

## Your spiritual battle (part 1)

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### Understanding Satan

1. God created all angels/spirits (Colossians 1:16; Job 38:4-7).
  2. Some spirits (Satan/demons) "fell" – rebelled against God (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Timothy 3:6).
  3. Satan is not God's equal – strong, but not infinite (1 John 4:4).
  4. Satan wants to destroy believers spiritually (1 Peter 5:8).
- I. I CAN HAVE VICTORY OVER SATAN'S SCHEMES ONLY WITH GOD'S POWER (Ephesians 6:10-11).
- A. Be strong in the Lord's power available to you (6:10).
  - B. Put on the armor of God, depending on His power to resist satanic schemes (6:11; Ephesians 4:26-27; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13).
- II. SATAN WORKS THROUGH THE WORLD SYSTEM TO TEMPT ME TO SIN (Ephesians 6:12).
- A. The source of our temptation is not just human (6:12a).
  - B. Satan and his forces influence people and ideas in the world to draw us into sin (6:12b).
    - Satan knows what appeals to our sin nature and creates temptations in this world (1 John 2:14-16; 5:19, 21).