

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Jude 3-4

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Jude 3 – 4 NIV 3Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. 4For certain men whose condemnation was written about^[a] long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Notice who our battle is against.

Principalities, powers

Rulers of darkness

Spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places.

These verses suggest to us that Satan has a _____ that assist him in his attacks against believers.

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

First we _____ – Then we _____ – literally speaks of hostility.

Prov 4:23 NLT Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

I. THE HELMET OF SALVATION VS 17

Satan loves to attack the believer

A. Doubt

1. He wants us to doubt his _____
2. He wants us to doubt our _____

I John 5:13 - These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life,^[a] and that you may *continue to believe* in the name of the Son of God.

3. He wants us to doubt his _____

Rom 8:38-39 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B. Discouragement

The devil refuses to lay down his sword so we must protect our minds with the helmet of salvation.

Psalm 140:7 - O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

II. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT vs 17b

2 Tim 3:16 - All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

I Peter 1:20-21 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

If you are going to hear from God, you must _____
time with him!

I Peter 2:2 NLT Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,

Amos 8:11 “ Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “ That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

There are 2 ways to read God’s Word

1. Information – for the _____
2. Inspiration – for the _____

- We need to read it for _____ purposes – this is the difference between a _____ and a _____.

James 1:22-25 NLT 22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

God's Word is like

1. A GPS – it will keep us on the _____
2. Rumble Strips – it lets us know we are getting off _____
3. Guard Rails - keeps us in certain _____

III. CONCLUSION

Are you tired of hearing from God second hand?

- Commit to _____ meeting with God.