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Spiritual Authority: The Unseen World

1 John 4:4 – *“...the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.”*

1 John 5:18 – *“...God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them.”*

Romans 8:31,37 – *“...If God is for us, who can ever be against us...overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.”*

WHO’S THE ENEMY?

Ephesians 6:12 - *For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

- **Our Enemy Is Satan And The Spiritual Forces Of Evil**
- **Although Forceful, Our Enemy Has Limited Power**

Ephesians 1:19-23 - *I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.*

- **The Outcome Of Spiritual Warfare, Because Of The Work Of The Spirit In And Through Us, Is Victory**

1 John 2:15-16 - *Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.*

Romans 12:2 - *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

- **Having The Utmost Love For God Becomes The Antithesis Of Loving The World**

Jude 20 - *But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- **Spirit-Filled Prayer Is Authoritative In Bringing Victory In The World**

James 4:7 - *So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Peter 5:8-9 - *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith...*

- **Spiritual Warfare Against The Flesh Is Crucial For Followers Of Christ**