

# Supernatural: Spiritual Warfare – The Battle for Your Mind

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## I. Introduction

- A. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

## II. The Battle for Your Mind

- A. Who's in control of your thoughts?
- B. Satan's primary method of harassment is inserting thoughts into our minds that will influence our feelings and actions. Thoughts of anger, lust, hatred, rage, malice, revenge, deception, inferiority and ugliness.
- C. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*
- D. What is a Stronghold? - Ochoroma (okh-oo'-ro-mah) – To fortify, a strong castle, it also has a reference to a prisoner locked by deception. A place of strength where evil is entrenched. Often not something in the open and not easily exposed.
- E. Satan lies to us once and we dismiss it, but he keeps coming with the same lie until eventually we start to believe it.

## III. Winning the Battle of the Mind

- A. Recognize the enemy's lies –
  - John 8:44 - *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*
- B. Three common areas of attack – Lies about yourself, Lies about the meaning of life and happiness and Lies about God.
- C. Resist the enemies lies
- D. James 4:7 - *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
- E. Matthew 4:4 - *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*
- F. Matthew 4:7 - *Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*
- G. Matthew 4:10 - *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"*
- H. Matthew 4:11 - *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*
- I. Psalm 139:13-18 - *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.*
- J. Renew your mind with truth –
  - Romans 12:2 - *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

## Conclusion

- A. 2 Corinthians 10:4 - *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*