

Spiritual Warfare
The Devil, and How to Stand Against His Schemes



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- *Definitions of Terms*
- *The Nature of the Enemy (part 4)*
- *The Mechanics of Spiritual Warfare*



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(i.e.; “falsely accusing”)
 - Accusing God, accusing us to God, accusing us to one another, accusing us to ourselves, etc.



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(NOTE: Jesus actually explained the parable for us in Matthew 13:37-42 —so what was Satan attempting to accomplish?)



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(how is that echoed in Acts 5:3, etc.?)
(i.e.; are church people *immune* to Satan "entering their hearts" in order to prompt us to wrong actions and attitudes?)



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 - “Satan has asked to sift you guys like wheat”—what all do you see there?
 - But how many ways does Jesus show His authority in vs. 32?
 - He's praying for Peter, already knowing *full well* that he'll turn away ... but praying that *when* Peter turns *back*, he can *help* better...
 - What does that suggest about the love of Christ?



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 - **How does any of that "sataning" echo the interaction between Jesus and Peter in Matthew 16:21-23?**
 - What is Satan doing when he acts as the "Adversary" in *our* lives?

