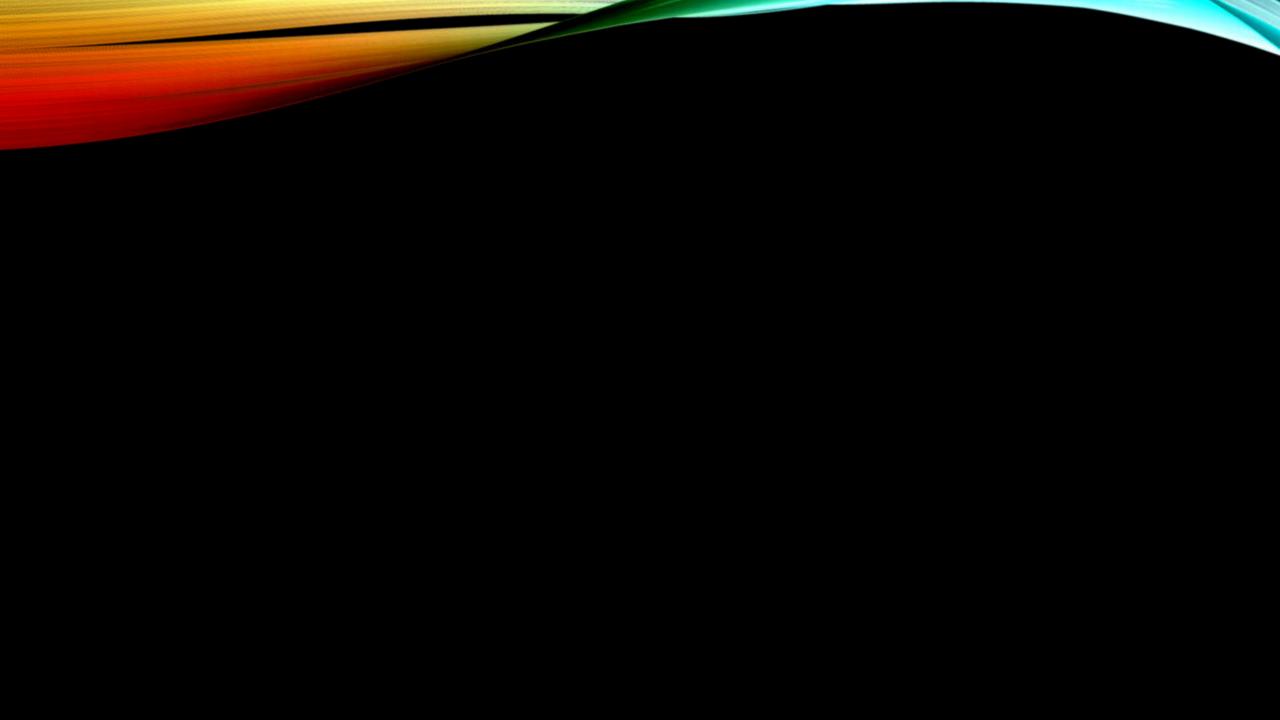
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INTRODUCTION: THE CALL TO ARMS A SUMMONS TO THE INVISIBLE WAR

- THERE IS A GREAT WAR BEING WAGED IN THE WORLD TODAY. IT IS NOT JUST A CONFLICT BETWEEN NATIONS, TRIBES, OR GOVERNMENT LEADERS. IT IS NOT JUST A REBELLION OR A COUP. IT IS AN INVISIBLE BATTLE TAKING PLACE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD AGAINST THE BODY OF CHRIST AND ALL APOSTOLIC ONENESS HOLY GHOST FILLED MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD.
- THIS MODULE INTRODUCES THE INVISIBLE WAR IN WHICH EVERY SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVER IS SYSTEMATICALLY ENGAGED. IT IS A WAR WHERE NO ONE WEARS A VISIBLE UNIFORM, BUT WHERE EVERY CHILD OF GOD IS A TARGET. THIS HISTORICAL AND PROPHETICAL RECORD OF THIS WAR IS DIVINELY CONTAINED IN GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE.

THE OVERALLL PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE:

- THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE IS TO EFFECTIVELY EQUIP BELIEVERS FOR EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND TO PROPERLY PREPARE MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD WITH SPIRITUAL STRATEGIES TO REAP THEIR NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL HARVEST.
- THE BIBLE CLEARLY DILIENATES THAT HIS PEOPLE ARE DESTORYED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, (HOSEA 4:6); SPECIFICALLY IN SPIRITUAL STRATEGIES TO VICTORIOUSLY OPERATE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE.
- "NO KING EVER ENTERED INTO BATTLE WITHOUT THE CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF HIS RESOURCES, A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF HIS WEAPONS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS STRATEGIES FOR BATTLE, AND POWER AVAILABLE TO (US) TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST OUR ENEMY, SATAN."

THE AUDIENCE, PURPOSE & EXPECTATIONS:

- AUDIENCE, PURPOSE AND EXPECTATIONS:
- THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR LEADERSHIP PURPOSES AND THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE OF SPIRITUAL SKILLS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE. TO SERVE AS PREPARATION FOR PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL APPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT REALM AND AS A FURTHER CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE TO INDEPENDENT WORK AND SPECIALIZATION THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF COURSES.
- THE EMPHASIS OF THE ON-GOING MODULES IS TO PROVIDE BELIEVERS AND STUDENTS' ALIKE WITH THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITY TO BE INTRODUCED TO A VARIETY OF TRAININGS AND PRESENT THE OVERALL GENERAL VIEW OF GOD'S BATTLE PLAN.
- TODAY, THE CALL TO ARMS IS THE SPIRITUAL SUMMONS TO THE INVISIBLE WAR. IT IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE THAT REQUIRES A VARIETY OF APPROACHES.

KEY VERSE FROM THE ARTICLES OF WAR:

EPHESIANS 6:12

"FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD,
BUT AGAINST *PRINCIPALITIES*, AGAINST *POWERS*,
AGAINST *THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS* OF THIS
WORLD, AGAINST *SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS* IN HIGH
PLACES.

MODULE WAR COURSE OBJECTIVES:

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS MODULE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- . IDENTIFY AND WRITE THE KEY VERSE FROM MEMORY
- . DEMONSTRATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL & SPIRITUAL REALMS
- . DEFINE THE WORDS; KING, KINGDOM, AND OTHER KEY RELEVANT TERMS
- . IDENTIFY TWO SPIRITUAL KINGDOMS AND SPIRITUAL FORCES OF "GOOD" & "EVIL"
- EXPLAIN WHAT IS MEANT BY "SPIRITUAL WARFARE"
- . INDENTIFY THE MAJOR REASON FOR THE INVISIBLE WAR
- . IDENTIFY THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE

KEY TERMS:

- . SPIRITUAL WARFARE: Is "multidimensional" which means it is fought in different dimension; A. Social, B. Personal, and C. Spiritual; I Corinthians 15:50
- . SPIRITUAL REALMS: There are two realms; the natural and spiritual kingdoms; Romans 14:17 and Acts 8:12
- . SPIRITUAL FORCES: Constitute the "powers of the air" Ephesians 2:12; and the "powers of darkness" Colossians 1:13
- . INVISIBLE WAR: It is an invisible "spiritual" battle taking place in the spirit world/realm; Ephesians 6:12
- . SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT: Is having a spiritual mind to clearly understand spiritual things; I Corinthians 2:14
- . SPIRITUAL KINGDOMS: The natural kingdom vs. the spiritual kingdom; also referenced as the division of the two kingdoms
- THE KINGDOM OF GOD: IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD OR THE CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, I Corinthians 4:20; John 18:36; and John 3:3

THE NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL REALMS

OF OUR WAR:

- TO EFFECTIVELY UNDERSTAND THIS INVISIBLE WAR, YOU MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND TO CLEARLY DILINEATE THE NATURAL WORLD AND THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.
- THE NATURAL WORLD IS THAT WHICH CAN BE SEEN, FELT, TOUCHED, HEARD AND TASTED. IT IS A TANGIBLE AND VISIBLE WORLD. THE COUNTRY, NATION, CITY, OR VILLAGE IN WHICH YOU LIVE IS PART OF THE NATURAL WORLD. YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF A NATURAL KINGDOM LOCATED ON ONE OF THE VISIBLE CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD.
- YOU CAN SEE THE PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THAT ARE PART OF YOUR NATURAL WORLD AND ITS ENVIRONMENT. YOU CAN ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE AND EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SMELLS AROUND YOU.

THE APOSTLE PAUL SPEAKS OF THE DIVISION OF NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL REALMS

- I CORINTHIANS 15:40
- "THERE IS A NATURAL BODY, AND THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BODY".
- ALL HUMANS HAVE A NATURAL BODY WHICH LIVES IN THE NATURAL WORLD, BUT MAN IS ALSO A SPIRITUAL BEING WITH AN ETERNAL SOUL AND SPIRIT.
- MAN IS BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT. YOUR SPIRITUAL BEING, (SOUL AND SPIRIT) IS A PART OF A SPIRITUAL WORLD JUST AS YOUR NATURAL BODY IS PART OF THE NATURAL WORLD.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT (OUR PERSPICACITY)

- SPIRITUAL WARFAR IS JUST THAT----SPIRITUAL---IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD WITH A SPIRITUAL MIND, (A SPIRIT-FILLED MIND).
- IN OUR NATURAL, SINFUL STATE, WE CAN NOT UNDERSTAND NOR IDENTIFY WITH SPIRITUAL THINGS;

• I CORINTHIANS 2:14

"BUT THE NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD; FOR THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS UNTO HIM; NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED".

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT: (IT IS NECESSARY TO USE SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT)

- IT'S NECESSARY TO USE SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL THINGS!
- EXAMPLE: II KINGS; CHAPTER #6. RECORDS THE NATURAL BATTLE IN WHICH TROOPS OF THE ENEMY NATION OF SYRIA HAD SURROUDED A SMALL TOWN CALLED DOTHAN WHERE THE PROPHET ELISHA WAS STAYING. WHEN ELISHA'S SERVANT, GEHAZI, SAW THE GREAT HOST OF THE ENEMY HE BECAME FEARFUL. ELISHA PRAYED THAT GOD WOULD OPEN GEHAZI'S SPIRITUAL EYES SO HE COULD SEE THE ANGELIC HOSTS SURROUNDING AND PROTECTING THEM.
- ON THIS OCCASION, GOD ACTUALLY OPENED THE NATURAL EYES OF GEHAZI AND ALLOWED HIM TO VISIBLY SEE THE SUPERIOR FORCES OF GOD ALIGNED FOR BATTLE

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT:

- THE BATTLE OF DOTHAN IS SIMILAR TO PRESENT SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS IN THE CHRUCH. THERE ARE SOME LIKE ELISHA, WHO SEE CLEARLY INTO THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT. THEY KNOW THERE IS A CONFLICT OCCURING, HAVE IDENTIFIED THE ENEMY, AND RECOGNIZE THE GREATER FORCES OF GOD THAT ASSURE VICTORY IN HIS NAME!
- THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE GEHAZI, WHO WITH A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT, WILL BE ABLE TO OPEN THEIR SPIRITUAL EYES AND NO LOGER BE FEARFUL OF AND DEFEATED BY THE ENEMY.

TWO SPIRITUAL KINGDOMS

- THERE EXIST TWO SEPARATE KINGDOMS WHICH ARE RULED BY NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS; (FORCES)
- EXAMPLE: ALL MEN LIVE IN A NATURAL KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD. THEY LIVE IN A CITY OR VILLAGE WHICH IS PART OF A NATION. THAT NATION IS A KINGDOM OF THE WORLD. A NATURAL KINGDOM IS A TERRITORY OR PEOPLE OVER WHICH AN ACTUAL KING OR POLITICAL LEADER IS THE SOVERIGN RULER. THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF THESE NATURAL KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD. THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD HAVE COME UNDER THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF SATAN.

. SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 4:8-9; "AGAIN THE DEVIL TAKETH HIM (JESUS) UP INTO AN EXCEEDING HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND SHEWETH HIM ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD, AND THE GLORY OF THEM; AND SAITH UNTO HIM. ALL THESE THINGS WILL I GIVE THEE, IF YOU WILL FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP ME"

TWO SPIRITUAL KINGDOMS:

- THERE ARE TWO SPIRITUAL KINGDOMS: THE KINGDOM OF SATAN AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD. WE ARE ALL RESIDENTS OF ONE OF THESE KINGDOMS.
- THE KINGDOM OF SATAN CONSIST OF SATAN, SPIRITUAL BEINGS CALLED DEMONS, AND ALL MEN WHO LIVE IN SIN AND REBELLION TO GOD'S WORD, THE WORLD, AND THE FLESH, ARE THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL AT WORK IN THE WORLD TODAY.
- THE KINGDOM OF GOD CONSIST OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST, THE HOLY GHOST, SPIRITUAL BEINGS CALLED ANGELS, AND ALL MEN WHO LIVE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD. THESE ARE THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF GOOD.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

- THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH; DENOMINATIONS ARE MAN-MADE ORGANIZATIONS OF GROUPS OF CHURCHES ESTABLISHED FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION.
- THE TRUE CHURCH, WHICH THE BIBLE SPEAKS ABOUT IS COMPOSED OF ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD; HIS ANGELS, SAINTS OF GOD AND ALL WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.
- THE KINGOM OF GOD EXISTS INDIVIDUALLY WITHIN EVERY BELIEVER WHO HAS ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AND MADE JESUS THE KING OF THEIR LIVES. IT ALSO EXISTS COMMUNALY IN THE TRUE CHURCH AND WHEREVER THE BODY OF CHRIST IS.

THE INVISIBLE WAR:

- THIS INVISIBLE WAR IS A BATTLE THAT INVOLVES ALL MEN AND WOMEN BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF SATAN IS A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM
- SCRIPTURE: "...WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES" EPHESIANS 6:12
- SPRITUAL WARFARE IS NOT A NATURAL BATTLE BETWEEN FLESH AND BLOOD. IT IS NOT A BATTLE OF MAN AGAINST MAN. IT IS NOT AN INVISBLE BATTLE BECAUSE SPIRITS ARE INVOLVED. IT IS AN INVISIBLE STRUGGLE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD. IT IS A BATTLE WITHIN AND AROUND MAN.

THE INVISIBLE WAR:

- SCRIPTURE: LUKE 24:39; "A SPIRIT HATH NOT FLESH AND BONES" SPIRITS DO NOT HAVE FLESH AND BONES.
- SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS "MULTIDIMENSIONAL" WHICH MEANS IT IS FOUGHT IN DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS. IT IS:
- 1. A SOCIAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE BELIEVER AND THE WORLD; JOHN 15:18-27
- 2. A PERSONAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT; GALATIANS 5:16-26
- 3. A SUPERNATURAL BATTLE BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND EVIL SPIRITUAL POWERS; EPHESIANS 6:10-27

THE INVISIBLE WAR:

- UNBELIEVERS: ARE IN BONDAGE TO EVIL, EVERY PERSON ALIVE IS ENGAGED IN THIS BATTLE. THERE IS NO NEUTRAL GROUND.
- BELIEVERS: THAT HAVE BEEN FREED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ARE VICTORS, BUT THEY ARE STILL ENGAGED IN THIS INVISIBLE WAR TOO.
- WRESTLING: INVOLVES CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT. NO ONE IS EXEMPT FROM THIS BATTLE. NO ONE CAN VIEW IT FROM A DISTANCE. YOU ARE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT WHETHER YOU ACKNOWLEDGE IT OR NOT. IF YOU BELIEVE IT WILL GET BETTER, YOU ARE WRONG! CHRISTIAN WARFARE NEVER CEASES!

WHERE THE BATTLE RAGES:

- THE INVISIBLE WAR IS BEING WAGED ON EARTH!
- SCRIPTURE: "THE THIEF (SATAN) COMETH (ON EARTH) NOT BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY; I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY, JOHN 10:10
- SATAN FIGHTS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD, HE DOES NOT WANT THEM TO COME UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF GOD; GOD'S AUTHORITY. THE BATTLE ALSO RAGES WITHIN THE HEARTS, MINDS, AND SOULS OF MEN AND WOMEN.
- SATAN BLINDS THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS AND ATTACKS BELIEVERS IN THE AREAS OF WORSHIP, THE WORD, THEIR DAILY WALK, AND THEIR DAILY WORK FOR GOD

HOW THE BATTLE STARTED:

- THE INVISIBLE WAR STARTED IN HEAVEN WITH AN ANGEL NAMED LUCIFER WHO WAS ORIGINALLY A BEAUTIFUL ANGEL CREATED BY GOD AND WAS PART OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
- LUCIFER DECIDED HE WANTED TO TAKE OVER GOD'S KINGDOM; (ISIAH 14:12-17), AND EZEKIEL 28:12-19
- A GROUP OF ANGELS JOINED LUCIFER; (NOW CALLED SATAN) IN THIS REBELLION. LUCIFER AND THE REBELLIOUS ANGELS WERE CAST OUT OF HEAVEN BY GOD. THEY FORMED THEIR OWN KINGDOM ON EARTH.

HOW THE BATTLE STARTED:

- SCRIPTURES: REVELATION 12:7 AND REVELATION 12:9
- "AND THERE WAS WAR IN HEAVEN: MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS FOUGHT AGAINST THE DRAGON (SATAN); AND THE DRAGON FOUGHT AND HIS ANGELS,
- "AND THE GREAT DRAGON WAS CAST OUT, THAT OLD SERPENT, CALLED THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: HE WAS CAST OUT INTO THE EARTH, AND HIS ANGELS WERE CAST OUT WITH HIM"

HOW THE BATTLE STARTED:

- LUCIFER BECAME KNOWN AS SATAN AND THE ANGELS WHICH FOLLOWED HIM IN REBELLION AS DEMONS.
- DEMON SPIRITS CAN ENTER, TORMENT, CONTROL, AND USE HUMANS WHO BELONG TO SATAN'S KINGDOM. THEY MOTIVATE EVIL ACTS WHICH ARE DONE BY MEN AND WOMEN.
- SATAN DIRECTS HIS DEMONS IN THEIR EVIL ACTIVITIES. HE COMBINES THESE POWERFUL FORCES WITH THE WORLD AND THE FLESH TO WAR AGAINST ALL MANKIND.

REASONS BEHIND THE CONFLICT:

- MAN WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND FOR THE GLORY OF GOD; (GENESIS CHAPTER #2)
- THE INVISIBLE WAR AGAINST MAN STARTED WITH THE FIRST TEMPTATION IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN; (GENESIS CHAPTER 3). SATAN CAUSED ADAM AND EVE TO SIN.
- THIS RESULTED IN ALL MEN INHERITING THE BASIC SIN NATURE AND COMMITTING INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF SIN DUE TO THIS SINFUL NATURE.

REASONS BEHIND THE CONFLICT:

- "WHEREFORE, AS BY ONE MAN SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, AND DEATH BY SIN; AND SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED; ROMANS 5:12
- IT ALSO RESULTED IN THE INVISIBLE WAR BETWEEN MAN AND THE FORCES OF EVIL.
- "AND I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN THEE, (SATAN) AND THE WOMAN (MANKIND), AND BETWEEN THY SEED (THE FORCES OF EVIL) AND HER SEED (THE FORCES OF GOOD REPRESENTED BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST)... GENESIS 3:15

THE REASONS BEHIND THE CONFLICT:

- BECAUSE OF SIN, MAN WAS SEPERATED FROM GOD AND CONDEMMED TO DEATH. BUT GOD SO LOVED MAN SO MUCH THAT HE MADE A SPECIAL PLAN TO SAVE HIM FROM SIN.
- "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE",
- "FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED" JOHN 3:16-17

THE REASONS BEHIND THE CONFLICT:

- THROUGH BELIEF IN CHRIST JESUS, CONFESSION OF AND REPENTANCE FROM SIN, MEN AND WOMEN ARE RELEASED FROM THE POWER OF THE ENEMY.
- ACTS 2:38 "THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST"
- THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST NOT ONLY RESULTED IN SALVATION FROM SIN, IT ALSO DEFEATED THE ENEMY, SATAN;

THE REASONS BEHIND THE CONFLICT:

SCRIPTURE: "FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SON OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED, THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL", I JOHN 3:8

ALTHOUGH JESUS HAS ALREADY DEFEATED THE ENEMY OF OUR SOULS THE BATTLE RAGES ON.

QUESTION: IF SATAN IS DFEATED WHY DOES THE WAR STILL RAGE?

- . FOLLWING ANY WAR THERE ARE ALWAYS POCKETS OF ENEMY RESISTANCE
- . REBELLIOUS TROOPS THAT WILL NOT GIVE UP UNTIL FORCED TO DO SO
- . WE ARE LIVING IN TERRITORY WHICH IS STILL OCCUPIED BY ENEMY RESISTANCE FORCES
- UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE STRATEGIES GIVES US THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THESE EVIL POWERS
- . SATAN IS TRYING TO KEEP MEN CAPTIVE IN SIN THROUGH DECEPTIVE METHODS HE IS ENTICING MEN AND WOMEN TO TEMPORARY LUSTS OF SINFUL LIVING.
- . HE AIMS FOR THE AFFECTIONS OF THE SOUL AND SPIRIT WHICH RIGHTFULLY BELONG TO GOD!

THE REASONS BEHIND THE CONFLICT

SCRIPTURE:

"THE THIEF (SATAN) COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY; I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY; JOHN 10:10

. SATAN STILL WANTS TO BE THE SUPREME RULER OVER ALL

. HE IS WAGING AN INTENSE BATTLE FOR THE HEART, MIND, SOUL, AND SPIRIT OF MAN

. HIS STRATEGIES ARE DIRECTED AT GOD, AT THE PLAN OF GOD AND AT HIS PEOPLE

. THE BATTLE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE GREAT FINAL CONFLICT

THE MEANING OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

. SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS THE ANALYSIS OF AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATIO IN THE INVISIBLE SPIRITUAL WAR

. IT INCLUDES THE STUDY OF OPPOSING FORCES OF GOOD AND EVIL

. THE STRATEGIES OF SATAN, AND SPIRITUAL STRATEGIES FOR OVERCOMING THE ENEMY

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS MORE THAN A MERE ANALYSIS OF SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES,

IT INCLUDES ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WARFARE OF THE SPIRITUAL REALMS

. THE APPLICATION OF SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES IN LIFE AND IN MINISTRY

THE MEANING OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES OF SATAN IS TO KEEP SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES; PAUL SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOWN SATAN'S STRATEGIES:

. SCRIPTURE: "LEST SATAN SHOULD GET AN ADVANTAGE OF US; FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES, II CORINTHIANS 2:11

. BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE OF SATAN'S STRATEGIES OF ATTACK AND HAVING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES, GOD'S WORD, IS A BASIS OF VICTORY OVER SATAN AND THE FORCES OF EVIL

. WE ARE CALLED TO INTELLIGENT COMBAT IN CHRIST JESUS!

. BASIC TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS KNOWING THE WORD OF GOD!

THE KEY PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS:

BASIC TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS THE KEY PRINCIPLE OF KNOWING THAT ALL SPIRITUAL WARFARE HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD.

. KEY PRINCIPLE WARFARE UNDERSTANDING: "YOU MUST RECOGNIZE THAT ALL BATTLES OF LIFE, WHETHER PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL, FINANCIAL OR WITH HUMAN PERSONALITIES ARE ONLY OUTWARD MANIFESTATIONS OF A SPIRITUAL CAUSE"

. ALTHOUGH IN THE NATURAL WORLD PROLEMS MAY SEEM TO OCCUR THROUGH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE, THE BASIS OF THESE NATURAL BATTLES IS IN THE SPIRIT WORLD; REFERENCE: JOB CHAPTERS 1-2 WHICH CONFIRMS THIS WARFARE PRINCIPLE

. WE HAVE TRIED TO CORRECT THE EVILS OF THIS WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION, LEGISLATION, AND IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT. THESE NATURAL EFFORTS TO CORRECT A SPIRIT HAS NOT WORKED BECAUSE THE INVISIBLE EVILS OF THE WORLD ARE THE RESULTS OF AN UNDERLYING SPIRITUAL CAUSE THAT CANNOT BE CORRECTED BY NATURAL MEANS.

TO WHICH KINGDOM DO YOU BELONG?

- . IN THE NATURAL WORLD A KING IS THE SOVEREIGN RULER OF A KINGDOM
- . ALL TERRITORY AND PEOPLE IN THE KINGDOM BELONG TO HIM
- . HE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER HIS SUBJECTS
- . THE SAME PRINCIPLE IS TRUE IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD OF GOD
- . WE ARE EITHER PART OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD OR THE KINGDOM OF SATAN
- . EITHER GOD OR SATAN HAS THE POWER TO RULE OVER OUR LIVES

TO WHICH KINGDOM DO YOU BELONG?

. JESUS ILLUSTRATES A PARABLE THAT ALL MEN ARE EITHER PART OF THE KINGDOM OF SATAN OR THE KINGDOM OF GOD; JESUS COMPARED THE WORLD TO A FIELD. THE GOOD SEED IN THE FIELD WERE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE BAD SEED, WHICH RESULTED IN THE GROWTH OF TARES, (WEEDS), WERE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE CALLED SATAN.

. SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 13:38 "THE FIELD IS THE WORLD; THE GOOD SEED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM; BUT THE TARES ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE"

. PEOPLE ENTER THE KINGDOM OF SATAN THROUGH NATURAL BIRTH; THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT ALL MEN ARE BORN IN SIN. THIS MEANS THAT ALL HAVE A BASIC SIN NATURE OR THE "SEED" OF SIN WITHIN. HUMANITY NATURAL INCLINATION IS TO DO EVIL.

TO WHICH KINDOM DO YOU BELONG?

SCRIPTURES:

. PSALMS 51:5 "BEHOLD, I WAS SHAPEN IN INQUITY; AND IN SIN DID MY MOTHER CONCEIVE ME"

. ROMANS 5:12; "WHEREFORE, AS BY ONE MAN (ADAM) SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, AND DEATH BY SIN; AND SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED"

. ROMANS 3:23; "FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD"

TO WHICH KINGDOM DO YOU BELONG?

. BECAUSE WE ARE BORN WITH THE BASIC SIN NATURE, WE HAVE ALL AT ONE TIME BEEN A PART OF THE KINGDOM OF SATAN. ALL WHO REMAIN SINNERS REMAIN A PART OF THE KINGDOM OF SATAN.

. THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD, THE HOLY BIBLE, IS THE APPEAL TO MAN TO MOVE FROM THIS EVIL KINGDOM OF SATAN TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. MEN ARE BORN INTO THE KINGDOM OF SATAN THROUGH NATURAL BIRTH.

. THEY MUST BE REBORN INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH SPIRITUAL BIRTH . ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS BY THE NEW BIRTH EXPERIENCE IN CHRIST JESUS; ACTS 2:38

THERE ARE TWO DIVISIONS IN THE INVISIBLE WAR, JESUS SAID: "HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME" LUKE 11:23

TO WHICH KINGDOM DO YOU BELONG?

. SPIRITUAL WARFARE DEMANDS THAT THERE BE A UNEQUIVOCAL STAND UPON THE WORD OF GOD! WE CANNOT BE NEUTRAL IN THIS SPIRITUAL WAR

. WE ARE ON THE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. SOME BELIEVERS, BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE ENEMY TRY TO IGNORE THE WAR AND FORM A TRUCE WITH THE ENEMY.

. THEY THINK THAT IF THEY IGNORE SATAN, HE WILL NOT BOTHER THEM. THIS IS ONE OF SATAN'S MAIN STRATEGIES, HE TRIES TO RENDER MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, GOD'S ARMY IMMOBLE BY HIS TERROR TACTICS.

THE SPIRITUAL "CALL TO ARMS" IS GOING OUT.... ARE YOU ON THE SIDE OF GOOD OR EVIL?

ARE YOU A PART OF SATAN'S KINGDOM OR THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

. TO WHICH KINGDOM DO YOU BELONG? ARE YOU A VICTIM OR VICTOR IN THE INVISIBLE WAR?

INSPECTION: MODULE QUIZ 1-10

THE CALL TO ARMS - THE INVISIBLE WAR

MODULE: 1. INSPECTION

QUIZ QUESTIONS 1-10

Directions: Write in complete sentences with support scriptures that are directly related to each question.

- 1. Write the Key Verse from the Articles of War:
- 2. What are the two divisions made in I Corinthians 15:44-49?
- 3. What are the two invisible kingdoms in the world today?
- 4. List the Spiritual Forces of evil:
- 5. List the Forces of Good:

INSPECTION: MODULE QUIZ 1-10

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QUIZ QUESTIONS 1-10

Directions: Write in complete sentences with support scriptures that are directly related to each question.

- 6. Define the word "king"
- 7. Define the word "kingdom"
- 8. What is meant by the term "Spiritual Warfare"?
- 9. What is the reason behind this great spiritual conflict?
- 10. What is the basic principle for understanding spiritual warfare?

KEY INDEPENDENT STUDY RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

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