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| The Power of Darkness | | | | | The Kingdom of God | | | | | |
| Satan, our enemy — working amidst the world | | | | | God, our Father — working through His Church | | | | | |
| The dark forces of this world | | | <u>The visible b</u> | | attle on earth | | The Church living in the world | | God living in us | |
| Their Character | Their Mission | Their Weapons | Physical (Temporal) Effects (If Satan reigns) | Spiritual (Eternal) Results (If unsaved) | Physical (Temporal) Effects (As God reigns) | | | Our Mission | Jesus' Life In Us | Holy Spirit Power |



You cannot see all the forces on the battlefield. You can see the EFFECTS of their presence and recent activities.

- The battle has been waged since before the foundation of the world and will continue until the devil is thrown into hell's fires.
- Jesus Christ has won the victory for us upon the cross and out of an empty tomb! But the battle still rages, and will escalate as our enemy sees his time growing shorter.
- Our main enemy's forces are spiritual in nature, but he also has many human children doing his bidding, unwittingly or not. Otherwise, why would we be encouraged to feed our "enemy" when he is hungry?

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Scripture References

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world**... (Ephesians 1:3-4 NKJV)

...with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:19-21 NKJV)

...according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised **before time began**, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching... (<u>Titus 1:1-3</u> NKJV)

...do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according









to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus **before time began**... (2 Timothy 1:8-9 NKJV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. (Genesis 1:1-4 NKJV)

...we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God **ordained before the ages** for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:7-10 NKJV)

...this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the ages** has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.... (Ephesians 3:8-12 NKJY)

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14 NKJV)

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8b NKJV)

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy..." (Luke 10:17-18 NKJV)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12 NKJV)

..."If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:20-21 NKJV)

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV)

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8 NKJV)

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3 NKJV)

But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. Therefore we wanted to come to you — even I, Paul, time and again — but Satan hindered us. (1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 $_{NKJV}$)

...we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who **delivered** us from so great a death, and **does deliver** us; in whom we trust that He **will still deliver** us... (2 Corinthians 1:8b-10 NIV)

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. (Hebrews 9:27-28 NKJV)

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb** and **by the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." (Revelation 12:7-12 NKJV)

...it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 NKJV)

...the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away

with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (II Peter 3:7-13 NKJV)

...fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where... they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:9-10 NKJV)

Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:24-26 NKJV)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJY)

Sergeant's Notes

- This war does not have a cease-fire, or even a lull in the battle. Even if you are not directly under enemy fire at the moment, you are still on the battlefield.
- You are a threat to the enemy. He will attack you, when necessary.
- If you attack him, he will attempt to distract you from his main effort, misdirect you into a useless effort, then diminish and isolate you. If you don't resist him, he will bypass you, separate you from friendly forces (your family, your local church, your community), and harass your supply lines (your prayer-life and your faith).
- Remember, we fight as a **TEAM**. Report all enemy contact to higher AND to the other soldiers on your flanks.
- We cannot destroy our enemy. But we can destroy his works by manifesting our Savior's life in our daily life.

Interpretive Note: The green and blue columns are not intended to completely separate the physical from the spiritual. Rather only to emphasize one or the other. For example, peace demonstrated in our conduct... as opposed to a spiritual peace within. One influences the other, and vice versa. Most certainly, it is not my intent to neglect or diminish the value of the fruit of the Spirit.

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