

Spiritual Warfare pt 1

We are starting a new series this morning on Spiritual Warfare. Now I know this doesn't sound like anything new, but I want to encourage you to listen to what God has for you, and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart.

I believe that a better understanding of the way God works will help all of us in our efforts to not only defend ourselves and our families, but to go on the offense, to defeat Satan before his plans take affect.

To learn how to do this, we need to understand how God established things to work, and even though we don't see it, God's kingdom is very organized and it operates in a certain way.

When we are operating contrary to the way God does things, we will not see the results we are hoping for, but when we understand how God has ordained things to work, and we operate within what He has established we will begin to see results in our prayer life, our ministries, and in our war efforts.

Now to get started this morning I want to explain some things that are very basic, but also misunderstood.

Let's look at this scripture:

John 1:1-4 (KJV)

¹ **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

² **The same was in the beginning with God.**

³ **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

⁴ **In him was life; and the life was the light of men.**

Notice in vs. 4 it says "In him was life, and the life was the light of men". **IN** him was life is an important things to understand, **LIFE is IN HIM**, and life was the **LIGHT** of men. That light is Spiritual, not physical.

So all Life is **IN GOD**, and it is Spiritual.

As humans we have this built in thing that say's "everything has a beginning". You would be amazed at how many times I've been asked over the years "*where did God come from?*"

It seems that to get God to fit into our lives we need to know where he came from or how everything began. This is the beginning of a seed of unbelief in a lot of people. If they can't have an answer to this question, then this little seed of unbelief lingers and pops up periodically throughout their spiritual growth.

So this morning I want to try to get some information to you, that will hopefully help you understand how things really work, so that you can begin the process of thinking and integrating the information into your belief system.

The absolute truth is that God has always been. He has no beginning, and there will be no End. This is where most people begin to struggle. It would seem that everything has a beginning, right?

Isaiah 57:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ **For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.**

We know that according to Genesis 1:1 God created everything.

Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

¹ **In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

It says God created "**the heavens and the earth**". That means the heavens (all stars and planets) and the earth. So when these things were created, Time Began.

Genesis 1:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ **And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:**

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

So if God created the very things that established TIME, then God must have existed before TIME. It stands to reason that if HE created TIME He had to exist before it.

So God has always existed, and He created all things, even though this is a difficult concept to understand, we will have to take it on Faith, because our physical mind is not able to understand.

This has created a problem in mankind since the beginning. When we found that God existed, and we believed in Him the problem began.

We are struggling throughout our faith building years to find a way to get God to fit into our lives.

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This may seem overly simplistic, but I want you to realize that when we try to get God to fit into our lives, we are actually hindering God from actually being God in our lives.

Think about it for a moment. If we have a need for God to move in our lives, and we are trying to get Him to fit into our lives, then what He does has to fit our expectations, when in truth, God had bigger things in mind.

God's answer would not only have taken care of our problem, but would have kept it from ever being a problem again, but because He had to fit our expectations, we tied his hands, and more often than not, God can't even work that way, so we got no answer to our situation.

God is bigger than not only your situation, but God is bigger than every situation for every human being who ever lived all put together.

Our lives must fit into God, not God fitting into our lives. When we discover this for ourselves, then we will walk in God's provision, God's blessing, God's plan for our lives because God doesn't have to fit us, we have to FIT HIM.

They say that if you were in a space ship and traveled at the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, to leave our galaxy which is one of thousands, we would have to travel 100,000 light years.

If you made it to the end of our galaxy, you would still be inside this box, and still be inside God's reach.

Now let's begin to look at the Spiritual Realm and how God established it to be.

Before God created everything, the heavens and the earth and all that are on it, God created Angels, to be his servants in heaven, which is not part of the heavens and the earth.

There are not much references to what happened before time started, with the creation of heaven and earth, but in Job 38 we see God talking to Job about the creation of heaven and earth, and He makes reference to Sons of God, which in scripture means Angels.

Job 38:4-7 (KJV)

⁴ Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

⁵ Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

⁶ Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

⁷ When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (sons of God refers to angels)

