

Scriptures and Doctrine :: what r peoples views on spiritual warfare

what r peoples views on spiritual warfare - posted by formidable (), on: 2004/7/17 10:49

i actually put this in the lounge forum but thought it might be better situated in here

i was interested in peoples views on spiritual warfare?

also the spiritual realm.

what do people know? i find that a lot of christians r ignorant of the spiritual realm or scared of it, we r spiritual people

Re: what r peoples views on spiritual warfare - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2004/7/17 13:01

It's tricky, sorting out the hype from the real stuff.

A recent (yesterday) experience shows my view: we were preaching down in Atlanta on a street corner and a couple came to talk with us, the husband wasn't saved but was very interested in and open to Christianity, and the wife was very passionate about serving the Lord (she was witnessing rather fervently to some of the passersby). Anyway, after talking to her for a few seconds she took my hand and started speaking in tongues, and told me (in English) that there was a hex (or hexes, I forget exactly) on me and was breaking it "in the mighty name of Jesus," and that there were generational curses on me and was breaking it the same way.

Now, I believe in tongues and all that, have noticed the generational weaknesses myself (wouldn't call them curses, but I see why one might see it that way), and it wouldn't terribly surprise me if someone or something had put a hex on me (whatever those are, not much Biblical definition to go on that I know of)... but I don't believe Christians are ever bound by any kind of "curse,"

James 4

7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

It doesn't require anything complicated, just resist (with the name of Jesus), and even the devil himself must flee. When I'm tempted (even if it might just be the flesh) I almost always resist the devil in this way, and often it does put an end to the tempting thought or mental image or whatever.

My point is, sure, there were definitely generational issues afoot, and I wouldn't be shocked if someone had put hexes on me (whatever those are), but as a Christian I'm not under such powers, the One who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world. I appreciated the thought of what that woman did, but it seems to me quite unnecessary.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/7/17 14:56

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. (Isa 54:17 KJV)

Re: The generational curse thing. - posted by All2and4Him (), on: 2004/7/17 17:13

The whole generational curses, that is interesting. From what I have heard of it, the curses can come from God, to those who are not saved. The curse as they did in the old days, continues on for generations. I don't understand much about it, but churches that I respect ran into situations like that. I think also according to the generational curse doctrine, there is demonic curses as well involved. From what I have heard of those it is a sin habit that is passed through the generations. I have to do much study on this, and I don't have an opinion quite yet on it. I am not quick to write it off just because I don't understand how it lines up with scripture. Preconceived notions sometimes get in the way of proper interpretation of scripture. I have so much to unravel right now, I am just sort of swamped with thinking about that.

The confusion can possibly occur since not everyone that says they are a christian is saved, they get saved and the curses

es are lifted as the Spirit enters them guiding them then in truth and righteousness. Many people dont know that someone has just gotten saved at that point though. They just think that person has just gone to a new level in their "walk".

All to and for Him

John

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/7/17 18:42

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Generational Curses would never have found a teaching in the church had people only read this chapter from Ezekiel 18 :

Quote:
-----Eze 18:1 The Word of Jehovah came to me again, saying,

Eze 18:2 What is it to you that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the teeth of the sons are dull?

Eze 18:3 As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, to you there is no longer any occasion to use this proverb in Israel.

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are Mine. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son, they are Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

Eze 18:5 But a man that is just and does what is just and right,

Eze 18:6 and has not eaten on the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has come near a menstruating woman,

Eze 18:7 and has not ill-treated any man, but has given the debtor's pledge back to him, has robbed none by violence, has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment;

Eze 18:8 he has not given out on usury, nor has taken any increase, he has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has done judgment between man and man,

Eze 18:9 has walked in My statutes, and has kept My judgments to deal truly, he is righteous, he shall surely live, says the Lord Jehovah.

Eze 18:10 And if he fathers a son who is violent, who sheds blood, and who does to a brother any of these;

Eze 18:11 even if he does do not any of these himself, but his son has, but has even eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife;

Eze 18:12 has ill-treated the poor and needy; thieving, he stole; has not given back the pledge; and has lifted up his eyes to the idols; has committed abomination;

Eze 18:13 has loaned on usury; and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live! He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him.

Eze 18:14 And, lo, if he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and does not do like him;

Eze 18:15 who has not eaten on the mountains; nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel; has not defiled his neighbor's wife;

Eze 18:16 nor has ill-treated any man; has not withheld the pledge; nor has robbed by violence; but has given his bread to the hungry; and has covered the naked with clothes;

Eze 18:17 has withdrawn his hand from the poor; has not received usury nor increase; has done My judgments; has walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father; he shall surely live.

Eze 18:18 His father, because he extorted, robbed his brother by robbery, and did what is not good among his people; lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

Eze 18:19 Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done justice and right, has kept all My statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live.

Eze 18:20 The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.

Eze 18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do justice and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

Eze 18:22 All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be mentioned to him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

Eze 18:23 Do I actually delight in the death of the wicked? says the Lord Jehovah. Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live?

Eze 18:24 But when the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked do, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.

Eze 18:25 Yet you say, The way of Jehovah is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not My way fair? Are your ways not unfair?

Eze 18:26 When a righteous one turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in them; for his iniquity that he has done, he shall die.

Eze 18:27 Again, when the wicked turns away from his wickedness that he has committed and does that which is lawful and righteous, he shall save his soul alive.

Eze 18:28 Because he looks carefully, and turns away from all his sins that he has committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

Eze 18:29 Yet says the house of Israel: The way of Jehovah is not fair. O house of Israel, are not My ways fair? Are not your ways unfair?

Eze 18:30 So I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one of you according to his ways, says the Lord Jehovah. Turn and be made to turn from all your sins; and iniquity shall not be your stumbling-block.

Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your sins by which you have sinned; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Eze 18:32 For I have no delight in the death of him who dies, says the Lord Jehovah. Therefore turn and live.

It's obvious from this passage that we are not held responsible for the sins of our great great great grandfather who was a thief. Neither does it mean that we are destined to be a thief ourselves.

Finally Luke 11:21-22 says:

Quote:
-----When the strong man, fully armed, guards his dwelling, his goods are in peace. But when one stronger than he comes, he overcomes him. He takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and he distributes his arms.

This is talking about God binding the strongman, in this case, Satan and throwing him out. God is obviously stronger than Satan. But now let's reverse that--When the strong man(God), fully armed guards his dwelling, his goods are in peace. Can Satan fulfill the second part? In other words can a devil come in and bind the Holy Spirit who has taken up residence in a person? No. Generational curses don't line up with scripture.

In Christ,
Jeremy Hulsey

Re: - posted by rocklife (), on: 2004/7/17 22:02

Keithlamothe, you're right that curses don't really have much on the righteous (righteous only by the blood of Jesus and I loves Him wholeheartedly)

Proverbs 26:2 "Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest."

Hulsey, thanks for the Scriptures, Ezekial is a great book to repeat and go over often (and Isaiah too).

Re: - posted by formidable (), on: 2004/7/18 1:20

im not just talking on generational curses though i dont know really how they fit in a friend of mine was dedicated to satan by a family member 3 generations back so in some way there is a problem or a place for it gen curses?

i also mean we have been given authority by jesus christ to enforce all he has done that doesnt mean we just sit back & say the job is done. it is from christs triumph through the cross but we need to enforce that in our lives aswel in the spirit realm?

why do we need to put on armour?

does any1 have a view on that if all we need to do is resist why put on armour?

im all for balance in all things finding that between there is a demon behind every bush to they dont exist there is a balance.

the other thing is the Holy spirit lives in our spirit but our mind needs to be renewed by the word a demonic spirit exerts pressure on ur mind will emotions ur soul in other words it cant reside i agree but it can latch on to these areas?

i find not that we should go witch hunting , but that the occult realm satanist witches all them have a far greater understanding of the spirit & the spiritual realm?

has any1 had encounters with these types of people?

i think there is stuff we just dont know then there is stuff the spirit of God will show u,

also does any1 have a thought on the prince battle in daniel ?

Re: - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2004/7/18 1:38

Thank you, Brother Jeremy, that was a very helpful chapter for this topic and also for the topic of congenital guilt. I had been wavering back towards the idea of congenital guilt from some passages I had encountered in the O.T. (including the proverb referred to in Ezekiel 18) but hadn't yet gotten to Ezekiel 18. I am no longer doing wavering thus.

Re: - posted by All2and4Him (), on: 2004/7/18 2:34

I am just going to put examining the idea of generational curses on hold for now, and maybe pick it up in about 5 years. I do think that many people get carried away with things like this though. I hate to see that happen.

John

Re: what r peoples views on spiritual warfare - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/7/18 9:26

To my knowledge, I find it extremely interesting that some of the greatest saints of prayer knew nothing of what is often taught today concerning spiritual warfare. If you read folks like E.M. Bounds, George Muller, Leonard Ravenhill, Samuel Chadwick, none of them in any of their books that talk on prayer never ever mention things such as generational curses, and praying things like "I bind the spirit of lust over the city of...." Yet these men were used mightily of God, and much more mightily than I have ever heard of men who pray such things or teach such things. Why? Because those things that are often taught as spiritual warfare have no foundation in the Scriptures whatsoever. That is why these men never taught it.

Those who teach such things today are hard pressed to prove what they teach with Scripture. Instead, they are just teaching their own personal "experiences." They are ultimately pragmatists, and not following the Scriptures. They are introducing doctrines to grab people because of a natural curiosity about something that many Christians have a weak knowledge of.

Men who truly know the power of prayer will know that these things, along with things such as "generational curses" are doctrines birthed in hell.

Re: what r peoples views on spiritual warfare - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/7/18 9:28

Here is a brief article I wrote on spiritual warfare a couple years ago:

In our life, we will encounter many spiritual walls. These walls range from a wide variety of things, be it addictions, sins, or trying situations. They represent something that is in our way, and hinders us from moving forward in our walk. But, how can we truly tear down these walls?

It is not uncommon for you to hear folks in church or "deliverance ministries" have cute little pet phrases in their prayers to say something along the lines of "I tear down this wall in the name of Jesus. I come against the spirit of poverty and rebuke it, and set John Doe free from this awful bondage which is entangling them, in the name of Jesus, be free!" The problem with this is, while it might sound all good, it doesn't accomplish anything. There is nothing biblical to it at all. These individuals are not tearing down walls, nor are they coming against the spirit of poverty, nor are they setting John Doe free from bondage.

How do we tear down walls? How do we rebuke the "spirit of poverty"? How do we set John Doe free from bondage? We do not do so in fancy, worthless, repetitious, magical phrases. Saying "I tear down this wall..." does not tear down any wall. Let's take a look at a word which was given to the prophet Jeremiah:

Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."

Jeremiah 1:9-10

In all the ministry of Jeremiah, how did he go about plucking, breaking down, destroying, overthrowing, building, and planting? He did not do so by the previously mentioned methods, rather, throughout the ministry of Jeremiah he tore down walls by confronting them. By exposing them. By speaking the truth of the matter, he attacked the walls of idolatry, pride, and forsaking the widows, orphans, and poor. He didn't just acknowledge their existence and pray for them to go away, instead he gave an assault against the walls, and called people to repentance. He spoke the oracles of God, and coming judgments should people not turn their ways.

Again, learn from another biblical example. Learn from an example Christ gave us. When the disciples were out on a boat, and there was an awful storm that made the disciples very nervous and fearful of their lives. Christ did not stand up and say "I rebuke this wind that is causing distress", rather, Christ did as Mark 4:39 says, "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, 'Peace, be still'. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." How did Christ rebuke the situation? He never once says "I rebuke you...", rather, He says "Peace, be still."

Again, learn from Christ. How did Christ set the captives free? How did he break the chains that entangled us and kept us from God? He did not do so by simply praying about it. Rather, He took up His cross and died, and through the power of God was resurrected. By this act He has given us the ability to come to God. By this act He has set us free from those chains that bind. By this act, He set the captives free. He did not simply say "I rebuke you satan", rather, He rebuked satan by example!

One thing that is sad in today's church is how little we understand rebuking. Never once in the scriptures is the phrase, "I rebuke...", instead, we see proper rebuking. To properly rebuke something, you show and teach the correct way. You confront the issue and address it. You can say "I rebuke" all day, and will never get anything accomplished. To properly rebuke, you must show correction. How sad it is that we don't understand rebuking, yet the pharisees did! (Luke 19:39)

To rebuke the spirit of poverty, you don't sit there and claim that John Doe is a child of God, and not to touch his life. Rather, to rebuke the spirit of poverty, you give to the person in need! To come against a spirit of fear, you act in boldness! To tear down a wall of sin, stop sinning!

In this message, today by the Spirit of God I have come against the spirit of poverty. Today I have come against the spirit of fear. Today, I have come against the seducing spirit. Today, I have broken chains and set people free. Today I have

come against, and defeated more of hell's angels, and torn down more walls, than christianity has for the past 2000 years with their statements of "I bind...I rebuke...I come against...I tear down..."!

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/7/18 12:49

Quote:

i find not that we should go witch hunting , but that the occult realm satanist witches all them have a far greater understanding of the spirit & the spiritual realm?

Their understanding is an absolute perversion. The devil is a liar, and it is impossible for them to actually have understanding regarding the spiritual realm. If they truly understood it, they would first and foremost see Christ as high and lifted up, above all principalities and powers, and wicked forces in high places.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/7/18 12:50

Regarding generational curses: he whom the Son has set free is free indeed.

No room for generational curses.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/7/18 17:21

Quote:
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Hi Jeremy

I think we are very close in our understanding on this one. What do you think about this? This will be very tightly reasoned and I do encourage you and others to 'test it to death'. I have nothing to lose but my errors, if errors there are.

The 'generational curse' idea is heavily dependent upon Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. (Exo 20:4-6 KJV) I note some important aspects of this but namely that this is one of the commandments specifically given to the people of the Sinai Covenant. It includes the phrase 'Jehovah, thy God'. God entered into a 'marriage covenant' with Israel at Sinai as recorded earlier than your verses; Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine. (Eze 16:8 KJV) From that time Israel's idolatry was condemned as 'adultery'; I don't think it is ever called that among the Gentile nations. The threats of Exodus 20 above, were specifically against the people of the covenant, who had sinned against 'Jehovah, their God'. This four generation curse is never applied to any Gentile nations, as far as I am aware. There are nations who were banned from 'joining' Israel, but I don't recall this kind of language being used against them.

I am suggesting that Israel comes under special conditions. I think Amos has a relevant comment too; Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Amo 3:1-3 KJV) This passage indicates that the people of the Sinai Covenant (whom God brought up from the land of Egypt) have not only special privileges but special responsibilities too; I will punish you for all your sins. This matches the severity of the generational curses threatened against Israel in Ex 20. But, this covenant ended with the coming of the Seed according to Galatians. The promises and the threats are no longer valid currency; their time is over.

I think this is the significance of your Ezekiel references; they have their echo in Jeremiah. The significance is that these

prophets are the heralds of the New Covenant.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Eze 36:25-28 KJV)

Note the specific reference to idolatry which was the specific sin in view in Exodus 20.

In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: (Jer 31:29-32 KJV)

Note the reference here to Jehovah the husband whose 'wife' has broken the covenant; ie become adulterous. It is Jeremiah who identifies the incurable condition of the covenant people; The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills. (Jer 17:1-2 KJV) Jer 17 contains the famous verse 9 the heart is deceitful about all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? That was their incurable condition, literally, the heart is 'Jacob' (crooked) and 'incurable'. Israel had been Israel in name only, in reality she had remained 'Jacob'. Jeremiah's answer to this is a New Covenant; the Old One is beyond repair.

But the New Covenant, is not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers... That was the covenant that had the generational curses. The New Covenant replaces the Old; they cannot co-exist. Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. (Heb 10:9 KJV). The covenant which contained Israel's generational curses is no longer operative. Jeremiah and Ezekiel anticipated this in their revelations.

What about the Gentiles? Did generational curses operate upon them? I can see no evidence for it biblically, but even if they did surely the New Covenant would bring theirs to an end also.

What follows in the next couple of sentences is observation rather than revelation... I think I have seen evidence of generational curses or sins and their consequences but I have also seen people instantly cut off from them when they came into the reality of the New Covenant. We now come into the pastoral area. I think there are times when the powers of evil in lives have to be confronted so that men and women can be delivered. In other words, deliverance might have to precede access to the New Covenant. For me this would still fit into my biblical hypothesis; but I can see no way in which those who have been properly initiated into the New Covenant could then need 'deliverance' from generational curses.

Re: praying against spiritual powers - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/7/19 5:47

so far we have concentrated on the specific issue of generational curses, but the other aspect of spiritual warfare is that of 'praying against spiritual powers'.

There are two main passages used in support of this idea. The first being Daniel 10:10ff. In fact, this is the sole basis for ruling spirits being identified with specific geographical territories. This itself should cause us to exercise some caution in arriving at our theology. The other important point is that Daniel took no part at all in the 'spiritual warfare' and was completely ignorant of its existence until the battle was over. So much for human participation in this key passage.

The angel that withstood Daniel's messenger angel is called the 'prince of the kingdom of Persia'. In both testaments the word 'kingdom' pertains to rule rather than to territory. This angel, whoever he was, was not a territorial spirit he was an 'imperial spirit'. This has important implications in a New Testament context too; the New Testament has no interest at all in 'territories' but rather in 'nations' (ethnos). These are not nation-states, nor territories, but rather people groups.

The second most used passage is Eph 6:10ff. Some have described this as our call to such warfare. But this is not a call to battle but an explanation of the nature of the battle. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12 ASV) This is Paul alerting the church to the fact of a continuing conflict. This is why we need to equip ourselves with God's armour for the task. The battle is in progress and we are in it whether we choose to be in it or not. However, we will fail in it, if we are not adequately protected and equipped. The whole armour of God is available so that we can stand.

The image is of the Roman sentinel who is standing guard. He is required to be properly equipped and to be vigilant. but notice the prepositions used here. 'the wrestling is against the enemy', 'the standing is against the enemy', but the praying of verse 18 is for the saints Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Eph 6:18 KJV)

Prayer is never 'against the enemy'. Prayer is the soul drawing near to God; it is always God-orientated and its object is, in this instance, 'for the saints'. This is a much healthier focus for our prayer life.

I must add a further comment in the cause of balance. I am writing here of the biblical revelation. I also believe in the discerning of spirits. There may well be occasions when we are given revelation of particular spirit activity. In such a case our recourse is to take authority in the realm where God has given revelation and to set the captive free. In passing we might note that the early Church, in its evangelism, never prayed for people to be healed; they just healed them. And they never prayed for people to be delivered; they just delivered them.

However, in the plain biblical revelation which must be our base for these things, the notion of spiritual warfare, as popularly understood, has no basis in scripture.

Re: - posted by formidable (), on: 2004/7/22 11:15

Following the resurrection of Jesus and His return to heaven, these demonic principalities and powers have continued their warfare against those who are His followers (Rom. 8:38-39; Eph. 6:12). Yet Satan and his allies will finally be overthrown by God. After Christ returns, the devil and his angels will be defeated and thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10). This is a doom with which demons are quite familiar (Matt. 8:29). God will achieve the ultimate victory in this conflict, which has been going on since the beginning of time.

1. The territory, jurisdiction, sovereignty, rank, or estate of a prince.
2. princedoms Christianity. See principality.

Principality \Prin`ci*pal"i*ty\, n.; pl. Principalities. minence, excellence: cf. F. principalit, principaut. See Principal. 1. Sovereignty; supreme power; hence, superiority; predominance; high, or the highest, station. --Sir P. Sidney.

1. A territory ruled by a prince or princess or from which such a title is derived. 2. The position, authority, or jurisdiction of a prince or princess; sovereignty. 3. principalities Christianity. The seventh of the nine orders of angels in medieval angelology. Also called princedoms.

It says we war not against flesh & blood ,BUT against, the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places ive been looking at but in the bible its like a therefore where ever u see 1 so take a notice of what it says next.

the dictionary says about but, in consideration; but, however, yet, still, notwithstanding; nevertheless, nathless, none the less; although, though; albeit, howbeit; at all events, at any rate; be that as it may, for all that, even so, on the other, hand, at the same time, however that may be; after all is said and done.

This is our fight throught the delegated authority of jesus Christ it doesn't say he fights it says our fight.

Yes we fight with the word of God, prayer, fasting, worship. I agree we can use the gift of discernment to pray against the enemy wherever God wants us to.

Our armour is not just defensive but offensive aswel,

Did jesus wait for the devil no he was lead by the spirit into a encounter where he overcame him with the word.

I don't know how this lines up with peoples views but for 6 years now when I pray I see into the spirtual realm, am I saying im like Elijah no not at all,though it says his servant was scared so he asked God to open his eyes to the spiritual realm where he saw some of the host of heaven.

I would say elijah had had more encounters like that as it seems to be of a natural reaction he wasn't put off by the army he knew the God that answered by fire looked after him. Jeus also walked & saw in the spirit

Jesus replied, "I assure you, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing also when he talks of Nathaniel?

He was on earth so he had to have been seeing in the spirit what was going on?

What about the book of acts angels were a natural occurance?

Why do we need angels if Christ has done all?

This is what im saying there are things we just don't know or things that aren't in the bible that could well be right.

Quote:

-----Their understanding is an absolute perversion. The devil is a liar, and it is impossible for them to actually have understanding regar

ding the spiritual realm. If they truly understood it, they would first and foremost see Christ as high and lifted up, above all principalities and powers, and wicked forces in high places.

we all know the devil is defeated but does that stop him from still fighting?
can i ask have you ever encountered or know what these people get up to?
they have no problem going on 40 day fasts to see & receive demonic powers of to stop the work of christ,
just as a full on christian some1 totally sold out for him gives all so do generational satanists & others who know what the deal is but dont care they love darkness they know christ is LORD but wont serve him, as far as it being ignorant dont forget the devil was in heaven he knows some of the ways of God he isnt ignorant nor should we be of our enemys.
i ask have you or do u know much about this kingjimmy?
as the saying goes "a man with an argument will never beat a person with an experience"
1 reason posted this ways to find others opinions on this subject which is lengthy as i do have lots of stuff happen & has happened & are trying to find the balance in it.
up until 6 months ago i didnt believe in the whole spiritual warfare in that we battle with the authority of jesus christ but i believe God smashed my ideas & has replaced them.

the other thing is i agree we do find that great men & women of God of old just prayed i dont know how or what they knew or did with or concerning this subject i dont know.

i believe that as this world gets darker we need to know the authority & the power of the spirit.
another question does any1 have a opinion on spiritual senses such as sight, smell eg

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/7/22 11:40

Quote:

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Indeed there are, but we can't build doctrines on speculations. We must build doctrines on scriptural revelation.

All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work. (2Ti 3:16-17 MKJV)

Re: - posted by Mattie, on: 2004/7/23 21:54

I work at a Christian bookstore in NYC and get the chance to see much of the latest titles that come into the store. There is so much "new revelation" on Satan and spiritual warfare in the church. Beloved, we have defeated in by the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and not loving our lives to the point of death. It is walking in our rightful position in Jesus & keeping a firm grasp on the New Covenant we have with Him that keeps us on guard from the enemy. 10 step nothing. 1 step = ABIDE IN CHRIST!

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2004/8/10 10:59

well you are right in that you are not under such powers but you are not immune from attack. The bible says no weapon formed against you shall prosper. this means that there will be things designed to destroy you and they will be used against you and work to some extent but they will not be victorious over you. for us to think that we are above being attacked by such powers is to be careless. If even the angels were fooled by the devil, what more of us?

To resist the devil would mean knowing of what he is trying to do. If you have no idea of what he is trying to mess up in your life, how can you defend yourself against it? We are bound or subject to curses as long as we allow ourselves to be once we are aware of them. At some point we have to draw the line in the sand.

Going back to your generational weaknesses, have you done anything about them?(if I may ask) do they affect you in any way? The fact is that there are some things that we do little about because we don't perceive them as needing spiritual intervention and as a result we try different things and nothing works. Then also there may be spirits at work in your life and my life that we are not aware of (we see them as things we just do or have always done) and God may use someone to whom He reveals this to deal with it. to you what that lady did may have been unnecessary but in God there are no coincidences and nothing is without purpose whether that purpose is apparent or not is another story. In God's eyes, what that lady did for you was necessary, it may have been the breaking of some age-old curse you knew nothing of or it may have been to get you to dig more deeply into this whole subject.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2004/8/10 11:04

You said He meaning that one particular person right? What if his son has not sought that same freedom? is He automatically exempt because his father has been freed?

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/8/18 6:16

Quote:

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I am studying Colossians at present and thinking about the problems that assailed the saints there. Col 2:4 is interesting

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And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (Col 2:4 KJV)

The language used here is intriguing; its words come from a background of accountancy and debate. The word 'beguile' has the sense of being misled by false accounting and 'enticing words' was used to describe arguments drawn from probability rather than direct evidence. A very loose paraphrase might be..."...lest anyone mislead you into false conclusions based on probability reasoning rather than clear evidence" It seems that the danger lay, not in direct opposition to revealed truth, but from plausible probabilities. The dangers at Colosse were not subtraction but addition.

When I was teaching students I used to say the first two commandments of a Bible teacher are

1. Thou shalt not speculate
2. Thou shalt not extrapolate

ON the strength of Col 2:4 I think Paul would have agreed.