

Sermon Notes

September 10, 2023 --- The Battle Is Real & I Will Stand Victoriously (by Jerry House)

Satan was one of the most powerful and beautiful angels - until his influence and his position wasn't enough for him.

THIS IS NOT A DUALISTIC BATTLE. THIS IS NOT TWO GODS BATTLING IT OUT. THIS IS A SOVEREIGN GOD BATTLING AGAINST AN ALREADY DEFEATED ENEMY.

The One who is in us is greater than the one we are fighting against (1 John 4:4).

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS REAL

The spiritual battles we fight are a part of a larger war that has been going on since before time began.

Until we take seriously our relationship with Jesus, we're no threat to Satan and his domain.

Before we know Jesus, we are easy prey for Satan.

SATAN'S GOAL IS TO OWN YOUR SOUL, UNTIL HE CAN'T HAVE IT.

When Jesus comes into your life, and the Holy Spirit takes up residence in your heart, Satan doesn't stop coming after you, it's just that his goal changes. Instead of trying to gain ownership over your soul, he then makes every effort to crush your spirit, kill your witness, and destroy your influence.

Satan either wants us to obsess about him, or deny his existence altogether. Either way, he gets the advantage.

We have to get to a place where we both know OURSELVES and the ONE WHO LIVES IN US, and where we know our ENEMY.

WE ARE FIGHTING OUR BATTLES THROUGH THE FINISHED WORK ON THE CROSS.

We are still living in a world where the enemy exists. While he has been defeated, he hasn't been eliminated. So we still have to deal with him and those who wage war alongside him.

"We don't wrestle against flesh and blood." (Ephesians 6:12)

An unarmed, defenseless, passive, lazy, milk toast Christian, is not only vulnerable to attack from the enemy, but is also easily used as a pawn to bring other Christians down.

Our enemy may look like he has defeated us... But thanks be to God, Our King has one more move! And because of that, WE WILL STAND VICTORIOUSLY!

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 6:10-13... Isaiah 41:8-13... Ezekiel 28:12-17... Isaiah 14:12-15... Colossians 2:14-15... Hebrews 2:14... 1 Peter 5:8-10... 1 John 4:4... James 4:7-8...