



Sermon Notes: The Invisible Battle

1. How to understand spiritual warfare.

- a. Round 1: Satan maims and destroys.
- b. Round 2: Jesus liberates.
- c. Round 3: Satan slanders and plants seeds of doubt.
- d. Round 4: Jesus vindicates himself.
 - 1) By disproving the accusations against him.
 - 2) By proving the source of his power/victory.

2. How to lose spiritual warfare.

- a. Morality.
- b. Neutrality.

3. How to win spiritual warfare.

- a. Walk in obedient faith.
- b. Be filled with God's presence.



Application Questions: The Invisible Battle

1. Review: How did you pray differently this week?
2. What's an example of people attributing evil to God today? What's an example of people attributing the goodness of God to someone or something else?
3. What's an example of a clear issue (biblically speaking) that Satan has made confusing and uncertain to our culture today? What tactics do you see him using to accomplish this?
4. Give an example of something a segment of our society supports/believes (theologically) that is illogical or inconsistent. What is it about human nature that causes us to cling to such beliefs?
5. Why do you think so many people doubted Jesus when they witnessed his miracles with their own eyes? What's really going on there?
6. How/why is doubt often more dangerous than outright rejection of God?
7. How have you seen attempts at self-reformation in yourself? Why doesn't this ultimately produce spiritual victory? Why do you think moral improvement feels so right to so many people, then?
8. What's wrong with a neutral, "devil's advocate," playing both sides approach to Christ and faith? Why do you think neutrality feels so right to so many people, then?
9. What are some things a person of real faith does that a moralist or neutralist does not do? What difference does this make when extrapolated out over time?
10. What are some things you've done in the past to equip yourself for spiritual warfare? What's one thing you'll try to avoid as a result of this text going forward? What's one thing you'll try to put on or practice going forward? How will you and others know you're doing that?