

The Sovereignty of God
Week 7: Spiritual Warfare
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Job 1
The Sovereignty of God
in Spiritual Conflict
Job 1:20-22
Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there
The LORD gave and the LORD has take away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

Two Worldviews

- The Warfare Worldview

- The Providential Worldview

Peter and "Permission"

Luke 22:31-32

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Colossians and the Sovereignty of Jesus Christ

Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.

Colossians and the Power of the Cross

Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

The Issue of Sin in
Spiritual Conflict

- Revelation 12:10-12
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."

Obeying the Revealed Will of God in
Engaging the Enemy

Jude 8-9
Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Resist!

1 Peter 5:8-10
Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Next Week:
Prayer and Evangelism

- Read all of Acts chapter 4

How does the disciples' prayer (24-30) inform our understanding between the relationship between the sovereignty of God and prayer/evangelism?

Reference links

- Binding and Loosing
<https://cicministry.org/commentary/issue102.htm>
- Colossian Heresy:
<https://cicministry.org/commentary/issue69.htm>
<https://cicministry.org/commentary/issue70.htm>
<https://cicministry.org/commentary/issue71.htm>
