

The Unseen Spiritual War (Nov 16, 2025)

2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

Main Idea ~ We as believers are to focus on the “Unseen & Eternal Spiritual War” that is going on everyday around us and in us throughout our Christian Lives.

Seeing the Invisible ~ 2 Corinthians:4 (V16) Paul concluded that the Corinthians should not lose heart, because God would raise them up with Jesus” just as He will raise up every Christian one day!

(V14) Here is a dynamic principal...A proper focus on our glorious future with Christ will empower us to endure any kind of trouble or problems. Then Paul goes on to say in (V18)

“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”. Look at the finish line, like all runners do, look at the goal like basketball players, football players look at a touchdown, baseball players, every sport looks at the finish line...the only way to win these games! So, look at the finish line and the goal of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Accomplish His will for our lives and glorify and enjoy our Lord and Savior, faithfully.

The Big Problem ~ For many of us, is that we base everything on what our five senses tell us. Since the spiritual world is not subject to this, we often act as if it does not exist.

Hebrews 11:1

“Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, *the evidence of things not seen.*” Have you ever noticed that the closer you get to God there are more problems and temptations? Or as in the book of Job, how everything happened to Job all at once? This is how spiritual growth works *through tribulations and testing*. Therefore, we are to rejoice in these. Just as Job eventually did!

The Spiritual World ~ Lies all around us as Christians, enclosing us, embracing us, and within our reach. This spiritual world will come alive to us the moment we realize its reality!

How do you stump an Atheist? In order to be against something, you have to know it exists! You can't be against Jesus, unless you believe He exists! Unfortunately, this spiritual world is brimming with not only benevolent spirit entities (God and His holy angels) but also malevolent spiritual entities (Satan and his fallen angels, or demons). We find many examples of the spirit world in the Bible...let's look at (2 Kings 6: 8-23) Elisha found himself surrounded by enemy troops, ready to annihilate him and his servant, yet he remains calm and cool as a cucumber! His servant on the other hand panicked with fear at the sight of

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this hostile army with vicious looking warriors and innumerable battle chariots on every side. To them in their times, this was like facing tanks and a full army without any weapons or armor of their own! The army facing them, seemingly would not let them escape! *But our unseen God was totally in their midst protecting them from any harm!*

Undaunted, Elisha said to his servant (2 Kings 6:16) “Do not be afraid for those who are with us, are more than those who are with them” (V17) Elisha then **prayed (Faith & Prayer!!)** the key to the solution before them this **prayer** “Lord, I **pray**, open his eyes that he (Elisha’s young servant) may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha and himself. (V18) So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha **prayed** to the Lord, and said, “Strike this people, I **pray**, with blindness.” And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. Once again accomplished by **(Faith & Prayer)**. God was protecting Elisha and his young servant with an entire army of magnificent angelic beings...just like He does for us daily!

Satan’s M.O. ~ Satan's mode of operation or M.O. or in Latin terms (Modus Operandi) “today, Satan and all evil is operating incognito or in military terms covert not overt. Satan does not want his presence known or detected. He prefers to engage in his devious deeds by stealth - and cunning! I have an Example ~ Boulevard Baptist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.....a true story that happened to me at my first large church of about 400 to 500 in the congregation.

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Conclusion

How to fight the Spiritual War ~ So how are we going to fight this spiritual battle? Turn to **Ephesians 6: 10-20** “put on your spiritual armor each and every day.” I do it from memory, daily. That's how I put on my armor each day and night. Recite it. Gird your waist with the belt of Truth (John 14:6), My feet shod with the Gospel of Peace, (Nahum 1:15)

The breastplate of Righteousness: my core, my heart where the Holy Spirit Dwells ~

I invented my own Acronym for the word HOLY ~ **H** is Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **O** is Omniscient (all knowing) Omnipresent (everywhere at once) and Omnipotent (all powerful) **L** is *living, the only living God*, Loving, and our Lord and **Y** is YAH or Yahweh, My Yoke is easy, and My burden is light, Take up your

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cross daily and Yield to Him! Then I pick up the sword, the Spirit of God the Bible and it is sharper than any two edged sword, one edge for offence and one edge for defense and a point for thrusting into objects, and after you thrust God's word into someone or something evil, it remains and never comes back void! It is our job to thrust His word into people and it is God's job to save them. **ABOVE ALL**, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one! On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand! Lastly, I put on the helmet of salvation *for the renewing of my mind*, having this I stand up for Jesus, for a mighty fortress is our God and He fights our spiritual battles for us! AMEN?

All Christians must have an “Eternal Prospective”. Shift your gaze from present troubles to the lasting reality of God’s eternal promises. (2 *Corinthians 10:3*) “Though we live in the world, we do not wage war as this world does! We are in a spiritual battle each moment of our spiritual lives.” So, put on that armor...every day and fight the good fight!

Closing Prayer _ Blessing - Doxology