

Satan's Schemes and Demonic Oppression October 21 & 22, 2023

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

1. Satan's primary way of scheming against us is seen in his attacks

against God's ______ and against God's ______.

a. Satan attacks God's Church:

1. False philosophies. [COLOSSIANS 2:8] 2. False religions. [1 CORINTHIANS 10:19] 3. False ministers. [2 CORINTHIANS 11:14-15] 4. False doctrines. [1 JOHN 2:8] 5. False disciples. [MATTHEW 13] 6. False morals. [2 THESSALONIANS 2:7]

b. Satan attacks God's people:

- 1. Deceiving humanity. [2 CORINTHIANS 4:4] 2. Destroying life. [HEBREWS 2:14] 3. Persecuting the saints. [REVELATION 2:10] 4. Preventing service. [1 THESSALONIANS 2:18]
- 5. Promoting division. [2 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11]
- 6. Planting doubt. [GENESIS 3:1-2]
- 7. Provoking sin. [2 CORINTHIANS 11:3]
- 8. Producing cults. [1 TIMOTHY 4:1]

2. As followers of Christ, we can intentionally or unintentionally open

doors for demonic influence and oppression based on our

actions. and

a. Biblical Causes for Demonic Influence/Oppression

- 1. Engaging in Sin. [JOHN 8:34]
- 2. Rebelling against God. [1 SAMUEL 15:23]
- 3. Participating in the occult. [DEUTERONOMY 18:10-11]
- 4. Association with those involved in Satanic activity. [2 COR. 6:14-16]
- 5. Attempting to contact the dead. [DEUTERONOMY 18:11]
- 6. Unresolved anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. [EPHESIANS 4:26-27]

b. Biblical Signs of Demonic Influences/Oppression

- 1. Severe sickness. [MATTHEW 12:22]
- 2. Resistance to spiritual help. [MARK 5:7]
- 3. Fits of rage. [MARK 5:4]
- 4. Split personality. [MARK 5:6-7]
- 5. Hearing voices in your head. [MARK 5:9]
- 6. Acquiring satanic powers. [DEUTERONOMY 18:10-11]
- 7. Unusual physical strength. [MARK 5:3-4]
- 8. Divination seeing and telling the future. [ACTS 16:16]

3. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have the power and authority to be

victorious. We do not fight ______ victory, we fight

victory. [EPHESIANS 6:10 NLT]

a. How can we be victorious? We must use our weapons of war:

- 1. Our faith. [1 JOHN 5:4-5]
- 2. Our testimony. [REVELATION 12:11]
- 3. Our power. [1 JOHN 4:4]
- 4. Our surrender. [JAMES 4:7]

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