



General Topics :: EDIT: Spiritual Warfare

EDIT: Spiritual Warfare - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 2:37

brethren, Greetings in Christ's name by whose blood we are justified.AMEN.

EDIT:

Does anyone know of any sermons here on this topic of Spiritual Warfare or some Godly sources on demonology?

Grace and Peace to you all. AMEN

Re: Demonology - posted by vasilef (), on: 2007/6/1 4:33

War on the Saints, by Jessie Penn-Lewis, with Evan Roberts
<http://www.apostasynow.com/wots/Contents.html>

Re:, on: 2007/6/1 8:16

Just a word of caution... I dont think there is anything wrong with studying the Bible to find out about demons and such, s o long as it is kept in balance.

However, in Charismatic circles I know from personal experience that it is rarely in balance. Sometimes it can become a n obsession. I found out after I left the Charismatic WOF movement that most of what I had been taught about demonolo gy was wrong and unscriptural. Hardly any of it could be found in the Bible.

So please be very careful when approaching this topic. Lets not give the devil more credit than he deserves. If you're a b eliever, and you walking with God and filled with the Spirit... Satan is a toothless lion. Jesus won the victory. Thats all we need to know, right there.

Krispy

Re: Demonology - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/6/1 8:24

Ironman,

Dean Hochstetelr has sermons dealing with this issue here on SI. This may interest you. I heard some of them, not all...s eems to me there are six. Bro. Hochstetler deals with it on the practical level like water witching or dowsing.

I do not think Dean's sermons will be the kind of which Krispy warned about. Dean Hochstetler is not a Charismatic or P entecostal.

Blessings,
 ginnyrose

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 9:00

greetings in His name brethren

thanks for the links, may i also have (if you would be so kind) the same info on spiritual warfare also.

bro Krispy, your admonition to caution is duly noted. i am led of God to look into this topic for the purposes of spritual wa rfare. indeed the enemy is a defeated foe but that makes him all the more dangerous and we would be wise to to be awa re of his wiles lest we be made prey due to ignorance or fear. it seems to me we ought to be mindful to some degree, so me to a greater degree than others according to one's anointing and ministry (deliverance and such)and so that one ca n pray properly concerning them because there are those which apparently can easily be cast out, and others which req uire fasting and prayer, perhaps of different lengths depending on the influence it has. if one is praying for the deliveranc

e of a city say, what is required is different than if one is praying for a personal deliverance. see what i mean? indeed we can't give the enemy more credit than he deserves but we best not shortchange him either, Sceva's sons were casting demons out in His name but ran into one which knew the Name (and said so) but didn't know them and whipped them all. The Name is all-powerful, their approach to this demon was wrong though, it required something else in addition to the Name, this is what i'm getting at.

God bless you

Re:, on: 2007/6/1 9:12

IRONMAN... You and I know each other well enough, my caution wasn't really aimed at you. It was more of a "blanket" caution for those who have an unbalanced interest in the topic. That's all. :-)

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/6/1 12:52

Hia brother IRONMAN,

Ha, you once called me the Iron-maiden of sorts.
I thought that was funny/cute. Thanks.

Hey, I don't see - casting demons out of cities or as you said "deliverance of a city" in the Word. If that were the case, we'd have at least ONE account of it in at least one of the 4 Gospels being done by Jesus Himself or in Acts by the first Church or somewhere in the Epistles.

Also, those Sceva brothers Weren't Saved. Ha !
Think that may have had something to do with them being Whooped.

The main thing in "dealing with devils" is to only give them as much attention as the Bible does. Do a word search and see.

The thing is not to focus on them, but to be so filled with The HOLY Spirit - that His Gifts are operating in you, because that's the only way that Jesus and Paul operated ... dealing with each person or situation individually, with knowledge from The Holy Spirit at that moment, just what exactly type "thing" they were dealing with ... again, individually.

Only The Lord can tell you what's going on with each individual or situations... but that's never by human effort to "discern", but only by child-like dependence on The Father.
I don't think we should focus on the enemy ... but just pray for His Spirit to so fill us with all of the gifts. Yes, all of them - because the Holy Spirit is The Spirit of God and Christ and so what HE had on earth, we have and also - after we make Love and humility the top priority always.

The strongest man on earth is he who has the most Divinely given Agape.

Hope you and your family over seas are well.
I've listened intently to the News over this last year away from here and have prayed quite intensely for your family over seas, and you.

Please be well.
Love in Him.
Annie

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 14:01

bro Krispy

i know your admonition was general, i wanted you to know it was acknowledged.

God bless you bro and Grace and Peace to you all. AMEN.

Re:, on: 2007/6/1 14:09

IRONMAN... everytime I see your name on here all I can hear is Black Sabbath... w/ a distorted "I AM IRONMAAAAANN N...."

...lol

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 14:25

hey sis Annie, greetings in Christ's name!

good to see you back!

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well i'm not sure it would be casting out as much as it would be deposing a ruler of a city. We have evidence that there are angels on both sides exercising influence for God and the enemy and what we do on earth affects that. See the account of Daniel in which he sought God and Gabriel came but was hindered by the prince of Persia. Then Michael, Prince of Israel came to help so nations have angels over them. We also have the account of satan being cast from heaven (from where he exercises influence) to the earth and so it would follow that those under him who exercise such influence are subject to being deposed. The agents of the enemy have usurped authority over men, cities and nations and so on some level we must contend with them as God leads.

well the sons of Sceva were unsaved but that doesn't hinder the name of Jesus from casting the demons out. The disciples were themselves unsaved at first but yet did miracles and cast out demons showing that the Power is not contingent on salvation but the Power is inherent in the Name, then also we have those which said "Lord, Lord" and in His name did mighty works but were denied heaven.

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i agree, in this case i am being led in this direction being filled with the Spirit of GOD. in being filled with the Spirit of God our callings differ and this is a part of mine. Not that it is the end of it but rather my being brought to a place where i must move in this anointing which i have neglected. i have contended with them in the past but got sidetracked. like you said it is a moment by moment thing and so this is a part of it all.

God bless and keep you and may His Grace and PEace and Love be with you always. AMEN.

oh no you didn't! - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 14:28

bro Krispy

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KrispyKrittr wrote:

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Krispy

you know, i know that song...i was online looking for some pics on the marvel hero Iron Man (aka Anthony Stark) and i came across a fansite with every cover of every Iron Man comic...i'll give you 3 guesses what the background music was.. :-P ;-)

lol

Grace and Peace be yours in Christ bro. AMEN.

Re: Off subject News report., on: 2007/6/1 15:58

Hey IRONMAN and Krispy,

I have to break-in here with a News Flash.

I didn't know where else to stick it and because I know that Krispy knows what station I listen to, I figured I stick it where he and you are posting presently.

I just now heard on 106.9 that in Raleigh they just past a new law that no one can fly more than 3 flags on their property .

One gas station has like 7 and some Auto-Sales place has maybe 9 or something and they're refusing to take the Extras down, so they'll be fined \$500.00 A DAY for every flag over 3.

And as I type this, the song "I just don't understand" is on.

One verse of this song is, "I just don't know what to say".

Amen ta dat. :-?

TTYL - I gotta go to the Nursing Home in about an hour. Ha, no - they're not admitting just yet. rotfl
I just visit the folks.

from "Stunned in NC"

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Edit: The host just came back and clarified the ruling ... it's "just" to business owners.

I'm sure it makes a lot more sense now ... huh ?

Air Space ?

**Re:, on: 2007/6/1 16:01**

Can you imagine studying about demons, rather depressing don't you think?

**Re: - posted by Tears\_of\_joy, on: 2007/6/1 16:22**

Hi brother IRONMAN,

You might want to check this message:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid9367&commentViewItemComments>) Protection from the power of Satan by Keith Daniel

Kire

**Re: Spiritual warfare, on: 2007/6/1 16:32**

Hi again Ironman

The best book on spiritual warfare (it may not be exactly what you're looking for, but what you need as starters!) that I've come across is "Born for Battle" by R. Arthur Matthews. He was a missionary in China at the time of the Communist takeover, and he and his family suffered terribly - yet proved the goodness of God in supplying all their needs, physical, emotional and spiritual, and bringing them out safely after 4 long years.

So he learnt about demons and demon-driven men the hard way.

Blessings

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 16:54**

bro Commpliments  
greetings in His name. AMEN.

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Compliments wrote:

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i can and am and no, it's not depressing, not at all. by the way i am also studying spiritual warfare or should i say that spiritual warfare is what i am studying and a part of that is demonology.

Grace and Peace be yours in His name. AMEN.

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 16:55**

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thank you Kire!

Kire

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Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/1 16:57

hey sis Jeannette  
greetings in Christ's Name.

thanks, and i am also looking for info on spiritual warfare too not just demonology!

i am learning something from having to contend with some around me who are also demon-afflicted/possessed.

God bless and Grace and Peace to you. AMEN.

Re: Casting demons out of cities?, on: 2007/6/1 17:18

Jesus cast lots of demons out of individuals but did He deal with the ruling evil Power over Jerusalem, or that which drove the religious leaders, or the evil spirits behind Rome - which together conspired to crucify Him?

One day He will, but not just yet. One day we will see all things under His feet and "The kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ", (Revelation 11:15)

Heb 2:

*For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:*

*“What is man that You are mindful of him,  
Or the son of man that You take care of him?*

*7 You have made him a little lower than the angels;*

*You have crowned him with glory and honor,*

*And set him over the works of Your hands.*

*8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”*

*For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.* But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death; crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

That doesn't mean we can't be used by the Lord in dealing with lesser evils, or with Enemy strongholds that He is giving temporary respite from. For example, I've heard that, in the Beatles era, when they began to go into drugs and Eastern religion etc, their pet Guru (forget his name) was going to visit them in Britain. When he arrived he had to turn around and go straight back, all his power was gone, I think, before he even stepped off the boat!

It seemed Christians were praying against his coming.

Yet, not many years later, he was able to come and the powers he brought with him had a huge, evil and lasting influence on our culture.

Was it because Christians had let their guard down, or did God actually allow it? If He did, why did He?

Kings and Chronicles both have the account of when David decided to number the people. One account says that Satan influenced David to do this wrong thing. The other says that God caused it to happen because He was angry with the people!

Which is true? Both of course!!!

So we need to know the mind of the Lord in each time of warfare. The OT battles give good illustrations of how to fight on the spiritual level. When people didn't obey the Lord or slipped into idolatry, they were defeated. When they obeyed they were victorious. When God said, "You don't need to fight this battle" they prayed instead, or praised because they believed Him, and the victory was given. God even said, occasionally "Don't fight. When they came to the Promised Land the first time, they rebelled and were afraid to go in, so God wouldn't allow them afterwards to go and try to fight, it was too late.

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Some examples off the top of my head, there must be many more.

Each time the ways of victory are different. But always from the basis of HIS Victory on the Cross. We fight FROM that Victory, not in order to gain it.

As it says in James 4:7, "Submit... to God. Resist the devil..."

..."Sigh" I wish I knew more of the *practice* of this, as well as the theory! :-(

Yours in Him

Jeannette

**To answer your question - posted by dohzman (), on: 2007/6/1 18:23**

This has been addressed before but real quick heres some speakers on SI who address directly demons and spiritual warfare: Willie Mullan (I believe starting at pg3), Derek Prince, Chuck Missler (but I didn't have time to check out which pg s he covered that topic) That's a quick list and should keep you plenty busy. If I find more I'll post it for ya.

**Re: To answer your question - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/6/1 23:52**

Art Katz's "Apostolic Foundations" has a good chapter dedicated to Biblical spiritual warfare in regard to principalities and powers. He really hits the nail on the head in regard to a comment on an often looked over verse, Ephesians 3:10 "so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places."

Basically he says we have been ignorant of the fact that our evangelism and outreach isn't merely to be preaching to the lost sinners of this world. But that our preaching, and especially our living, should be so absorbed in the life of Christ that for us to preach and live is to make an ultimate statement to these wicked forces in heavenly places. It's to declare a victory at which they tremble to hear proclaimed.

I can't say I personally know of any good books on the subject. Even though I am a Pentecostal, I'd say most of the books I've come across on the topic are nothing more than hocus pocus and filled with wild and speculative imaginations. As it is, the Scriptures give very little information on spiritual warfare.

The gist of it is that there are wicked forces in heavenly places (see Ephesians & Colossians) known as principalities and powers that influence mankind, with Satan being the chief "prince and power of the air." These principalities and powers seem tied to geographic regions and/or people groups. They seem to attempt to dominate a given society with whatever wicked agenda's they might have. Contrary to some charismaniacs who spend hours rebuking these spirits thinking that by doing such they break up their influence... their influence is only diminished through obedience to the gospel. Which is why they seek to blind people to the truth of the gospel. For such is how Christ made a demonstration to the god of this world, by not being subject those fears, threats, intimidations, lusts, etc.

Then of course, there are demons who demonize individuals, bind them, and make them sick. Deliverance from such can only come through a demonstration of the power of God's kingdom over that of Satan's. Such must simply be cast out of an individual.

Re:, on: 2007/6/2 4:49

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Thanks KJ. I think that was what I was sort-of trying to say in my last post, but you put it much fuller and better, with additions.

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Yes, same here. There was one which I read years ago, called "Pigs in the Parlour", on practical aspects of deliverance, which probably came into this category. Although at the time I wasn't able to discern if it was good or not. There were some books by a lady called Rebecca Brown, an ex-witch - that I would avoid like the plague - really way off spiritually. Obviously she wasn't really clear of the demonic herself, though I have no doubt that she'd made some genuine response to the Lord. Jeanne Harper, (spelling?) is OK, and another who was actually a "queen" witch, (one who had the "privilege" of meeting Satan in person). She's very well known but I forget her name - she wrote "Witchcraft to Christ" and various other books since). They both seem to have come out clean and clear from it, unlike Rebecca Brown. The second one has written on spiritual warfare I'm certain.

Blessings

Jeannette

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/3 23:47

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Quote:

-----Jesus cast lots of demons out of individuals but did He deal with the ruling evil Power over Jerusalem, or that which drove the religious leaders, or the evil spirits behind Rome - which together conspired to crucify Him?  
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This is the thing, Christ's contention with those powers which exercised influence over the various locales and even cities and nations was in the casting out of demons from individuals but it culminated at the cross. It was there that the powers were completely disarmed and undone. It seems to me that this work is a bottom up, or inside out job. We don't necessarily confront the powers directly but in the preaching of Christ (which we are enabled to do by the work on the cross), we reduce their influence by bringing men to salvation. Thereafter God works by His Spirit to form the image of Christ which involves the pulling down of strongholds and vain imaginings which seek to exalt themselves above God. Our Christ



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werful weapon in this. oh that we would be on our knees more!

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ahh the million dollar question which invariably comes up when we think we have God all figured out and in a nice box w  
ith a bow on it! Oh dear brethren if we know God as we ought, we should know that He is SOvereign, All Sovereign shou  
ld i say. He can do as He pleases without explanation, reason (which we can elucidate), or warning (seemingly, He alwa  
ys sends prophets, we just reject them or forget their messages) This throws the wrench in the plan so to speak and forc  
es us to abandon our understanding of Him and cry uncle! i love God for this for i am left with no recourse but to press e  
ver deeper into Him, at this stage i have no choice, He's drawn me too far out into the deep waters. i can't see the shore  
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and this is the confounding of the powers, Christ napping in the midst of something which had the disciples beside them  
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come on sis Jeannette tell it! that victory on the cross is our home base, it is the very thing which has made occasion for  
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abylon's throne(s)are cast down. All of a sudden that line means something to me...

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Well it seems God is working to minister to us all about this issue from the word and this discussion has given Him occasion to so do, praise His name!

Grace and Peace to you all Brethren in His name. AMEN.

**Re: To answer your question - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/3 23:48**

bro Daryl greetings in Christ's name. AMEN

Thank you for what you posted, i pray God open doors to reveal to us all what we need to know concerning Spiritual Warfare.

God bless and keep you. AMEN.

**Re: no quarter - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/6/4 13:01**

Hi everyone.

Ironman, how are you?

I had a dream recently that I would like to share some of, in relation to the topic here.

First a bit of background.

Last week there were at least a couple of times on the bus(I ride public transportation) that I was greatly troubled/grieved by all of the foul and rotten language being used. I like to read the Bible while I ride the bus and it can become very difficult to concentrate with all of the filth and rottenness being spoken. Sometimes I just give up reading and pray and call upon God.

Well last week there were a couple of times at least that I got so tired of hearing the language that was being used that I began to earnestly ask God to stop their mouths and saying of these things.

Sometime later in the week I had a dream. In the dream I got into a confrontation with a young man that I ended up throwing off the train we were on. He was being very antagonistic(I don't mean to say here that I was right for doing that, I'm only relating the events in the dream!). Next I remember someone saying to me not to worry about it, that it would go to judgement and(this is a bit foggy) but I think they said I would be vindicated.

Next I remember going into this room and looking outside, I noticed that there were giants outside along with other people(mostly women I think). Then I remember my earthly father coming to the window, looking out and saying(we had been afraid because of the giants) he said 'oh is that all?' and he let them in!

The next thing I recall is going after one of the giants that had come in and trying to attack him physically. I remember being afraid while looking at how big he was and thinking how badly it would hurt if he hit me.

After this, I recall seeing a notepad in the hand of one of the giants. I remember next that I grabbed the notepad out of his hand and began to tear it up and to tear up the pages.

After this I woke-up, or at least was somewhat conscious. And I was trying to figure out the significance of the dream and then of the notepads. Why did I grab the notepad and start to tear it up? I remember praying and asking God for understanding about this.

Now here is what I understood. I cannot and do not say that this is what God said, but I do recall having these words come to mind about the notepad and the pages:

They are either empty or they are full.

They are either open or they are closed.

And as I meditated upon these things, here is what I understood these words to mean:

That the notepad represented the things which the evil spirits attempt to introduce into our hearts and minds, those things which they try to write upon them. And that our hearts and minds are either open or closed to them and they are either empty or they are full; empty or full of the Holy Spirit. That is what I understood about that: that we need to be full of the Holy Spirit so that they have no place to write.

What do you all think?

I have thought about how the Lord Jesus said:

**...the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.**

But I think also of how He told the people

**I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.**

Well, may only God's will be done and if there is anything false in this may God utterly take it away and may He only seal to our hearts and minds what is true and what He would have us to know.

May God be gracious to us for His great name,

Love to you all,

Chris

**Re: what a joy - posted by dohzman (), on: 2007/6/4 17:40**

I sometimes think how much a joy it is to read that which my brothers and sisters have and do experience, it's all the more rich once we have meet in person face to face. Train tracks are things fixed, sometimes our course is already fixed, the directions we will take the things that will happen, the judgements that will come to pass, etc...I find it amusing that you threw off that train that vexing spirit and how your Father knew that you were able to conquer the giants that stood without. It comes to my mind from 1Jo 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

1Jo 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

I note with special interest the term young men.

The note pad is interestingly those areas of our lives that the enemy takes before God to accuse us and on those grounds vex us and attempt to mold our character or conform us to those areas of accusation, so in that your interpretation is correct.

Having said all that I feel as if I'm just one ole' rambling dude speaking what may or may not be nothing more than fanciful thoughts coming upon the heels of an experience you had in a dream, I'm no Daniel. But it was enjoyable to write none the less, God Bless see you in Oct. for the Conference. Brother Daryl

**Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/6/5 15:56**

Brother Daryl, I always appreciate to hear what you have to share and take it as from an elder.

Thanks brother, and I look forward to seeing you in October, Lord willing.

Chris

**Re: - posted by jlosinski, on: 2007/6/6 16:57**

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Joe

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/7 12:33**

BRO Chris

Greetings in Christ's name by whose Blood we are cleansed of sin. AMEN.

Forgive my tardy response, i didn't have an opportunity to write back as soon as i would have liked to.

Quote:  
-----Last week there were at least a couple of times on the bus(I ride public transportation) that I was greatly troubled/grieved by all of the foul and rotten language being used. I like to read the Bible while I ride the bus and it can become very difficult to concentrate with all of the filth and rottenness being spoken. Sometimes I just give up reading and pray and call upon God.  
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it seems to me the enemy likes to distract us by sending in people who swear.that's part of the weapons of his warfare i imagine. such language like you said does grieve pretty bad and i can relate. The people i play basketball with curse quite a bit and so our Lord has had me speak to some of them about it all and by His grace, His people catch themselves.

Quote:  
-----Sometime later in the week I had a dream. In the dream I got into a confrontation with a young man that I ended up throwing off the train we were on. He was being very antagonistic(I don't mean to say here that I was right for doing that, I'm only relating the events in the dream!). Next I remember someone saying to me not to worry about it, that it would go to judgement and(this is a bit foggy) but I think they said I would be vindicated.  
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i never imagined you to be the type to throw anyone off a train, there is a gentleness which comes through in your posts. it is interesting how events turned out in your dream.

Quote:  
-----That the notepad represented the things which the evil spirits attempt to introduce into our hearts and minds, those things which they try to write upon them. And that our hearts and minds are either open or closed to them and they are either empty or they are full; empty or full of the Holy Spirit. That is what I understood about that: that we need to be full of the Holy Spirit so that they have no place to write.  
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This here is quite interesting, especially when we think of our minds and how each thought ought to be held captive and conformed to Christ. The enemy likes to throw all sorts of wicked and vile and lascivious thoughts at us and we ought to take each one and conform it to Christ. often i have not done so and entertained such thoughts and it always leads to some sin or another. the other day i dreamt of something along those lines. There was an orgy going on before me and i was paralyzed as to what to do but i was woken up quickly and when i did with the images fresh i knew i had to reject and rebuke each one and cast that mess out. This is what you get when you mess with pornography, the enemy always throws it at you and except you reject it, you'll fall right back in. Indeed we must empty our minds and hearts of what is of the devil and be filled with HOLY SPIRIT as you said. IT seems there is no middle ground here and we are to end up being Perfect as our Father in Heaven is Perfect. Christ came to free us from all these bonds while we are yet on earth in the very midst of the fray, the place where sin abounds. it seems to me to be full of HOLY Spirit is the ticket to sinless perfection. While on this side temptation abounds and the propensity to sin is there but we have Grace in every situation to avoid sin.

Perhaps our goal is to be sinless even while we are here, even if we don't attain it, i think it is a worthy goal to press toward. If we believe it is possible then we ought to strive for it, if we don't believe it can be achieved, we're more likely to just halfway strive and barely make it into heaven. Something to consider perhaps?

Grace and Peace be yours in His name. AMEN.

**Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/6/7 12:35**

Quote:  
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greetings in Christ's name and thanks bro Joe

God bless and Grace and PEace be yours in Him.