

## **The War We Face – Understanding the Fight (1 John 5: 19b)**

Matt 12:26, If Satan casts Satan out...how then will his kingdom stand”

If it is by the Spirit of God I cast out demons...Kingdom of God has come

There is a kingdom of God and a kingdom of Satan – understand the fight

Why is the kingdom of God so important for us? Need His power to live

### **I. The Whole World is under the Sway or Power of the Evil One**

Unusual verb: world is powerless under sway or power, influence of Satan

John doesn't say that the world belongs to Satan, but is under his power

#### **Present Evil Age**

Gal 1:4; Eph 5:16; Col 1:13.

#### **God of this Age**

2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; John 14:30; Acts 16:11; 1 John 5:19

### **II. Do You Share this View of the World?**

1. Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers: 2 Cor 4:3-4
2. Satan snatches the Word away from people who hear (Matt 13:4,19)
3. Satan does deceptive signs and wonders (Matt 24:24; 2 Thess 2:9)
4. Satan uses people to hinder others from believing (Acts 13:8-9)
5. Satan hinders or seeks to thwart Gospel endeavors (1 Thess 2:17-18)
6. Satan throws Christians in prison & persecutes them (Rev 2:10; 1 Pet 5)

### **III. We Need to Know What Kind of Enemy We are Facing**

1 John 3: 8; 4:4 “He who is in you is greater than He who is in the world”