

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² 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*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

A dramatic scene featuring a broken metal chain. The chain is dark and highly reflective, with one link broken and pieces falling away. A bright blue light emanates from the broken point, creating a lens flare effect. The background is dark and textured, with small pieces of metal debris scattered around. The overall mood is one of intense struggle and liberation.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The Strategy of Satan

- **Premise #1: In spiritual warfare, we must recognize who our enemy is.**
Ephesians 6:12; I Peter 5:8-9
- **Premise #2: In spiritual warfare, we must know and understand the strategy of our enemy.**
Ephesians 6:11; 2 Cor. 2:10, 11

I. The strategy of deception.

Rev. 12:9

II. An example of Satan's deceptive strategy.

2 Cor. 11:1-4; Genesis 3:1-7

A. Satan questions the character of God.

- Compare Gen. 2:16-17 with Gen. 3:1

B. Satan replaces God's truth with a lie.

- Compare Gen. 2:17 with Gen. 3:4-5

C. Satan makes sin look appealing. Genesis 3:6

III. Examples of Satan's targeted deceptive strategy in our culture.

How can we avoid being deceived?

1. We must know the truth.

JN. 8:32; Matthew 4

2. We must practice the truth.

James 1:22