

War in Heaven & Earth

I. Spiritual Conflict

Ephesians 6:10–13 (NIV®)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² 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. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2 Corinthians 12:2 (NIV®)

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven**. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

Ephesians 1:18–23 (NIV®)

¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms**, ²¹ **far above all rule and authority, power and dominion**, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

A. Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms

Ephesians 2:1–2 (NIV®)

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of **the ruler of the kingdom of the air**, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Ephesians 3:8–13 (NIV®)

⁸ Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known **to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms**, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

B. Arenas of Conflict

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (NIV®)

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. **May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1. Physical, Health

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV®)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

2. Mental, Peace

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV®)

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Romans 8:6 (NIV®)

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

3. Emotional, Joy

1 Chronicles 16:27 (NIV®)

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.

C. Deliverance & Prayer

2 Corinthians 1:9–11 (NIV®)

⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ **He has delivered us** from such a deadly peril, and **he will deliver us**. On him we have set our hope that **he will continue to deliver us**, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

Prayer

Ephesians 3:16–21 (NIV®)

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.