

## Spiritual Warfare pt 3 The Devine council

To start this morning, I want to share with you some information about the Throne room of God, as we continue to look into the Spiritual Realm.

There is an important reason for this look into the Throne Room of God, so bare with me. There is quite a bit of scripture to look at but it will only take a couple minutes.

Let's look at Isaiah's vision of the Throne Room of God

### Isaiah 6:1-4 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> **In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.**

<sup>2</sup> **Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.**

<sup>3</sup> **And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.**

<sup>4</sup> **And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.**

Now let's look at Ezekiel's vision of the Throne Room

### Ezekiel 1:26-28 (KJV)

<sup>26</sup> **And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.**

<sup>27</sup> **And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.**

<sup>28</sup> **As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.**

God' Glory appears on His Throne is as fire.

### Revelation 4:2-8 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup> **And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.**

<sup>3</sup> **And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

<sup>4</sup> **And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

<sup>5</sup> **And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were***

seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

<sup>6</sup> And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

<sup>7</sup> And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.

<sup>8</sup> And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

These scriptures give us a glimpse of the Throne Room of God, how awesome and mighty it is. There are things there that are hard for us to imagine, and some of the imagery coming from Ezekiel and Isaiah are from their point of view. But in the account from Revelation I wanted you to notice the scripture that talks about the seats.

**Rev 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

These seats are sitting in front of the throne of God, and in Revelation chapter 4, they are filled with the elders, in other words this is after the rapture, and mankind has taken place in the Divine Council of God. I believe there will be 12 seats filled by Old Testament Saints, and 12 filled by New Testament Saints.

Because this view is in Revelation of the throne room after the rapture, the Church is in heaven, and that's why we see 24 Elders sitting before the throne.

So we are involved in God's plans from that time onward into eternity. **But before the rapture**, there is still a divine council of God, but seated in that council during the time of man on earth, are **the Sons of God**. This term refers to angels in the scriptures.

**Psalm 89:6-7 (ASV)**

<sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared unto Jehovah? Who among the sons of the mighty (sons of God) is like unto Jehovah,

<sup>7</sup> A God very terrible in the council of the holy ones, And to be feared above all them that are round about him?

This scripture shows in vs 7 that there is a council of Holy Ones. I believe this to be a God's Angels sitting on the council.

This scripture seems to be a rebuke of Satan's deception and subsequent fall. Notice God say's <sup>6</sup> **For who in the skies can be compared unto Jehovah? Who among the sons of the mighty (sons of God) is like unto Jehovah?**

God's saying are there any angels as mighty as Jehovah? This is God talking to the angels about what happen with Lucifer. But the other interesting part of the scripture is: <sup>7</sup> **A God very**

**terrible in the council of the holy ones, And to be feared above all them that are round about him?**

God is having his council meeting, and it very well could be the first meeting after the deception and deportation of 1/3 of the angels from heaven.

**Daniel 7:10 (NKJV)**

**<sup>10</sup> A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The council was seated, And the books were opened.**

These two verses are OT views of the throne room and the council seated before God.

Now most would think of a council giving their opinion or advice to God, but this isn't what's going on here.

God knows there is a war on the horizon, and He's preparing for that war. He sets up this council which in this day were His commanding angels.

I think these on the council, the Sons of God, or the Sons of the Mighty, were the Arch Angels, who would receive their orders from God and they would then go and carry out those order by commanding other angels under their authority.

They would send Cherubs to Protect. They would send Angels as messengers, and if the battle got rough enough, they the Arch Angels would show up themselves to command the battle.

Just as in Daniel, when Gabriel the messenger angel tried to deliver his message from God to Daniel, but was resisted by Satan's angels, scripture say's Michael showed up and fought 21 days to get Gabriel through.

This also shows the importance of the structure to the Angelic Beings. There is work being done in the Spiritual Realm all the time, Angels coming and going according to their orders, carrying out their missions in this SPIRITUAL WAR.

Why is this important to us, I'm going to show you the answer to that question right now.

**Job 1:6-12 (KJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.**

**<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

**<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**

**<sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?**

**<sup>10</sup> Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the**

land.

<sup>11</sup> **But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.**

<sup>12</sup> **And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.**

Notice in vs 8 God tells Satan that Job is "a perfect and upright man that fears God".

Satan's answer is revealing. "**Does Job fear you for no reason, you have blessed him and you protect him. Take your hands off him and he will curse you**".

I say this scripture is revealing because this is one of the underlying reasons for this Spiritual War. Will you and I, common people find God ourselves, and turn to Him?

Another thing to notice in this scripture it say's: <sup>6</sup> **Now there was a day when the sons of God (angels) came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.**

So the son of God or the angels of the divine council come before the Lord, but look at the last part of that verse.

**and Satan came also among them**

Even after Satan was cast from Heaven, and his Light removed, for his iniquity, and his part in the fall of Man, **he still has access to the Divine Council.**

I don't believe he is a member of the council, but he is still allowed to come before the council and God.

There is another piece of information I want you to see, it will be important later on. <sup>7</sup> **And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

**1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

So Satan answers God and says he's roaming the earth, just looking for a way to disrupt God's plans, any way he can.

Here is another reference I want you to see.

**Zechariah 3:1-2 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> **And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.**

<sup>2</sup> **And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire?**

Again the angels come before the council of God and Satan is there with them, but he is in his role of adversary. He is there to resist the Angel of the Lord who is to carry out God's instruction.

Right now he has the access to the Council though I believe it to be limited access, but it will one day soon end. He will no longer have access to the Council of God. Look at this verse in Revelation and you will see what I mean.

**Revelation 12:9-10 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup> **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

<sup>10</sup> **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**

Satan is going before God constantly (day and night) to accuse us before God.

**1 John 2:1 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> **My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

**Advocate: par-ak'-lay-tos, meaning "a consoler or intercessor".**

Though Satan goes before God constantly to accuse us of our sins and the things we do wrong, the scripture teaches us that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

No matter what Satan has against you, you have a lawyer that goes before the Judge to defend you and His ultimate argument regarding your sins, is that "**the penalty for that infraction has already been paid**".

Another bit of information in this scripture that's important to us is that Satan's access to the Divine council of God is going to be cut off.

**Revelation 12:7-10 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> **And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

<sup>8</sup> **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

<sup>9</sup> **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out INTO THE EARTH, and his angels were cast out with him.**

<sup>10</sup> **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**

From this point on, Satan has no access to God or His divine council. He will be in the dark about what God is doing or what plan God has until it happens.

But it also means that Satan is coming directly after you and I, not going through God's Divine Council to accuse us before God. Now is his mandate to "STEAL KILL AND DESTROY".

Always remember, when Satan goes before God to blame you, or to accuse you or try to remind God of your sins, Jesus is your advocate, He is there to remind Satan of scripture that establishes your innocence before God.

In Closing:

This divine council is important to us because it's God's command center. When you pray, God hears your prayers, and the answer to your prayer has to move from the Spiritual into the physical.

The orders for that conversion from Spiritual to Physical are given at that council, and then transmitted to the delivering angel.

Whether you are needing healing, or a blessing, or wisdom, knowledge, protection, what every you need, direction is given, and God's plan and his answer for you is directed, then ordered and then delivered.

Sometimes, Satan puts up a fight, and the Arch angels have to send more help, and it turns into a real fight, ON YOUR BEHALF.

Now that we've studied the angels and their role in the cosmic plan of God and how He has established the Spiritual realm to work.

We need to understand that what we are seeing in the Angels, that we've seen in scripture, the bible say's that when Satan was cast out, 1/3 of the angels went with him. That means that the fallen angels are represented by the types of angels we see in our scripture.

That means there is a hierarchy to Satan's angels too.

Friends these things are important to understand because this is where the SPIRITUAL WARFARE is going to take place. We aren't winning spiritual battles because we don't understand how they are fought.

We don't know enough about our enemy, and his organization.

We don't understand how he sees the fight.

We don't understand his motives, and how he plans to achieve them.

We know he is here to STEAL - KILL AND DESTROY, but do we understand how he is going to do these things?

Don't take this series lightly, we are moving into an area that those of you who are serious about your walk with God, are going to become more powerful through knowledge than you've ever been.

Next week: The war begins.