

Bh Porter and notes: The war with Satan

War used to have armies with names, countries and weapons that would meet on battlefields under flags of recognition

In the 1060 a new type of warfare was recognized in the jungles of Vietnam called Gorilla warfare with booby-traps hidden pearls and snipers. 40 years later a new type of warfare was recognized which was that of terror of intimidation and fear not know who was your enemy on the street or activity or event.

The most important war is “spiritual warfare” which is a combination of the most deadly types that of Gorilla and Terror they are invisible enemies, subtle, seemingly silent

Satanism is increasing today like never before with an obsession of the occult, false spirits.

1 Tim. 4:1 last days giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.
Rev 9:8-11 an outpouring of evil

Demonic activity is increasing around the world because an increased interest in the occult. Catholic 2010 conference in Baltimore how to detect demons. Movies etc. etc.

One must know the enemy and know themselves to have any hope of winning the battle.

2600 years ago a book was written that is required reading for the CIA, military intelligence and Marine Corps reading program, which is the Chinese “Art of War” 13 chapters and in the 3rd chapter 18th principle it reads.

“If you know your enemy and know yourself you need not fear the result of a hundred battles,
if you know yourself but not the enemy for every victory gained you will suffer a defeat.
If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle”

If you know yourself and your enemy you can win, and need not fear. This is true with addiction.

Who is the enemy?

Eph. 6:12 we do not war against flesh and blood but principalities and powers of evil

John Phillips teaches about that verse:

“Our enemies are not people. We must see beyond people. Satan may use people to persecute us, lie to us, cheat us, hurt us, or even kill us. But our real enemy lurks in the shadows of the unseen world, moving people as pawns on the chessboard of time. As

long as we see people as enemies and wrestle against them, we will spent our strength in vein.”

‘Today we seem to focus on the people rather than the physical battle and physical survival when we know that all will die eventually and will be required to stand before god explain how they fought the spiritual battle not the physical battle because everyone will die. and as long as we do this we will continue to lose the spiritual fight..

How Satan accomplishes his will today in the bible by verbs of action. Beguiles, seduces, opposes resists deceives ambushes hinders buffets tempts persecutes blasts and sows terror etc. etc. all are devious and destructive.

We are victimized by him and don't even know it unaware.

A. Satan is the great deceiver

Jn. 8:44 the father of lies Rev. 12:9 deceives the whole world

B. Satan is the great divider, must divide and conquer one third in the pre- existence

Divided the first family as Cain kills his brother Able

Ananias the High priest to divide loyalty and money

Did you ever wonder why there are so many churches, Satan even goes to church to divide the people of god. Satan goes to church... I may have set next to him a few times. When Satan gets in the church the poison of division must come out and does so through the tongues of members.

James 3:6,8 the tongue is a fire of iniquity....

Satan uses the tongues of people in families, members, churches communities he is the great deceiver and divider to destroy power of unity

C. Satan is the great destroyer

he does anything and everything to destroy the work of god in every age and way possible. Job Satan destroyed all that Job had.

He wants to destroy us and our spiritual progression and their spiritual influence in their weakness.

Deceive divide and destroy

The Strategies of Satan:

How does he do it?

1. **The strategy of indifference.** That he doesn't really exist, He is not real- just a cartoon or just Hollywood not real. The threat is not real is the goal he has to put in the mind of man. Satan wants to be invisible and hides himself in the arts and activities of the world appearing good, 2 cor. 11:14 as an angel of light. 1 Jn. 5:19.. The whole world is under him. if Satan goes to and fro walking on the earth he has passed by you often again Eph. 6:11-12 Against, against, against.

Against means swimming upstream. When we are indifferent we become the victims and not the victors without even knowing it. The spiritual battle ground today has become an immoral playground. Only 35% of Christians believe that he is real. We are in a spiritual world is no longer seen as a battleground but a playground. Instead fight but frolic. Perusing life as we want it not looking unto futurity. Sin is considered recreation. Satan is organized and he is not indifferent.

2. **Ignorance.** Satan depends on our ignorance of his strategies and doctrine. The Paul Hebert, wrote an article entitled, "The flaw of excluded middle" something he saw in the mission field. There is heaven and there is the earth Spiritual and earth, of which we know, but there is a middle ground where Satan and his emissaries work. (Wilford Woodruff in Preston) Missionaries know of this middle ground, some have seen it, feel it, and experience it, there is a realm as real as life in which the armies of Satan organize and fight the spiritual battles of progression that many are ignorant of being blinded by the satanic onslaught of popular philosophies introduced by the emissaries' of evil. This is a ground where we know very little in our ignorance. This is one reason for the Book of Mormon a record of a fallen people. Satan often stand next to us and we are not aware that he is even there. The spiritual war is fought in this middle ground as we placate our minds thinking only of heaven and earth. 41:10 min
3. **Infiltration** Eph. 4:27 don't give place to the devil. Allowing things in their lives that shouldn't be there, thoughts words friends, music, and visuals. Proverbs 6:27, Can you take fire to your bosom and not be burned. Who can handle a coal and not get black. Thought life lifestyole choices and wonder why they get burned. Stop a dog from eating chickens. Or the wild cow and donkey. Satan will hang his wrotton garbage on our life making it unfit for Christian habitation. Don't rationalize any spiritual failure in your life.
4. **Intervention.** 'Interference between two states'. Satan has his intervention program, to do his will Satan Loves to interfere in the lives of Christians. He seeks to keep people from having the time to be a follower of Christ to take their time, energy and resources in a selfish way for prideful pastimes.

A Devotional once imagined a convention of Satan's policies:

1. Keep them busy with non essentials
2. Tempt them to overspend and go into debt.
3. Make them work long hours to maintain empty lifestyles. (spending money on things you don't need to impress people you don't like)
4. Discourage them from spending family time, for when homes disintergrate, there's no refuge from work.
5. Over-stimulate their minds with television and computers so they can't hear God speaking to them.
6. Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with newspapers and magazines so they have no time to read the scriptures.

7. Flood their mailboxes and emails with sweepstakes, and promotions, and get-rich schemes. And Keep them chasing material things.
8. Put glamorous models on TV and magazines covers to keep them focused on outward appearances; so that they will be dissatisfied with themselves and dissatisfied with their mates.
9. Make sure couples are too exhausted for physiucak ubntunacyt; that wayt the'll be tempted to look elsewhere.
10. Emphasize Santa dn the Easter Bunny; that way youy'lldivert them from the real meaning of the holidays.
11. Involve them in 'good' causes so they will not have time for eternal causes.
12. Make them self-suffcient, keep them busy working in their own strength so that they'll never know the joy of God's power working through them.

There is a difference between busy and being successful in Gods work.

BUSY -- being under Satan's Yoke
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5. **Intimidation:** Satan is not the opposite of God a Creature and not in the same univers or station of God, He cannot defeat us unless we let him. Respect Satan but do not fear him. He is real.

Albert Mohler Stated: a president of a Baptist collage.

"We should respect the power of the devil and his demons, but never fear them, we do not need a rite of exorcism, only the name of Jesus. We are not given a priesthood of exorcists – for every believer is armed with the full promise of the Gospel, united with Christ by faith, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit...Every time a believer shares the Gospel and declares the Name of Jesus the demons and the devil loses their power"

Satan does not have total freedom. Like a dog on a leash he has a territory and limits placed on what he can do. God allows stan the freedom he has so that we can learn to depend on God for all things and victory in our lives. 1 John 3:8 Christ was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Oscar Colman every millary campaign turned on a single battle, the atonement and resurrection was the turning point of the battle with Satan. The battle that Satan wages was lost in Gethsemane and the garden tomb.

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To live a higher law is to be a holier person, one that is not religiously compelled in all things. Again the character developed by agency is the highest and holiest power and only be the developed righteous character by “free” agency is the power of exaltation achieved. God does not have the power to exalt man any more than He can create the spirit of man, nor does he have the power to damn any man. The power of exaltation or deamination is a product of agency. What god does provide is a gospel of grace and mercy energized by faith and hope in an Atonement and resurrection giving all mankind the ‘power to become a son of God’. The plan, work, logos, gospel the Anointed Sacrifice restores every from the fall of Adam, and shields the individual who seeks to become like God from the demands of justice as their agency changes their spiritual character to such an extent that demands of justice, death, and hell has no claim on them., and then the laws of truth and justice will exalt because of the nature and character that has a fullness of truth and light.