Understanding the Enemy: Satan's Tactics

2 Corinthians 2:11

I. Satan's Allies

A. The World

1. As an enemy of God, the World is an ally of Satan.
2. What is the world?
   a. It is not the people.
   b. It is not the creation.
   c. It is the system of this world that is contrary to God.

B. The Flesh

1. The flesh again is not a reference to our physical bodies, but it is connected to our sinful nature.
2. Our sin nature is our flesh that is the enemy of God.

C. Both this world and our flesh aid Satan is his attacks on God's authority in our lives.

II. Satan's Army

A. The Soldiers in Satan's Army

1. Satan's army is made up of fallen angels.
2. These fallen angels are referred to as devils and unclean or evil spirits in the Bible.
3. There are no evil spirits comprised of the disembodied souls of dead men.
4. Angels (both fallen and not) have immaterial bodies but can take a form that can be viewed by men.
5. The fallen angels are comprised of about a third of the total number of created angels.

B. The Structure in Satan's Army

1. Satan is not omnipresent, omnipotent, or omniscient.
2. The Bible describes the structure Satan has within his army.
   a. Principalities
   b. Powers
   c. The rulers of the darkness of this world
   d. Spiritual wickedness in high places

C. The Scope of Satan's Army

1. We can see in the Bible demonic temptation.
2. We see demonic oppression.
3. We see demonic possession.

III. Satan's Attacks

A. Lust of the Flesh

B. Lust of the Eyes

C. Pride of Life

IV. Satan's Adversary