

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

I. The Spiritual Warfare – Ephesians 6:10-18.

A. There are alien spiritual entities that are hostile against us.

1. **Principalities** – evil demonic spirit beings who exercise rule and govern in satan’s kingdom over other demonic powers.
2. **Powers** – evil demonic spirits who manifest the force, strength, might, and dominion of satan’s kingdom.
3. **Rulers of the darkness of this world** – evil demonic spirits who rule by exercising the authority of darkness over the world. Every darkness in this world has a ruler behind it.
4. **Wicked spirits in the heavenlies** – evil demonic spirits whose wicked activities and existence is above in heavenly places in spheres above the earth’s surface, possibly the atmospheric heavens immediately above the earth’s surface.

B. Our warfare is not with flesh & blood but unseen evil forces

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II. Spiritual warfare affects the unseen spiritual realm Ex. 17:8-16.

- A. Victory in battle depended on Moses' rod being uplifted.
- B. Jesus is our rod (Is. 11:1)
 - 1. 1 Tim. 2:8 pray lifting up holy hands
 - 2. Our prayer in spiritual warfare keeps the power of Christ's victory held up and unleashed against the enemy in the spirit realm

III. We must persevere in this kind of prayer to prevail Eph. 6:18 because:

- A. The enemy continually renews his attacks and yields only what he must ; will never admit defeat Rev. 20:1-3,7-10
- B. The flesh is weak Matt. 26:40
- C. The nature of prayer itself. It is something we must give ourselves to Acts 6:4; 1 Cor. 7:4