

# ***Spiritual Warfare***

## ***The Devil, and How to Stand Against His Schemes***



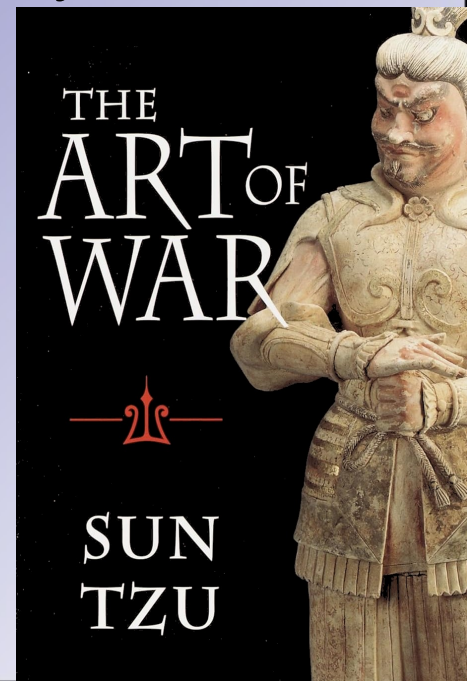
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- *Definitions of Terms*
- *The Nature of the Enemy (part 2)*
- *The Mechanics of Spiritual Warfare*



# *The Nature of the Enemy*

- What do we actually know about Satan's actions and abilities from Scripture?
  - How does Satan interact with humans?
    - We ended last time with a handful of verses about Satan being stuck here with us
      - How is Satan described in 1 Peter 5:8?
      - How is that double-sided image portrayed in other verses like Revelation 12:12 as well?
      - If Sun Tzu is right and we should know our enemy, then what does Satan appear to be trying to *accomplish* by any of this devilry—and *why*?



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Funky little teaching moment...

- A good coverage of all of that is seen in the story of Christ's temptation in the wilderness
  - Read Matthew 4:1
    - So... who is technically already superintending all of this, before it even gets going?



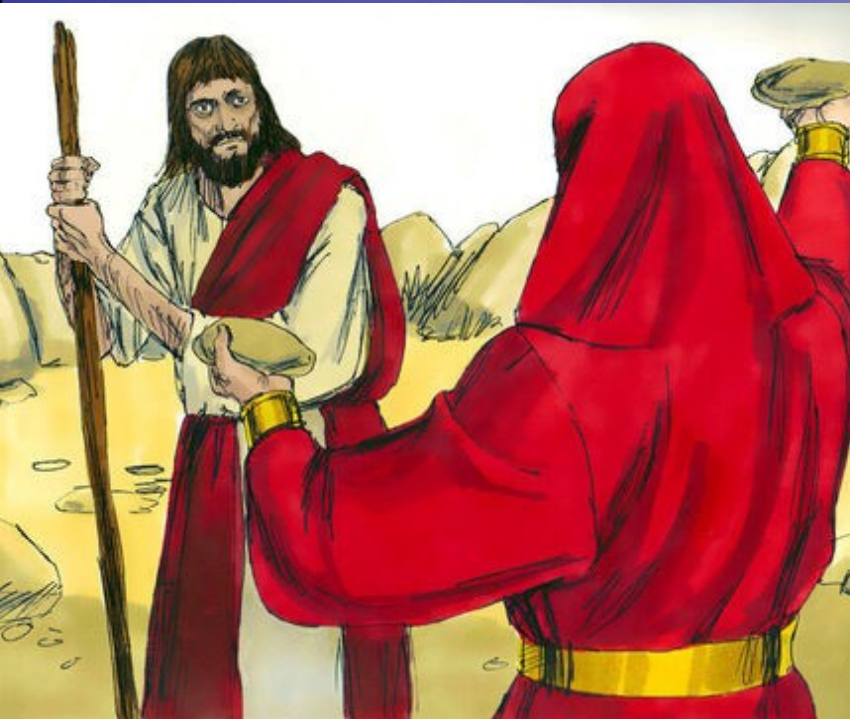


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- A good coverage of all of that is seen in the story of Christ's temptation in the wilderness
  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-3
    - The “Tempter” comes in and does what, exactly?
      - Describe the strategy here behind this satanic temptation—why does Satan think that such a strategy *might* work?
        - How might he try such tactics in *our* lives?

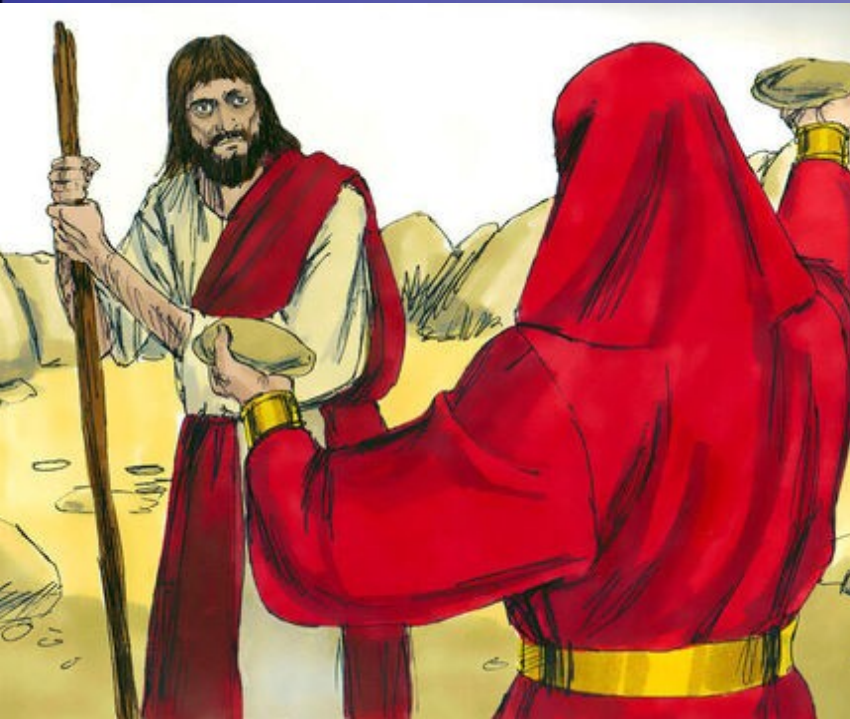


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  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-4
    - The “Tempter” comes in and does what, exactly?
    - What is Christ's response in vs. 4?
      - Why does the “Word made flesh” quote the Word?
        - For that matter, what does He *do* with the Scripture He quotes (hermeneutically)?
          - What does that suggest about how we should respond to temptation?





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  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-4
  - Read Matthew 4:5-6
    - What exactly is the argument here?
      - Describe the strategy here behind *this* satanic temptation—what does he appeal to, and why does Satan think that this strategy might work?
      - How might he try such tactics in *our* lives?



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- A good coverage of all of that is seen in the story of Christ's temptation in the wilderness
  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-4
  - Read Matthew 4:5-7
    - What exactly is the argument here?
    - What is Christ's response in vs. 7?
      - Why does the Jesus quote the Word *this* time?
      - How is this a *different* sort of hermeneutic?
    - What does that suggest about how we should respond to temptation?



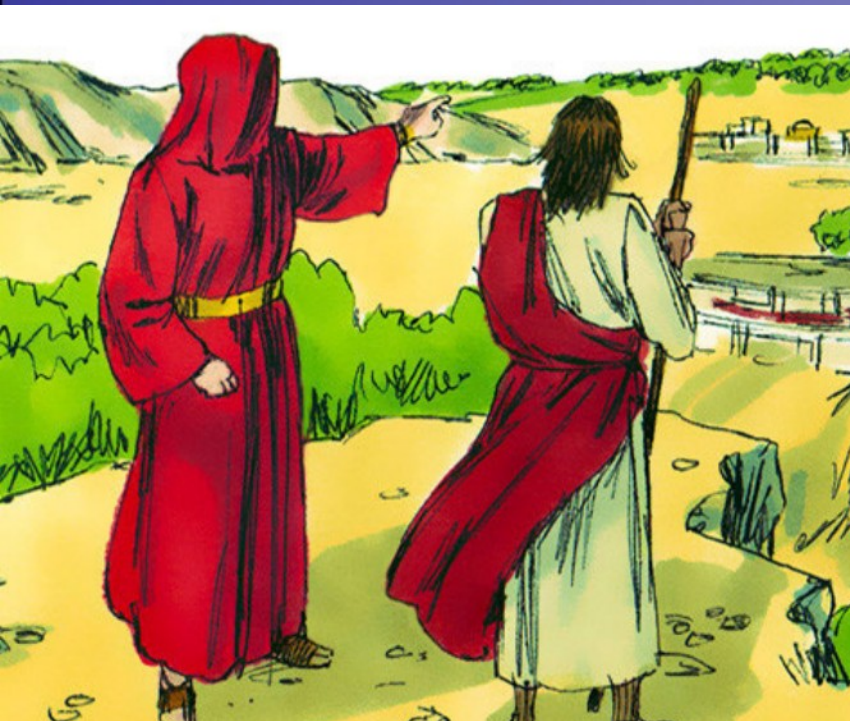


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  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-4
  - Read Matthew 4:5-7
  - Read Matthew 4:8-9
    - What is Satan trying to do here?
      - How is that totally in keeping with his previous character throughout Scripture?
    - What additional detail does Dr. Luke include in Luke 4:6-7?
      - Is Satan being *accurate* about the authority and the splendor of the whole world being given to him? Why or why not?



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  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-4
  - Read Matthew 4:5-7
  - **Read Matthew 4:8-11**
    - What is Satan trying to do here?
    - **What is Christ's response in vs. 10-11?**
      - Is this the same response again or different?
      - What does that suggest about how we should respond to temptation?
      - What did Christ's brother, James, write about this in James 4:7?





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  - Read Matthew 4:1
  - Read Matthew 4:2-4
  - Read Matthew 4:5-7
  - Read Matthew 4:8-11
  - Why did Satan seem to think that any of this would work on Jesus?
    - What is his prime assumption about humanity—even the humanity of Jesus—here?
      - I'd argue that at his core, Satan seems to think that at *our* core, the *driving motivation* of humanity is our instinctive, fleshly yearnings (hunger for food, need for personal affirmation, lust for power and control, desire for physical pleasure and comfort, etc.)
        - If that's true, then he seems to have either genuinely thought that he could trip *Jesus* up the same way(s) that he trips *us* up or was trying to ascertain that such tactics *really weren't* going to work on Him

