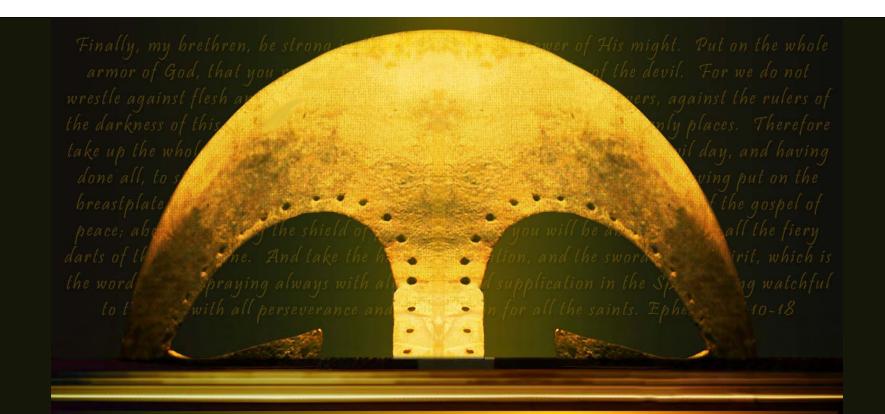


# Spiritual Warfare



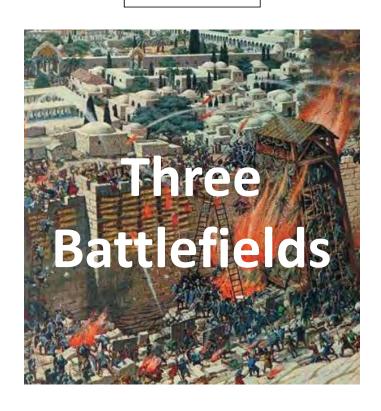
# Three Battlefields

#### The Pull of Sin is Supernatural From Around

**The Devil** 

The Pull of Sin is Social From Without

The World



The Pull of Sin is
Personal
From Within

The Flesh



#### The Multidimensional Sin Battles

And you *He made alive,* who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once <u>walked according to the course of this world,</u> according to the <u>prince of the power of the air,</u> the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the <u>lusts of our flesh</u>, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

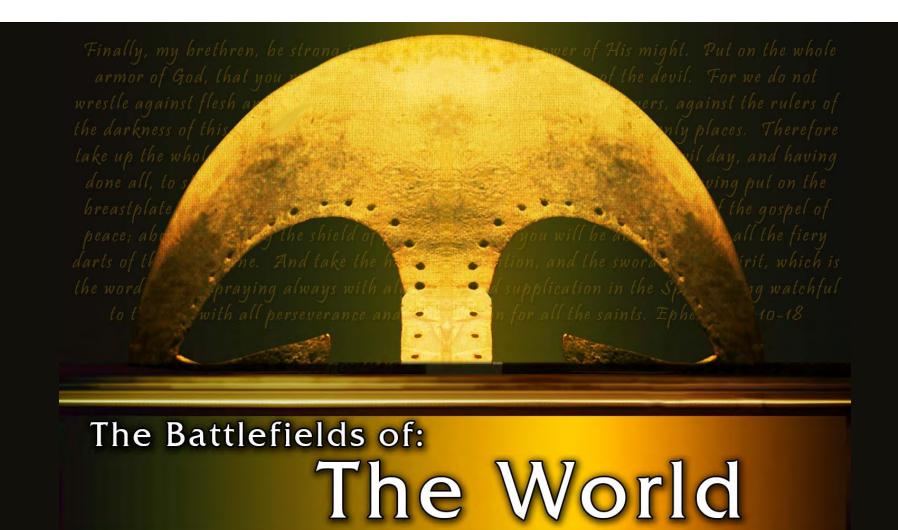
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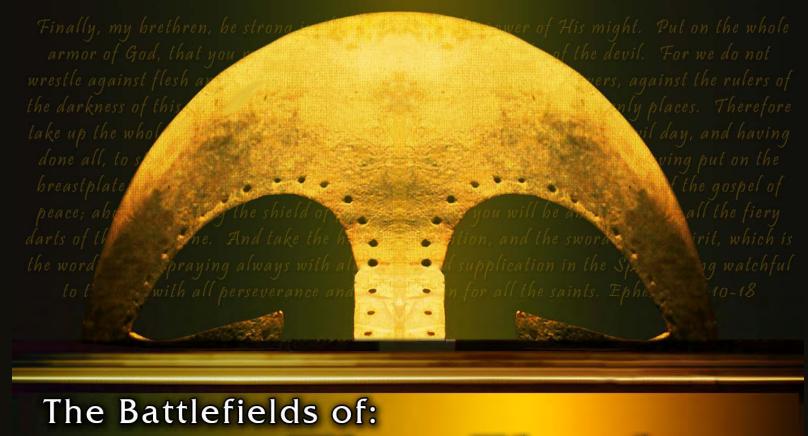


#### Three Foes

The World
The Flesh
The Devil

Three Battlefields





#### Attacks From The Flesh

What is the flesh? Carnality?

It is a way of thinking, a mind set that leads to actions.

### Attacks From The Flesh

### The Greek Word - Sarx

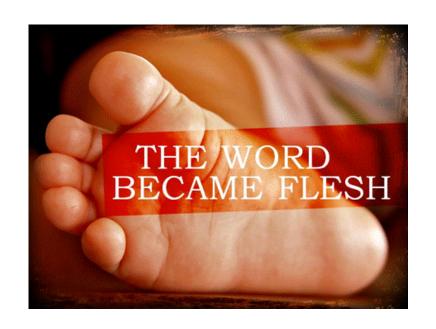
# Flesh – Covering of bodies



All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 1 Corinthians 15:39



# Flesh – Human Body



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



The urge to self-centeredness within us.

Ray Stedman



The tendency within each person to operate independently of God and center his interest on himself.

**Neil Anderson** 



An unsaved person functions from the selfishness of flesh Romans 8:7-8.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:7-8.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Romans 8:9.

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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Those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God

The Battlefields of the Flesh

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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#### Adultery - Premarital & Extra Marital sexual activity

Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery."

#### Hebrews 13:4

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

#### Fornication – General sexual activity to gratify sexual appetites

Greek Word - porneia

#### 1 Corinthians 6:13

"Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."

Uncleanness – Moral impurity. Marked by immoral mind, full of sexually suggestive thoughts and humor. Sees illicit sex in wholesome situations.

#### **Ephesians 5:3-4**

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Lewdness – sexual moral wantonness that offends public decency.

This springs from the desire to attract attention to one's self in a manner that flaunts God's standards of moral purity.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.



Targeted to bring about:

The destruction of Marriage and Family

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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# The Flesh – Spiritual – Religious Sins

Idolatry - Worship of pagan deities. Rebellion of worshipping the one true and living God. Putting anything before God.

#### Exodus 20:3-4

"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness..."

# The Flesh – Spiritual – Religious Sins

Sorcery - Elements of the Occult and demons. Springs from a desire to contact and relate to the mysterious spirit world in a manner other than that provided by God in His Word.

# The Flesh – Spiritual – Religious Sins

#### Deuteronomy 18:10-13

"There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ..."

# The Flesh – Religious Sins



Targeted to bring about:

The destruction vital relationship with God the Father

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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(Galatians 5:19-21)

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Hatred – anger that wishes someone dead

Contentions – more than differences of opinion – strong quarreling

Jealousies – resentment at position of others

**Outburst of Wrath – violent temper** 

Selfish Ambitions – efforts to get ahead at expense of others

Dissensions – split into sides

Heresies – condemn other sides as evil directed

**Envy** – wrongly coveting something that belongs to another



Targeted to bring about:

The destruction Unity in the Family of God

#### John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another; as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.
By this all will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another."

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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### Works of the Flesh

(Galatians 5:19-21)

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#### Murders – premeditated killing of a person

Exodus 20:16 "You shall not murder."

#### John 8:44

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him

#### **Drunkenness – private or public intoxication**

#### Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit

### **Revelries – drunken sexual parties**

### **Other Sins**

	Sin Lists	
Exodus 20:1-17	Mark 7:21-22	Romans 1:29-31
Romans 13:13	1 Corinthians 6:9-10	1 Timothy 1:9-10
1 Timothy 4:1-5	2 Timothy 3:1-7	Revelation 21:8



**Targeted to bring about:** 

The destruction of our body

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The Battlefields of the Flesh

### The Flesh

### It often feels Necessary or just a Sensual Pleasure





But it leads to slavery.

Overcoming the Flesh

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 1)

#### The Walk of Death to the Flesh

Galatians 5:24

And those who are Christ's

have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 1)

#### The Walk of Death to the Flesh

#### Romans 6:11-14

Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 2)

#### The Walk in the Spirit of God

#### Galatians 5:16-18

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 2)

#### The Walk in the Spirit of God

#### Galatians 5:24-25

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 3)

Do not make provision for the flesh

#### Galatians 5:13

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty;

only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 3)

#### Do not make provision for the flesh

#### Romans 3:13-14

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

# Overcoming The Flesh (Step 3)

Do not make provision for the flesh

2 Timothy 2:22

Flee also youthful lusts;

but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace

with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

# Overcoming the Flesh

Walk of death to self desires apart from God

Walk in the Spirit

Not making provisions for the flesh

Power from the Spirit of God

### The World

(1 John 2:15-17)

Victory over the World

Our Faith

### The Choice

Walk According
to the
Kingdoms of this World

Walk According to the Kingdom of God

### The Flesh

(Galatians 5)

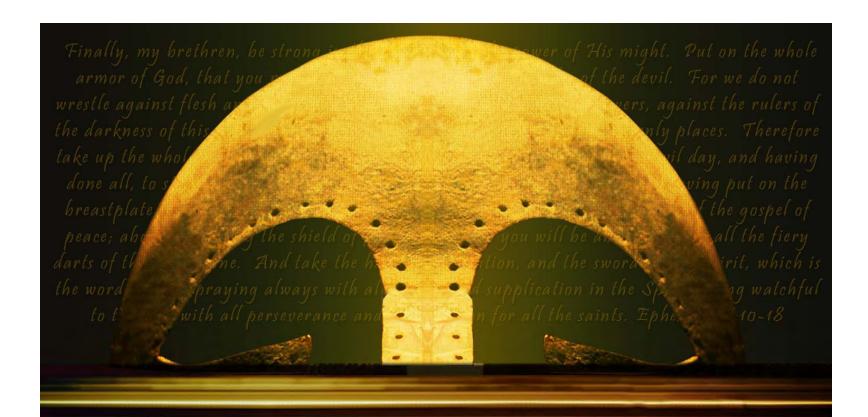
Victory over the Flesh

Walking in the Spirit

### The Choice

Walk According to the Fleshly Impulses

Walk According to the Leading of the Spirit



# Spiritual Warfare