

## 5-B Questions: The Fight of Faith

1. Match Greek words & their English meanings. Some match more than once. One is already done:

Greek	English
<i>psucho</i>	adversary, deceiver
<i>psuche</i>	flesh
<i>Apollon</i>	cold
<i>Satanas</i>	the destroyer
<i>diabolos</i>	soul, life
<i>sarx</i>	devil, false accuser

Greek	English
<i>gnosis</i>	strongholds
<i>epignosis</i>	natural knowledge
<i>ochuroma</i>	spiritual knowledge
<i>logismos</i>	carnal
<i>noema</i>	imagination, reasoning
<i>sarkikos</i>	thoughts

- Write out **1TI 6:12**: FIGHT the good FIGHT OF FAITH, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (NKJ)  
Write out **MAT 11:12**: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (NKJ)
- With **WHAT** do we **fight the fight** and **advance the Kingdom** in Q 2? With our FAITH!! But that Faith is NOT in ourselves in any way; it is Faith in God, His Word, His finished work on the cross, His power, etc.
- Write out **REV 12:11**: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives (psuche) to the death. (NKJ)  
Write out **LUK 9:23-24**: Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it (will find it). (NKJ)
- What** is the Greek word for "lives" or "life" in Q 4? psuche Look at **MAT 24:11-13**. What is the Gk word for "cold" in **MAT 24:12**? psucho Why do you suppose there is a similarity in these words? It is in our psuche, or mind, will and emotions where we become "cold" to God; God's will and power arises in our spirit.
- Who** is **LUK 9:23-24** written to? believers, disciples **How** do we take up our cross daily and follow Jesus? By dying to self and selfishness and live instead for God and others **What** goes on the cross? My flesh, which is my selfish wants in this life; I let them die **Could** this be the death spoken of in **REV 12:11** and **could this** be a requirement for overcoming Satan? Yes!! "they did NOT love their (psuches) to the death"--- death to self, NOT loss of physical life (soma)
- T**  **F**  If God heals me or does some other wonderful miracle in me, it is impossible for the Devil to take or steal that miracle from me, since God is so much more powerful than the Devil.  
**T**  **F**  Faith will always result in a **FIGHT** from the enemy of our faith, the Devil.  
**T**  **F**  People must be taught the Word of God in order to have faith to receive from God.
- T**  **F**  It is possible for people to receive healing, but later lose that healing because of unbelief.  
**T**  **F**  The two types of faith are exemplified in the Bible by Thomas and by Abraham.  
**T**  **F**  **MAR 11:24** tells us that **receiving** comes before **believing** when we pray.
- JOH 10:10** "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (NKJ)  
**Who** is speaking in this verse? Jesus About **who**? Satan What is the Greek word for "**destroy**"? apollumi What name for Satan does this remind you of? Apollyon **Give scripture** references: REV 9:11 Apollyon <623> is Gk for "Destroyer" meaning Satan
- Write out **EPH 2:8-9**: 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJ)  
**Everything** we receive from God comes by grace through faith. Another word for **grace** is God's power. **Faith** is like the wire and **grace** is like the electricity in the analogy of the lamp plugged into the electric wall socket. **We** provide the faith or wire while **God** provides the power or electricity.
- Write out **HEB 4:3**: For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (NKJ)
- Write out **EPH 6:10-12**: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (NKJ)
- WHAT** are the six pieces of the Whole Armor of God? 1. Waist girded with the (belt of) truth 2. Breastplate of righteousness 3. Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace 4. Shield of Faith 5. Helmet of salvation 6. Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God  
**WHAT** are the levels authority in Satan's hierarchy? 1. Principalities 2. Powers 3. Rulers of the darkness of this age 4. Spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places  
**WHAT** do you do once you have the full armor in place? **PRAY** – **EPH 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication** in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

14. Write out **1JO 5:3-5**: *For this is the love of God, that we **KEEP** His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?* (NKJ)
15. **Can you** love God and not obey His commands? (v 3) NO! **What** is the essential requirement for anyone who overcomes the world? To be born of God, which will cause us to obey His commands **What** is the **FORCE** that overcomes the world? Our FAITH is the victory that overcomes the world
16. **Write down** at least 6 characteristics of the **ARMORED** and the **NAKED** Christian:
- | <b>ARMORED Christian</b>                                | <b>NAKED Christian</b>                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Studies, know &amp; obeys the Word of God</u>        | <u>Neglects study of Word; does not obey Word</u>   |
| <u>Speaks the Word in every situation</u>               | <u>Speaks the problem in every situation</u>        |
| <u>Keeps a tight reign on the tongue; slow to speak</u> | <u>Does not control the tongue; quick to speak</u>  |
| <u>Quick to repent of sin; quick to forgive others</u>  | <u>Slow to repent; slow to forgive others</u>       |
| <u>Knows struggle is not against flesh &amp; blood</u>  | <u>Thinks struggle is against flesh &amp; blood</u> |
| <u>Overcomes evil with good</u>                         | <u>Is overcome with evil, sin and fear</u>          |
17. **2CO 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down imaginings and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (NKJ)  
**What** is the Greek word for the following blanks in **Q18 above**: 1st blank sarx 2nd blank sarx 3rd blank sarkikos 4th blank ochuroma 5th blank logismos 6th blank gnosis 7th blank noema
18. **1CO 9:24** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I FIGHT; not as one who beats the air. 27 But I DISCIPLINE my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. (NKJ)
19. Write out **1PE 5:8-9**: *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast **IN THE FAITH**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.* (NKJ)  
 In **1PE 5:8-9**, **what** part of your "self" are you to control? My psuche--mind, will & emotions **How** are you to resist the devil? By being steadfast in the Faith (in God, in His Word, by being obedient, etc.) **What** is the Gk word for **resist** in v 9? anthistemi **What** is the Gk for **world**? kosmos **Are you** the only one suffering such attacks? "knowing that the SAME sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world" (v 9)
20. Write out **1PE 2:11**: *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which **WAR** against the **SOUL**,* (NKJ)  
**What** part of your being does sin **WAR** against? My soul (psuche--the self)  
**Does** this **WAR** have any relationship to **1PE 5:8-9** in Q 22? It is thru my flesh and its lusts that Satan finds the foothold to war against me; if I crucify my flesh, I give him NO FOOTHOLD!!  
**What** part of your being does Satan use **AGAINST** you? My flesh (sarx) and the lusts it holds
21. Define **'Spiritual Warfare'**: *A waging of **WAR** against spiritual entities in the Kingdom of Darkness: **EPH 6:12** For we do not wrestle (struggle, war or fight) against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness of this age**, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places**.* (NKJ) (See **EPH 6:10-18**) *This battle occurs in the unseen spiritual realm, but often through people on either side. The Bible describes several weapons, methods, and assurances leading to victory in this Warfare.*
22. **T** **F** The **'fight of faith'** includes all that we do from the time we say **'Amen'** in prayer to the time we experience the actual manifestation of the answer to that prayer.  
**T** **F** The **weapons** by which we fight in spiritual warfare include the **Word of God** (the Sword of the Spirit), **prayer**, **fasting**, **obedience** to God's commands, the **Words WE speak**, the **thoughts** we allow, **persistence**, **patience**, etc.  
**T** **F** This fight is **NOT** against other people, but against demons & other spiritual entities in the spirit realm arrayed against us. **Reference:** EPH 6:10-18  
**T** **F** Spiritual warfare is a battle that actually occurs **WITHIN** believers, allowed by God to **test our faith**. **Reference:** ROM 7:23
23. **T** **F** Those that obey God's commands and fight as proscribed in scripture are assured of **certain victory**.  
**T** **F** Those believers that **give ground to Satan** through sin, laziness, lack of knowledge, negative confession, rebellion, etc. are in turn defeated by Satan. **Reference:** EPH 4:27  
**T** **F** Paul is an example of a believer who suffered many trials and tests, but who came through victorious in every one as he trusted God and obeyed His commands, looking to Him for the way through.  
**T** **F** Jesus told Peter that Satan had asked to sift him as wheat. Jesus did **NOT** pray that Peter would not have to go through the trials, but that his FAITH would not fail. **Reference:** LUK 22:31-32
24. Write out **1PE 4:12-13**: *12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the **fiery trial** which is to **try** you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but **rejoice** to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.* (NKJ) See also **JAM 1:2-22**

25. **How** will you apply the principles learned in this lesson in **YOUR** life? Answer for yourself.