

Presenting
SFMI Great Commission Series

Spiritual Warfare

Seminar #3

The Characters Involved

God, whose purposes are being opposed:

That purpose being to perfect the body
in which He would reveal Himself.

Angels: made to serve, recruited as rebels.

Mankind, the subject of the warfare.

Biblical Evidence of Spiritual Warfare

Historic Evidence: **Satanic Deception** Gen. 3:1-6

1 Now the serpent was more **subtle** than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.

This is the first, and probably the most significant characteristic of our enemy. We won't want to forget this.

And he said unto the woman, "Yea, hath God said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Something else we don't want to forget,
His first action was to question God's word.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, “Ye shall not surely die.

Next, he contradicted God’s word;

His purpose being to create unbelief, which is the basis of sin.

Then he denigrated God’s character, making him unworthy of trust.

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

The lust of the flesh; lust of the eye; and the pride of life.

What was Satan's objective?

To frustrate God's plan by producing independence.

An important point. Adam's sin was independence.

Rom.12:1,2 Rom. 8:14; Phil. 2:13; 2 Cor. 6:16

By Adam's act of disobedience, man declared his independence from God and died. (spiritually)

**Because Adam had no power to rectify his sin,
God promised a Savior.** **Gen. 3:15**

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

The battle is joined.

That promised “seed of the woman” is the object of Satan’s hatred, including all who will ever identify with him.

Attempt to Destroy God’s Redemptive Plan

Destruction of righteous one by wicked one. **Gen. 4: 1-8**

And Adam knew his wife, and she conceived and bare Cain, and said, “I have gotten a man from the LORD.”

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, “Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Cain:

Religious

Rejected

Angry

Unrepentant,

Enraged to the point of
murder.

Abel:

Righteous,

Shepherd,

Acceptable sacrifice

This story demonstrates the conflict between religion, which is of the world, and righteousness, which is of God. This thread is woven throughout the course of recorded human history.

God chose a man through whose seed He would fulfill his promise of Genesis 3:15 Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, “Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee:

2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed

Then God promised Abram a son

Genesis 15:3-6

3 And Abram said, “Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and lo, one born in my house is mine heir.” 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, “This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.”

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, “Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them:” and he said unto him, “So shall thy seed be.”

6 And he believed in the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Roots are laid for more conflict

Genesis 16:4

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian... and gave her unto her husband Abram to be his wife. 4 And... she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

Ishmael

Genesis 16:12

Wild man

Against every man

Every man against him

He shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren

Cast him out, he shall not be heir.

Genesis 21:10

Isaac

Genesis 17:19-21

Covenant established with Isaac. In Isaac shall thy seed be called. Genesis 21: 12

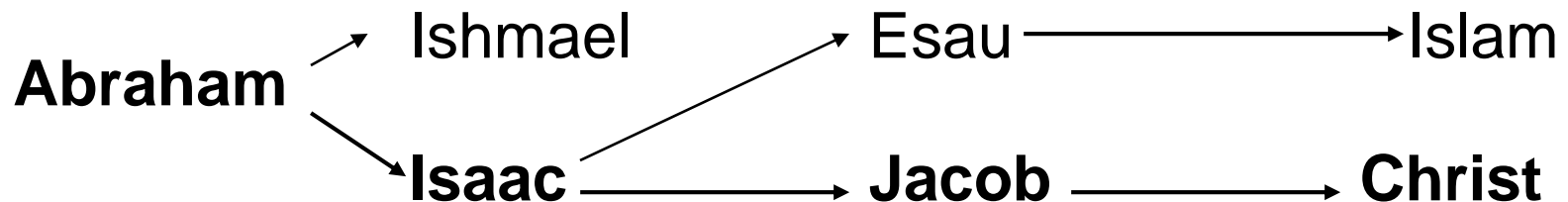
Isaac begat Jacob, whose name God changed to **Israel**. His twelve sons became the fathers of the twelve tribes.

Yah is the **God of Israel**.

Today's Arab Muslims claim to be descendent from Abraham, and on that basis make their claim to being his heirs.

They believe they are worshipping Abraham's God. They do not. They worship Allah, the moon god, chief of the pagan deities that once lodged in the Kabah.

However, God is the God of **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**. His name is **not Allah**, it is "**JAH**." **Psalm 68: 4**



**Attempt to destroy the nation that was to bring forth
the promised seed.** **Exodus 1: 15,16**

The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives ... "When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women...if it be a son, then ye shall kill him."

Attempt to destroy the seed. **Mat. 2:13,16**

...the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph...saying, "...flee into Egypt...for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. And when Herod saw that he was mocked of the wise men...slew all the children that were in Bethlehem...from two years old and under.

Attempt to pollute the sacrifice.

Luke 4: 1-12

Forty days tempted in the lust of the flesh and of the eyes and pride of life

And to abort the sacrifice for sin.

Mat. 27:40

...if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross

A Principle: He could not save His own life and be our Savior too! This principle remains true today. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone. But if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:24

Jesus came to fulfill Genesis 3: 15.

To crush Satan's head, he himself must be bruised.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5**

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **Isaiah 53: 10**

He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. **Isaiah 53:11**

A spiritual battle was waged in Gethsemane. Luke 22:42

“Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me:

And won

Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”

Luke 9:31 [Moses and Elijah] appeared in glory, and
spake of his decease which he should accomplish
at Jerusalem.

When the redemption was accomplished, Satan directed his fury at the church, the body of Christ, to cause it to fail in its commission.

Biblical Forecast

know that the struggle will continue to the end.

Fiery trials are to try us.

1 Peter 1: 6, 7; 4: 12

Jesus' Statements

Persecution, betrayal, deception Mat. 24: 9-12

“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”

Satanic Confrontation

Rev. 2: 10-13

“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer.”

Some of you, imprisonment.

Persecutions (promised)

Rev. 6: 8-11

To kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth....

Them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony that they held....

...until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were...

“Successful” war against saints

Rev. 13:7

“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations.”

Paul's Statements

Perilous times

2 Tim. 3: 1-5

In the last times, perilous times shall come. 2 for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Seducing spirits doctrines of devils. 1 Tim. 4:1,2

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy.”

This is a time of deception. Be cautious of new movements.

Be cautious also of new translations.

Every false religion of our time, and of previous times, has come about as the result of some kind of “divine visitation”. Jesus warned us of this in Matthew 24. “Many will come in my name saying I am Christ.”

The truth is that there were many false prophets before Jesus as well. Consider what Moses said,

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

And what Isaiah said;

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.*

Every false religion is based on a “visitation” or a “revelation”
Every false religion has “scripture” which forms the foundation of their faith, or an attack on true scripture to destroy faith.

For example:

Eve,	visited by the serpent
Sikh,	Revelation producing the Adi Granth
Hinduism,	the Vedas
Buddhism,	the Sutta Pitaka
Mohammed	The Quran
Joseph Smith	Book of Mormon
Sung Myung Moon,	Divine principles
Ellen G White,	vision of the fourth commandment
Mary Baker Eddy,	Science and Health with Key to the Scripture

The Word of God is to give revelation, not to vindicate our personal doctrine

Anti-Christ deception 2 Thes. 2: 1-12

“We beseech you...by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him.”

“...that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition...

...whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders

Peter's Statements

False Teachers will make merchandise of you.

2 Peter 2: 1-3

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you...and many shall follow their pernicious ways...and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.”

Religious: “Religious revival,” the means of great falling away. People are taught to relate God’s blessing to the things we can see. i.e., “the benefits of our faith.”

Political: Promise of collective well-being. “Benefits,” which lead to ever greater governmental control. In the end government becomes an enemy of the church.

Satan's Motivation

Self-preservation

The time of his judgment is sure. Already established at Calvary.

Heb. 2: 14

The ultimate judgment is sure,

Rev 20: 3,10

“And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him...” For a thousand years

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented ...for ever and ever.”

First there must be some redeemed from every kindred and nation.

Matt. 24:14; Rev. 5: 9

Note: The object of Satan's bondage and Jesus redemption are the same: every kindred, tongue, people and nation.

Rev. 5: 9; 13: 7,8

Thou was slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation

And it was given unto [the beast] to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations.

Therefore he guards the nations. He must keep them enslaved.

Luke 11: 21,22

“Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. **Matthew 28:19,20**

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; **and then shall the end come.** **Matthew 24:14**

When the Commission is finished, the end will come.

This is a clue as to how we are to conduct the warfare!

The fulfillment of the great commission **Mat. 28:19** and the end, **Mat. 24:14** after which Satan shall be judged, are related.

Therefore Satan’s objective is to delay the witness of the Gospel to all nations. However, as the completion of the task is accelerating, Satan’s fury increases.

Present Day Condition

Perilous Times

2 Tim. 3:1-7

Lovers of their own selves

Covetous (Note Peter's statement, slide 23.)

basis for socialism. (national government control)

violates godly principles by entitlements,
dependency upon man, not God. **2 Thes. 3: 10**

- **Quotes from our forefathers**

- “Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind.” **Supreme Court Justice David Josiah Brewer, 1837-1910**

- “It is Religion and Morality alone, which can establish the Principles upon which Freedom can securely stand.” **John Adams**

- “The only foundation of a free Constitution is pure Virtue; and if it cannot be inspired into our people in a greater measure than we have it now, they may change their rulers and forms of government, but they will not obtain lasting liberty.”
John Adams, June 21, 1776

Commenting on the adoption of their new constitution in 1787 by the original thirteen states, Alexander Tyler, Professor at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2000 years earlier.

“A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government.

“A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that the voters discover they can vote for themselves generous gifts from the public treasury.

From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations is about 200 years. During those years those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency to **bondage**.”

Blasphemers

Rev. 13: 5-8

subversion of constituted authority

fostered through education, atheism in science
fosters atheistic thinking in every subject.

Socialism in historic perspective excludes
spiritual revivals that shaped our nation.

elimination of commandments removes
knowledge and fear of God.

Result: moral decadence.

Disobedient to Parents **Ex. 20: 12; Eph. 6: 2**

Contributes to disobeying God and to national demise.

Unholy

Relates to the growing societal sin problem.

Without natural affection.

Despising life and welfare of children.

homosexuality **Lev. 18: 18-24; Jer. 32: 35**

“no children” philosophy **Psalms 127, 128**

Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

Consequences are subtle and significant.

We become accustomed to sin because it becomes a “normal” lifestyle. It becomes difficult to see the need for repentance or intercession.

We become weary of the constant struggle. Some say, “I get tired of negative things.” **Mat. 24:12**

“But there is no discharge in this war.” Ec.8:8

The Product is Evident Today.

Rejection of authority, resulting in...

Reduced productivity and ability to cope, so...

Increased dependency on government. Result...

Political and spiritual bondage, trending to...

World government

2 Thes. 2: 1-4

Anti-Christ worship

Rev. 13: 6, 7

Final effort to extinguish testimony of Christ.

Conclusion: There is no distinction between spiritual and secular world. To think otherwise is a delusion. Be aware that our battle is not political, and the solutions are not political...

Spiritual Warfare

The Power that Works in You

Hour # 2

Two worlds:

This present evil world, and the kingdom of God

This present evil world is corrupted beyond repair.

Its Ruler is Satan, who is called the prince of the power of the air; the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. **Ephesians 2: 2**

As sons of Adam, we were born into this present evil world, were made citizens of it, and were automatically involuntary recruits into Satan's army.

We were, by default, at war with God. **Colossians 1: 21**

“You, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works...”

Your body **was** a body of sin because it **was** an instrument with which to sin; it **is** corrupted by sin.

“When **we were** in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Romans 7: 5

“For I know that in me (that is, **in my flesh,**) **dwelleth** no good thing.

Romans 7: 18

The flesh will immediately default to the world if allowed to have its way.

I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another **law** in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to **the law of sin** **which is in my members.**

Romans 7: 22, 23

The Kingdom of God is eternal; and perfect. Its king is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is at war with the present evil world.

To be a citizen of the kingdom of God, one must be born into it. **John 3: 3, 5**

When you were born of the Spirit, you were released from Satan's command and have changed sides. **Romans 6: 18**

A dichotomy: **1 John 2: 20, 27; 3: 1-6, 8-10**

“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

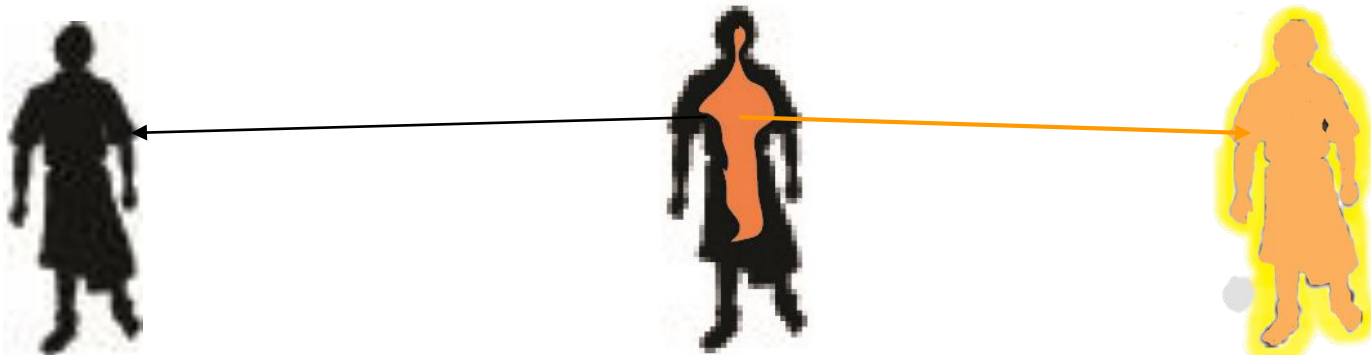
1 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. **9** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. **10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Satan's effort is to hold you captive to the flesh.



Since the war is between the flesh and the spirit, Satan's objective is to cause us to walk after the flesh. (carnality)

Sectarianism, man-following proves carnality **1 Cor. 3: 1-4**

Object to divide the church; render its saints vulnerable and diminish its effectiveness.

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: **Matthew 12:25**

His most deceptive/effective tool is religion. (Christianity).

Jesus' opponents were religious leaders **John 8: 43-45**

Mexico, Catholicism

Other countries, other religions

Hour # 3

Looking at Our War

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Who are we?

We are sons of God **John 1: 12**

Our Father !

Matthew 6: 9

We have a relationship **John 20: 17; Heb. 2: 11**

To appreciate this relationship requires revelation **Romans 8: 16**

Which art in heaven

Ephesians 2: 1-6

You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins;
In time past ye walked according to the course of this world...
And were by nature the children of wrath... But God... hath
quicken us together with Christ...and hath raised us up
together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in
Christ.



Our place of residence and of our citizenship

Many professing Christians don't understand that, so
One of two problems result.

1. They think the religion they are practicing will save them. Or
2. They think they are saved because they believe a doctrine

The first time we were born of the flesh **John 3: 6**
We grew from infancy to maturity. During that interval, the fruit of our flesh was visible, proving whose children we were.

We were born again; this time of the Spirit

Again, we grow from infancy to maturity. And again, during this interval, the fruit of the Spirit is visible, proving whose children we have become.

Maturity, normally, includes reproduction

Quick review of Discipleship: **Disciples Indeed...**

Love the word, Love the saints, Take up the cross, Bear much fruit.

He/she, through salvation by faith, is a new creature.

Born a new creature, he becomes a good soldier

This is what is expected of a normal, healthy believer.

Prepared for battle !

Let's look at the Battle.

Other than intensifying, it hasn't changed. Their commander-in-chief is the exact opposite of ours.

Jesus

The Way

The Truth

The Life

Satan

The way that seems right

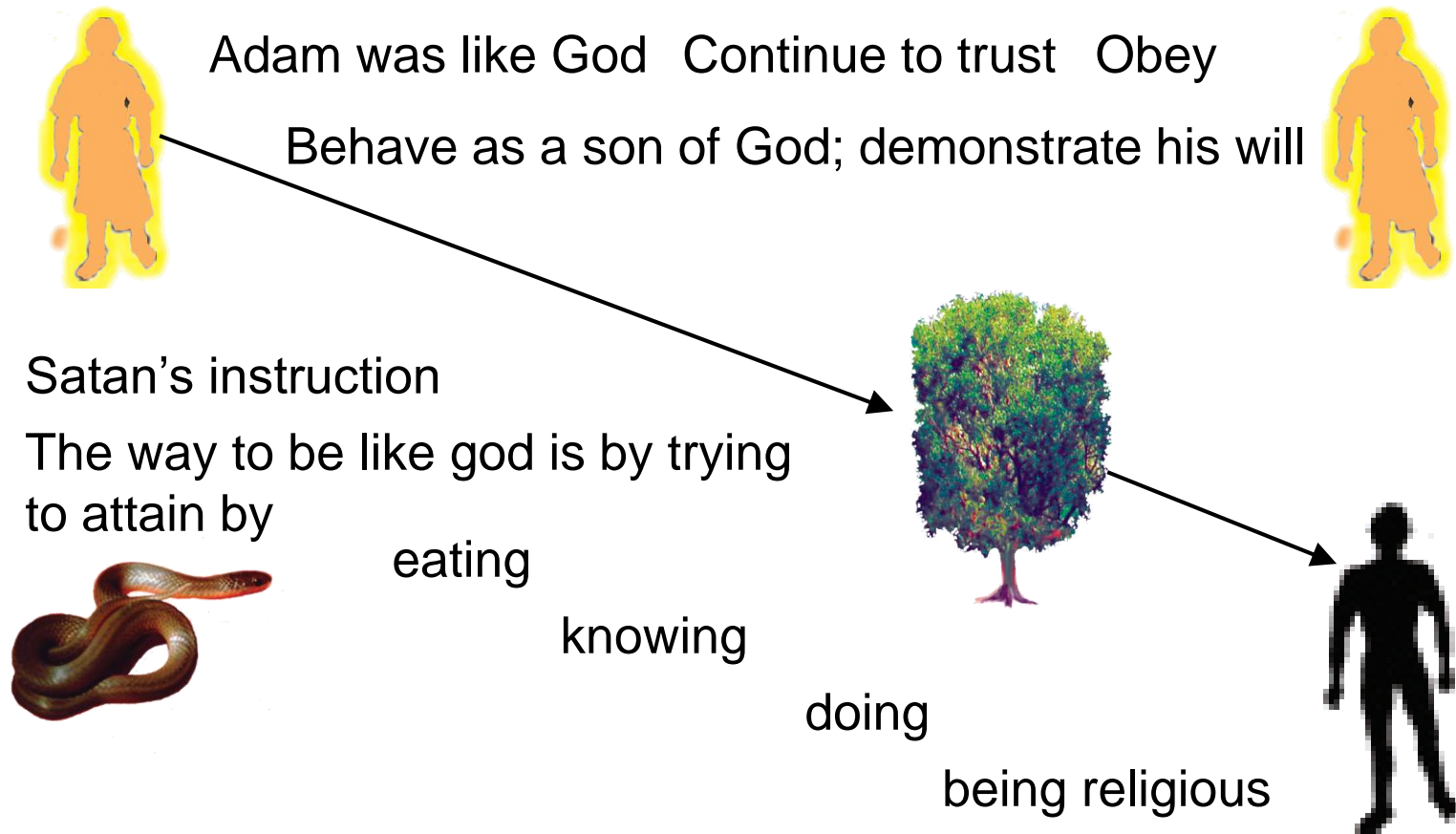
The father of lies [Deceiver]

He that has the power of death

Deception is when falsehood is made to look true.

Let's look at the beginning of the warfare:

The first shot fired: the tree of the knowledge of good and evil



Satan encourages religion and religious thinking.

Religion produces / covers Hypocrisy

Isaiah 58: 2

Show my people their transgression...and their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God.

Isaiah 29: 13 “The Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:...”

Matthew 15: 8, 9

Matthew 7: 21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but the that doeth the will of the Father which is in heaven.

Religion is a major tool in Satan's deception campaign.

We represent a generation

The Church, on the other hand, is timeless

Like its head, it doesn't change; **Satan seeks to change it.**

How do you determine “normal?”

By what is predominant in your generation.

How do you recognize a drift?

By observing with perspective.

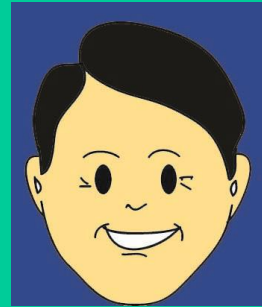
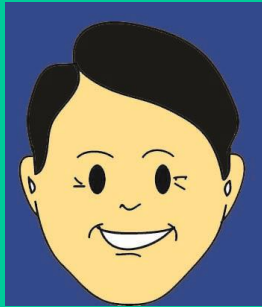
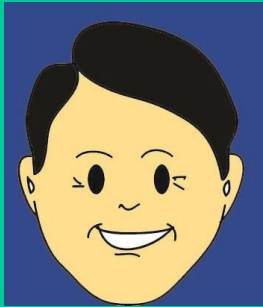
Satan's work is to obscure perspective and encourage change in the church one generation at a time.

2 Timothy 4: 3, 4;

A form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

2 Timothy 3: 1-5

Will not endure sound doctrine. They will turn away their ears from the truth.



Satan misconstrues the meaning of sin by pointing us again to the system of good and evil.

Be like God by doing good instead of evil; defining sin as a behavior rather than a nature.

Teaching people that they are lost because of what they do rather than because of what they are.

It follows, then, that they can be saved by what they do

The solution, then, is to try to do better

Or, if they are religious, to think they have done enough

**Our work is not to change the course of
history, or to postpone the coming
judgments**

But to rescue those for whom Christ died

**Satan's work is to keep us preoccupied
with good works that are eternally
irrelevant. Religion and morality are subtle
substitutes for righteousness.**



Weapons of our Warfare

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Put on the Whole Armor of God **Ephesians 6:10-18**

- 10** Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.
- 11** Put on the **whole** armor of God, [in order] that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 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.
- 13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- 14** Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- 15** and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints:

Definition of armor:

1. Defensive covering.
2. The aggregate of assault weapons available to a command

Able to stand:

without the whole armor of God, Paul implies it is impossible to stand.

Wiles of the Devil:

Definition of wiles: A sly trick; artful artifice; stratagem.
Verb: to lure, deceive, beguile.

Wrestle not against flesh and blood,
but against superior supernatural forces

Takes flesh captive at his will **2Tim. 2: 26**

And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. **1 Cor. 15: 50**

Stand and Withstand

Definition of stand: (a military term)

to remain unchanged, undestroyed, intact, effective.

to remain resolute.

to resist hostile action; to remain uninjured or unaffected by;

withstand, resist.

to stop a counter attack.

Note: Our objective is not the destruction of the enemy.
It is the occupying of a position

Luke 19:13

Ultimate destruction is God's work

“Having done all, stand.” (our work)

The Whole Armor of God

Loins girt about with Truth

Jesus himself is the Truth **John 14:6**

Truthfulness (as opposed to falsehood)

One of Satan's wiles: we are encouraged to be broadminded; to "consider all sides of the matter." God's word being one of the sides.

The public education system presents an alternative to God's word in Science, morals and character development.

Breastplate of Righteousness

Imputed righteousness.

We are made righteous in Christ. 1 Cor. 1:30

Daily exercise of doing right

keep your heart Prov. 4:23

defenses destroyed Ps. 66:18

all liars Rev. 21:8;
Rom. 3:5-7

Satan is allowed access through sin Isa. 59:1,2

Resistance assures Satan's defeat. James 4:7

Feet shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

Able to tread on serpents

Luke 10: 17-20

18 [Jesus] said unto them, “I beheld Satan as lightening fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

Prepared in the Word

2 Tim. 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The place of fasting

Mat. 17:21; Acts 14:23

Exercising authority over spiritual adversaries (demons)

Conferring authority or commending men to the work

The Shield of Faith (above all)

**We will deal with this exclusively
in the next hour**

The Helmet of Salvation

The Hope of salvation 1 Thes.5:8; Rom. 8:24,25

Note: The **hope** of salvation as opposed to the fear of defeat or destruction. This hope is a surety. It causes us to exude victory even during the trial.

Satan has no more dominion Rom. 6:7,11,14,18

God always causes us to triumph 2 Cor. 2:14

Define these words:

ALWAYS ?

CAUSES ?

TRIUMPH ?

The Sword of the Spirit (The Word of God)

This is an offensive weapon, and relates to “the preparation of the Gospel of peace.”

Satan uses this weapon also.

By misusing or misapplying the Scripture, he causes confusion or presumption.

Note: Satan produces question marks.
Jesus produces periods.

Jesus' words, even at a distance defeated Satan.

- This is still true **Acts 3:6,7**
- And will be in the finale **Rev. 19:11-16**

Praying

Always: in every case, every time, small or large matters.

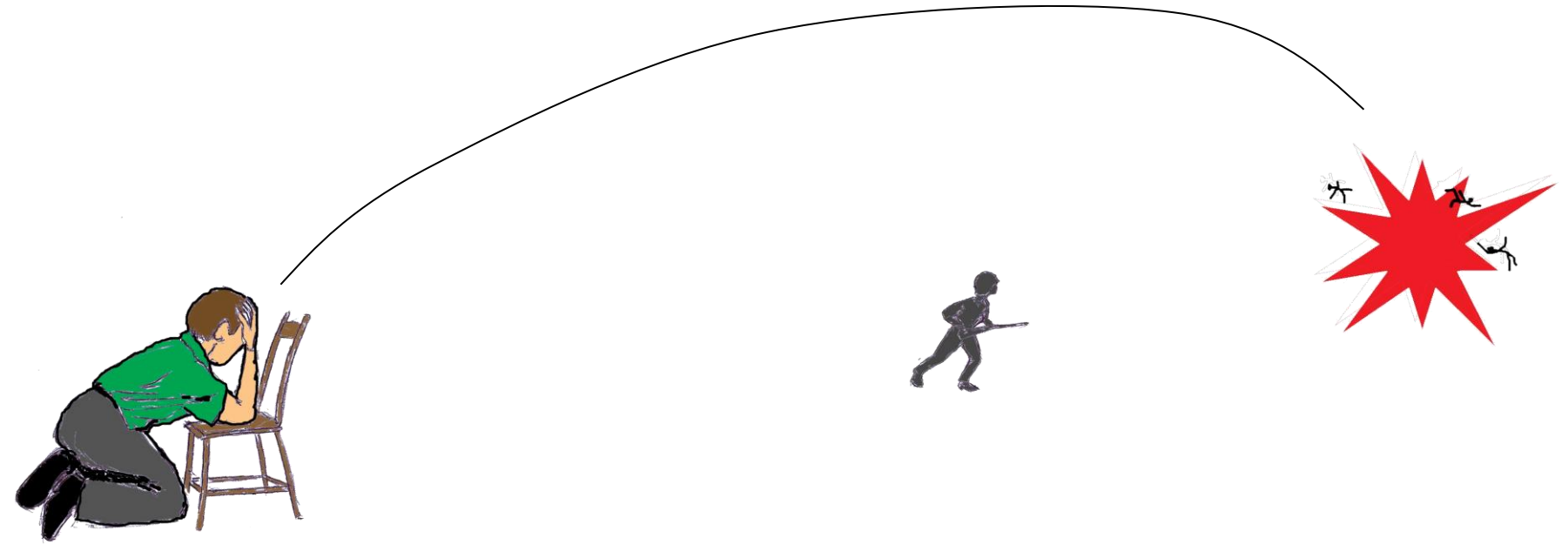
In the Spirit: meaning tongues? Not necessarily.

Watching with perseverance: continuing confidently without despairing or becoming discouraged.

For all saints:

For the apostles:

note: Satan opposes this activity.



**Prayer is the heavy artillery
for those on the front lines.**

The Shield of Faith

HOUR #5

There are two aspects of the warfare:

Defensive and offensive.

In each instance, the need for faith is absolute.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. **Heb. 11:6**

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. **Rom. 14:23**

Faith, The Defensive Warfare

Taking the Shield of Faith **Eph. 6:16**

- Above all most essential
- Taking active weapon, our volition
- Quench extinguish
- Fiery darts meant to destroy
- The wicked [one] a personal enemy

Resisting by Faith

1 Pet. 5: 8, 9

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he **may** devour:

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Jesus' example

Mat. 4:1-11

Continually pressing.

Phil. 3: 13,14, 17

13 ...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus...**17** Brethren, be followers together of me...

We pressure the adversary. We are the peer pressure; we press to an objective.

Faith, the offensive warfare

Victory that overcomes the world 1John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world; even our faith.

How do I view the present world system?

As a master to be feared?

As a legitimate system to which I must conform to survive?

As an imposter demanding allegiance to distract me?

As a benighted environment from which I am delivered, and in which I am to shine as a light?

The issue is authority Mat. 6;24; Acts 4:19; Phil. 2:15,16

Fighting the fight of faith **1Tim.6:11,12**

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Fleeing

Lay hold on eternal life

Here and now, professing a good profession

Offensive action

Mat. 6: 6,17,18

By knowing and acting upon God's word despite the appearance of the circumstances.

The Faith of Christ

The source of Faith

Not of ourselves

Eph. 2: 8; Mat. 17: 20

Jesus is the author and finisher

Heb. 12: 2

It is the faith of Christ for:

justification

Gal. 2: 16; Eph. 2: 8

Righteousness

Rom. 3: 22

Present victorious living

Gal. 2: 20

Note: example of Peter walking on water Mat. 14:22

Note the “faith of Christ” in the following verses

Acts 3: 16

Heb. 12: 2

Gal. 2:16

Gal. 2:20

Gal. 3: 22

Eph. 2:8

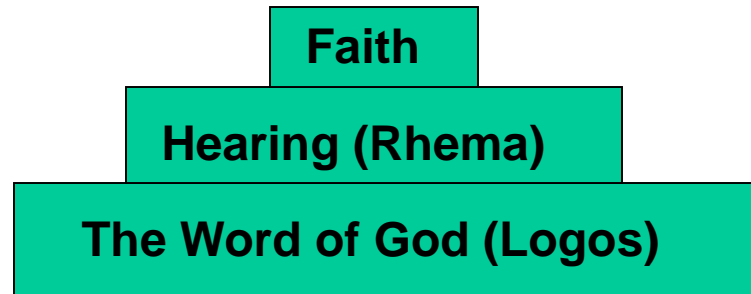
Eph. 3:12

Phil. 3:9

How faith is acquired **Rom.10:17**

Logos = The Word (the body of truth)

Rhema = The Word (personally revealed)



For salvation **John 5: 24,25; 1 Pet. 1:23; Gal. 3:2**

For daily living **Gal. 3:5**

Our position in the battle (acknowledged by faith)

Seated in heavenly places in Christ Eph.1:20-2:6

[His mighty power] 20 which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, **the fulness of him that filleth all in all**

1 And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 wherein **in time past** ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 among whom we all had our conversation **in time past** in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and **were** by nature the children of wrath even as others.

4 **But** God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, 6 and **hath raised us up together**, and **made us sit together** in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Tread on their high places

Deut.33:29

Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Note: The fact of Jesus' resurrection is the key to our positive position in the warfare. Col. 2:13-15

13 And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **14** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Faith, True and Counterfeit

(true faith must be founded on the word of God)

Biblical faith

Faith of Christ **Rom.10:17**

Based on God's will as revealed in the Word of God.

Defending the ground of faith.
eg: Abraham, **Gen.15: 11**,
Shammah, **2 Sam. 23: 11,12**

Produces righteousness

Power to die

Acts 1:8; 2 Cor.4: 7-12

which exalts God and crucifies flesh.

Counterfeit faith

Faith of man (trying to believe)

Based on the will and desires of the man.

“keeping your miracle”

Turns grace to lasciviousness

Power to do “wonders” which will exalt the man or the ministry and satisfy carnality.

The secret of increasing faith. Luke 17:5-10

Servanthood

Realistic attitude toward self and the Lordship of Christ.

Communicating faith Philemon 6

Warfare by Prayer

Prayer of faith **Mark 11:23-26; James 5:16**

Ask in faith **James 1:6**

Praying in the Spirit **Eph. 6:18**

According to the Word **Dan.9:2-19; 1John 5:14-15**

doctrinally sound

in the name of Jesus (authorized by him)

according to his will

Overcoming in prayer

Spirit filled; abiding in him Eph. 5: 18

Resisting the enemy James 4: 7; 1 Pet. 5: 8, 9

Pleading the blood Rev. 12: 11; Heb. 2: 14, 15

persisting, persevering Luke 18: 1-8

Note: we are delivered from the power of the enemy

Col. 1: 12-14; Rom. 6: 7-14

Hour # 6

Interpreting The Warfare

As it was in the days of Noah

Genesis 6:1-8;

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **2** that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. **3** And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also, after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** and it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be

Mat. 24: 37

Noah's day was typical of our's

Sons of God, comparable to Church of today

Daughters of men, comparable to world today

Married, violation of separation principle **Deut. 7: 3, 4**

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. **4** For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?...**17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. **2 Cor. 6:14, 17**

Result, total corruption and judgment

The Ark, a picture of Christ

Note: Three characteristics of Noah's life were
obedience, perseverance, safety

Tower of Babel Gen. 11: 1-9

1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech **2** And it came to pass as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. **3** And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. **4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language, and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Brick, man made God builds with stone

Tower to heaven To usurp God's place **Isa. 14:14**

Make us a name Humanism

Lest we be scattered Resisting God's will

Result, God scattered them

Note: two parallel courses have continued:

kingdom of this world (enemy of God) **James 4: 4**

kingdom of God (enemy of this world) **1 John 2: 15**