

## **14-C** Battle in the Heavens: Spiritual Warfare for Christians

There are many scriptures that describe a daily spiritual struggle in the life of every believer. From scripture, we can see that this struggle or battle occurs on three fronts:

1. With **THE FLESH**, which is synonymous with the '**SIN NATURE**', also known as the '**OLD MAN**'.
2. With **SATAN & HIS DEMONS**, who fight against everything Godly from '**HEAVENLY PLACES**'.
3. With **THE WORLD SYSTEM**, which is under control of Satan, who is '**GOD OF THIS WORLD**'.

In lesson 14-A we covered **Satan And His Kingdom**. In lesson 14-B we discussed **Demons And Deliverance**. In this lesson we will discuss **THE FLESH** and **THE WORLD SYSTEM**. For everyone, saved and unsaved, the **FLESH** represents the sinful Adamic nature that resides within our very being. We are especially aware of its reality **AFTER** we become saved, and recognize its intense desire to serve Satan & his demons and the World System. We experience first-hand the intense struggle between the '**New Man**', our born-again spirit, and the '**Flesh**' or '**Old Man**' that still wants to follow evil. **Spiritual Warfare**, therefore, cannot be won from without until we are first victorious from within our own selves!! **THAT**, my friend, is where the battle begins. This battle happens **WITHIN** our very being!!

### **The True seed of God**

1. **GEN 3:15** And **I will put ENMITY Between you and the woman, And between YOUR SEED and HER SEED; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.**"
2. **GEN 4:1** Now **Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain**, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." 2 **Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel**. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And **the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry**, and his countenance fell. 6 So **the Lord said to Cain**, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And **if you do not do well, SIN LIES AT THE DOOR. AND ITS DESIRE IS FOR YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD RULE OVER IT.**" 8 Now **Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.**
3. **GEN 17:5** "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for **I have made you a father of many nations.** 7 "And **I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants (seed) after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants (seed) after you.** 8 "Also **I give to you and your descendants (seed) after you the land in which you are a stranger, all THE LAND OF CANAAN, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**"
4. **GEN 17:11** "and **you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.** 24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
5. **GEN 22:17** "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying **I will multiply your descendants (seed) as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; & your descendants (seed) shall possess the gate of their enemies.**
6. **GEN 16:2** So **Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children (seed). Please, go in to my maid (Hagar); perhaps I shall obtain children (seed) by her."** And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 15 So **Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.**
7. **GEN 25:22** But **the children (ESAU & JACOB) struggled together within her (Rebekah); and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?"** So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And **the Lord said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."**
8. **ROM 2:28** For **he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit,** not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.
9. **1CO 15:44** **It is sown a NATURAL BODY, it is raised a SPIRITUAL BODY.** There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "**The first man Adam became a living soul.**" **The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.** 46 However, **the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.** 47 **The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.** 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 **And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.**
10. **GAL 4:22** For it is written that **Abraham had two sons (seed): the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.** 23 But **he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,** 24 **which things are symbolic. For these are the TWO COVENANTS: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— 26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

## Spiritual Warfare

11. **GEN 3:1** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”
12. **GEN 3:4** Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.
13. **NUM 10:9** “When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the Lord your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.
14. **NUM 10:35** So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: “Rise up, O Lord! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You.”
15. **NUM 13:30** Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”
16. **NUM 31:6** Then Moses sent them to the war, one thousand from each tribe; he sent them to the war with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with the holy articles and the signal trumpets in his hand. 7 And they warred against the Midianites, just as the Lord commanded Moses, and they killed all the males.
17. **NUM 33:51** “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 then you shall DRIVE OUT (CAST OUT) all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; 53 ‘you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess. 55 ‘But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. 56 ‘Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.’
18. **DEU 11:22** “For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him— 23 “then the Lord will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves. 24 “Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory.
19. **DEU 20:1** “When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.
20. **2CH 20:15** And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.
21. **2CH 20:21** And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever.” 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.
22. **PSA 68:1** Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. 2 As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
23. **PSA 149:5** Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!
24. **ISA 54:17** No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me,” Says the Lord.
25. **MAL 4:3** You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this,” Says the Lord of hosts.
26. **MAR 11:22** So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 23 “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.
27. **LUK 4:3** And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’
28. **LUK 10:17** Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” 18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”
29. **LUK 22:31** And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 “But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

30. **JOH 8:44** “**You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.
31. **ACT 16:24** Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 **But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.** 26 **Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.**
32. **ROM 8:22** For **we know that THE WHOLE CREATION GROANS AND LABORS WITH BIRTH PANGS together until now.** 23 Not only that, but **we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.** 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?
33. **ROM 8:35** **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?** 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” 37 **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** 38 For **I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,** 39 **nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
34. **1CO 9:26** Therefore **I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.**
35. **2CO 4:3** But even **if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,** 4 **whose minds THE GOD OF THIS AGE has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.**
36. **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 arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**
37. **2CO 11:3** But **I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**
38. **EPH 2:4** But **God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,** 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),** 6 **and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**
39. **EPH 4:27** **nor give place to the devil.**
40. **COL 2:15** **Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.**
41. **1TH 2:18** Therefore **we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.**
42. **1TH 5:8** But **let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.**
43. **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.
44. **2TI 2:3** **You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.** 4 **No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.** 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
45. **HEB 4:12** For **the word of God is living & powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,** piercing even to the division of soul & spirit, and of joints & marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts & intents of the heart.
46. **JAM 4:1** **Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that WAR IN YOUR MEMBERS?** 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. **You fight and war.** Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 4 **Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**
47. **JAM 4:7** Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** 8 **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**
48. **1PE 4:12** **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.
49. **1PE 5:8** **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.**
50. **IJO 4:4** **You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**
51. **IJO 5:4** 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?**
52. **REV 2:16** ‘Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.
53. **REV 12:11** “And **they (believers) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

## War in The Heavenly (Spiritual) Realm

54. **DAN 10:12** Then he said to me, “**Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.** 13 “**But THE PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM OF PERSIA withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,** for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. 14 “**Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.**”
55. **JOH 3:12** “**If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you HEAVENLY (epouranios) things?**”
56. **2CO 12:2** **I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago**—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one **was caught up to THE THIRD HEAVEN.**
57. **1CO 15:48** As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the **HEAVENLY Man,** so also are those who are **HEAVENLY (epouranios).** 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the **HEAVENLY (epouranios) Man.**
58. **EPH 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of **our Lord Jesus Christ,** who **has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the HEAVENLY (epouranios) PLACES in Christ,**
59. **EPH 1:19** and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand **IN THE HEAVENLY (epouranios) PLACES,** 21 **far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.** 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
60. **EPH 2:1** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to **THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR,** the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
61. **EPH 2:6** and **raised us up together, and made us sit together IN THE HEAVENLY (epouranios) PLACES** in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
62. **EPH 3:8** To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of **the MYSTERY,** which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to **the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN THE HEAVENLY (epouranios) PLACES,** 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
63. **EPH 6:10** 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 (epouranios) PLACES.** 13 Therefore **take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.** 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And **take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God;** 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—
64. **EPH 3:10** to the intent **that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES,**
65. **PHI 2:9** Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,** 10 **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those IN HEAVEN, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,** 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
66. **2TI 4:18** And **the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His HEAVENLY KINGDOM. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!**
67. **REV 12:7** And **war broke out IN HEAVEN: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,** 8 but **they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.** 9 So **the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives THE WHOLE WORLD; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “**Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.** 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 to the death.**”

## The Flesh (*sarx*)

68. **MAT 26:41** “**Watch & pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but THE FLESH is weak.**”
69. **JOH 1:12** But **as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,** to those who believe in His name: 13 **who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of THE FLESH, nor of the will of man, but of God.**
70. **JOH 3:5** Jesus answered, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** 6 “**That which is born of THE FLESH is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
71. **JOH 6:63** “**It is the Spirit who gives life; THE FLESH profits nothing.** The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.
72. **1CO 15:49** And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. 50 Now **this I say, brethren, that FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.**
73. **JOH 8:15** “**You judge according to THE FLESH; I judge no one.**
74. **ROM 1:1** Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to **the gospel of God** 2 **which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,** 3 **concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to THE FLESH,** 4 **and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.**
75. **ROM 2:28** For **he is NOT a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in THE FLESH;** 29 **but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter;** whose praise is not from men but from God.
76. **ROM 7:5** For **when we were in THE FLESH, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.** 6 **But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.** 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, **I would not have known sin except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” 8 **But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.** 9 **I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.** 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.** 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.
77. **ROM 7:14** For **we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.** 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, **it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.** 18 For **I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.** 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For **I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.** 23 **But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.** 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! **So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with THE FLESH the law of sin.**
78. **ROM 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to THE FLESH, but according to the Spirit. 2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.** 3 For **what the law could not do in that it was weak through THE FLESH, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in THE FLESH,** 4 **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to THE FLESH but according to the Spirit.** 5 For those who live according to THE FLESH set their minds on the things of THE FLESH, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, **those who are in THE FLESH cannot please God.** 9 **But you are not in THE FLESH but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 12 Therefore, **brethren, we are debtors—not to THE FLESH, to live according to THE FLESH.** 13 For **if you live according to THE FLESH you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
79. **ROM 9:6** But **it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,** 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; **but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.”** 8 That is, **those who are the children of THE FLESH, these are NOT the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.**
80. **ROM 13:12** **The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.** 13 **Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.** 14 But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for THE FLESH, to fulfill its lusts.**

81. **1CO 1:26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to THE FLESH, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.
82. **1CO 5:4** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of THE FLESH, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
83. **2CO 5:16** Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to THE FLESH. Even though we have known Christ according to THE FLESH, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
84. **2CO 7:1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of THE FLESH and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
85. **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 arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
86. **2CO 12:7** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, A THORN IN THE FLESH was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.
87. **GAL 2:20** “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in THE FLESH I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
88. **GAL 3:3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by THE FLESH?
89. **GAL 4:23** But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to THE FLESH, and he of the freewoman through promise, 24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— 26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.
90. **GAL 4:28** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29 But, as he who was born according to THE FLESH then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.
91. **GAL 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of THE FLESH. 17 For THE FLESH lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against THE FLESH; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of THE FLESH are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
92. **GAL 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of THE FLESH reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
93. **EPH 2:1** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of THE FLESH and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
94. **PHI 3:3** For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in THE FLESH.
95. **COL 2:11** In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of THE FLESH, by the circumcision of Christ.
96. **HEB 9:13** For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of THE FLESH, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
97. **1PE 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in THE FLESH but made alive by the Spirit,
98. **1PE 4:1** Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in THE FLESH, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in THE FLESH has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in THE FLESH for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.
99. **1JO 2:16** For all that is in the world—the lust of THE FLESH, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
100. **JUD 22** And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by THE FLESH.

## The World (*kosmos*)

The World System is the sum total of all the life & motivation of the unsaved on the planet, including the all Corporate, Governmental, Political, Religious & all other systems under the rulership of the God of this World, Satan himself. The vast majority of the unsaved in the World have no idea that they are, in fact, serving an invisible tyrant, Satan. Most know there is something VERY WRONG with the World, but do not know the source of the evil & destruction so clearly evident everywhere.

101. **MAT 4:8** Again, **the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of THE WORLD (*kosmos*) and their glory.** 9 And **he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”**
102. **MAT 5:14** **“You are the light of THE WORLD (*kosmos*).** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
103. **MAT 13:37** He answered and said to them: **“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 “The field is THE WORLD (*kosmos*) , the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 “The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 “Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.**
104. **MAT 16:26** **“For what profit is it to a man if he gains THE WHOLE WORLD (*kosmos*), and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?**
105. **MAT 18:7** **“Woe to THE WORLD (*kosmos*) because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!**
106. **MAT 24:21** **“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of THE WORLD (*kosmos*) until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.**
107. **JOH 7:7** **“THE WORLD (*kosmos*) cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.**
108. **JOH 8:23** And **He (Jesus) said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of THIS WORLD (*kosmos*); I am not of this world.**
109. **JOH 12:25** **“He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in THIS WORLD (*kosmos*) will keep it for eternal life.**
110. **JOH 14:17** **“the Spirit of truth, whom THE WORLD (*kosmos*) cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**
111. **JOH 14:30** **“I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of THIS WORLD (*kosmos*) is coming, and he has nothing in Me.**
112. **JOH 15:18** **“If THE WORLD (*kosmos*) hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of THE WORLD, but I chose you out of THE WORLD, therefore THE WORLD (*kosmos*) hates you.**
113. **JOH 16:8** **“And when He (the Holy Spirit) has come, He will convict THE WORLD (*kosmos*) of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 “of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 “of judgment, because the ruler of THIS WORLD is judged.**
114. **JOH 16:33** **“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In THE WORLD (*kosmos*) you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome THE WORLD (*kosmos*).”**
115. **JOH 17:14** **“I have given them Your word; and THE WORLD has hated them because they are not of THE WORLD, just as I am not of THE WORLD. 15 “I do not pray that You should take them out of THE WORLD, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 “They are not of THE WORLD, just as I am not of THE WORLD.**
116. **ROM 5:12** Therefore, **just as through one man sin entered THE WORLD, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—** 13 (For until the law sin was in **THE WORLD**, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
117. **1CO 1:20** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of THIS WORLD (*kosmos*)? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, THE WORLD through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.**
118. **1CO 1:27** But **God has chosen the foolish things of THE WORLD to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of THE WORLD to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of THE WORLD and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.**
119. **1CO 2:12** Now **we have received, not the spirit of THE WORLD (*kosmos*), but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**
120. **1CO 3:19** For **the wisdom of THIS WORLD (*kosmos*) is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their own craftiness”;** 20 and again, **“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”**

121. **1CO 6:2** **Do you not know that the saints will judge THE WORLD (*kosmos*)?** And if **THE WORLD** will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
122. **1CO 11:32** But **when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with THE WORLD (*kosmos*).**
123. **GAL 4:3** Even so **we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of THE WORLD.**
124. **GAL 6:14** But **God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom THE WORLD has been crucified to me, and I to THE WORLD.**
125. **EPH 2:1** And **you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of THIS WORLD (*kosmos*), according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,** 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
126. **EPH 2:11** Therefore **remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 **that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in THE WORLD.**
127. **COL 2:8** **Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of THE WORLD,** and not according to Christ.
128. **COL 2:20** Therefore, **if you died with Christ from the basic principles of THE WORLD, why, as though living in THE WORLD, do you subject yourselves to regulations**—
129. **HEB 11:7** By faith **Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned THE WORLD and became heir of the righteousness** which is according to faith.
130. **JAM 1:27** **Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from THE WORLD (*kosmos*).**
131. **JAM 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! **Do you not know that friendship with THE WORLD is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of THE WORLD makes himself an enemy of God.**
132. **2PE 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as **His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, 4 **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in THE WORLD through lust.**
133. **1PE 5:8** **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 (*kosmos*).**
134. **2PE 2:20** For **if, after they have escaped the pollutions of THE WORLD through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.** 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.
135. **1JO 2:15** **Do not love THE WORLD or the things in THE WORLD. If anyone loves THE WORLD, the love of the Father is not in him.** 16 For **all that is in THE WORLD—THE LUST OF THE FLESH, THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE—is not of the Father but is of THE WORLD.** 17 And **THE WORLD is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.**
136. **1JO 3:1** Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore **THE WORLD does not know us, because it did not know Him.**
137. **1JO 3:13** **Do not marvel, my brethren, if THE WORLD (*kosmos*) hates you.**
138. **1JO 4:4** **You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in THE WORLD.** 5 **They are of THE WORLD. Therefore they speak as of THE WORLD, and THE WORLD hears them.** 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
139. **1JO 5:4** 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?** 19 **We know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD (*kosmos*) lies under the sway of the wicked one.**
140. **REV 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdoms of THIS WORLD (*kosmos*) have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”**