### Christians Will Face Greater Spiritual Warfare in the Last Days

The Bible is clear: **as we move closer to the return of Jesus, spiritual warfare will increase.** The enemy knows his time is short (Revelation 12:12), and because of that, he is intensifying his attacks against God's people. But praise God — **greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world** (1 John 4:4). We are not called to fear; we are called to stand firm, stay alert, and stay armored up! Amen!

Jesus warned that in the last days **deception**, **lawlessness**, **pressure**, **persecution**, **and spiritual darkness** would increase (Matthew 24). Paul warned that **dangerous**, **difficult times** would come (2 Timothy 3:1). But God also promised that **His Spirit will be poured out**, and His people will shine brighter than ever before (Joel 2:28, Matthew 5:14–16).

The increase in warfare is not a sign of defeat — it is a sign that the Kingdom is advancing and Jesus is soon to return.

#### How Christians Will Be Attacked in the Last Days

Here are **some of the major ways** believers will be spiritually attacked, according to Scripture:

#### 1. Deception & False Teaching

- The enemy will twist Scripture and send false prophets, false apostles, and false doctrines.
- Scripture: Matthew 24:4–5, 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Corinthians 11:13–15
- Attack: Confusion, lies, counterfeit Christianity, "feel-good" doctrines with no repentance.

#### 2. Increased Temptation

- Temptations will rise as the world grows darker and more selffocused.
- Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1–5

• Attack: Lust, pride, greed, rebellion, compromise, and a love for pleasure over God.

### 3. Discouragement & Weariness

- Many will grow tired, overwhelmed, and spiritually exhausted.
- Scripture: Daniel 7:25
- Attack: Mental fatigue, spiritual burnout, feeling like giving up.

### 4. Fear & Anxiety

- The enemy will use fear to paralyze believers.
- Scripture: Luke 21:26
- Attack: Fear of the future, fear of failure, fear of lack, fear of persecution.

# 5. Division in the Body of Christ

- Satan seeks to separate believers, weaken unity, and destroy fellowship.
- Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10, James 3:16
- Attack: Gossip, offense, envy, jealousy, church splits, wounded relationships.

### 6. Persecution (Social, Verbal, and Physical)

- Believers will face rejection, hatred, and pressure for standing on the truth.
- Scripture: Matthew 24:9, John 15:18–20
- Attack: Mocking, cancellation, isolation, job loss, or worse for following Christ.

## 7. Attacks on Identity

- The enemy will challenge who you are in Christ.
- Scripture: John 10:10
- Attack: Shame, insecurity, unworthiness, forgetting your calling.

#### 8. Attacks on the Family

- The enemy wants to destroy homes, marriages, and children.
- **Scripture:** John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8
- Attack: Conflict, rebellion, division, spiritual blindness.

### 9. Attacks Through Distractions

- Satan wants to pull believers away from prayer, the Word, and fellowship.
- Scripture: Luke 21:34
- Attack: Busyness, entertainment overload, "no time for God."

#### 10. Attacks on the Mind

- Mind battles will increase in the last days.
- Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10:4–5
- Attack: Depression, confusion, intrusive thoughts, hopelessness.

#### The Good News

Though the warfare increases, **our victory in Christ never changes.** God has equipped His people with:

- The **full armor of God** (Ephesians 6:10–18)
- The authority of Jesus (Luke 10:19)
- The power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- The Word of God as a weapon (Hebrews 4:12)
- The blood of Jesus and our testimony (Revelation 12:11)

We are not alone. We are not weak.

We are warriors in Christ, and we were born for such a time as this.

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