

# The Battle For Heaven!

Introduction:

1. Did you know there is a war going on? Right now!
2. Today we will ask:
  - a. Is this an ordinary battle?
  - b. Who is our enemy?
  - c. Who is our Captain?

Discussion:

## I. IS THIS AN ORDINARY BATTLE?

No, this is not an ordinary battle! This is the battle for heaven! You might be wondering what the battle for heaven is? The battle for heaven is where we try to defeat Satan and his army by the power of God! And that is what I am doing right now by preaching the word of God! Notice the battle for HEAVEN. We must teach lost ones so that they can go to HEAVEN. So when we stick all this together we have THE BATTLE FOR HEAVEN! So it means we teach the gospel so you and me can go to Heaven and be strong Christians!

**Eph 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

**Eph 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

We won't have a real battle with guns and swords. It is a spiritual battle! And we want to be on Gods side!

Now we need to:

II. Prepare to enter the battle!

III. We need to put on the shield of faith!

**Eph 6:16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit! {Which is the word of God.}

**Eph 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

We need the breastplate of righteousness!

**Eph 6:14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And the feet. Which is the gospel of peace!

**Eph 6:15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Know the main point! Is this a ordinary battle?

Some soldier might ask, What kind of battle is this? And another soldier answered, It is the battle for HEAVEN!

So the answer is NO this is not an ordinary battle!

### WHO IS OUR ENEMY?

I am sure all of you have an enemy. But who is our worst Enemy in the whole world? We will figure out the answer soon! Please open your bibles to:

**Mat 4:1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the \_\_\_\_\_ Can any of you tell me who this is? That's right--the Devil!

**Mat 4:2** And when he [JESUS] had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

**Mat 4:3** And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

**But Jesus had a defense!**

**Mat 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

But the devil kept on tempting Jesus! Did He fall for it?

**Mat 4:5** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

**Mat 4:6** And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *[their]* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

**What did Jesus do? He quoted Scriptures!**

**Mat 4:7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

But the devil is about to tempt Jesus Christ. AGAIN!!

**Mat 4:8** Again, the **devil** taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

So the devil took Jesus Christ to a high mountain. Look what the devil says in verse 9.

**Mat 4:9** And said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Jesus did not like this saying look in verse 10.

**Mat 4:10** Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve!

So Satan fled away in verse 11 and the angels ministered unto Jesus.

So now do you know who your enemy is? Yes, Satan!

### WHO IS OUR CAPTAIN?

Sometimes people think they don't have a leader, but we now the truth! We have the best Leader anyone could ever have! He is our Captain. Do you know who He is? We will figure out who He is in a moment! Please open your bibles to:

**Heb 2:9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

**Heb 2:10** For it became him, for whom *[are]* all things, and by whom *[are]* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make **the captain of their salvation** perfect through sufferings.

It is talking about Christ our Savior and our Captain. If we will be good soldiers and obey our Captain, we will win the battle for heaven!

SO! Is Christ YOUR Captain?

Here is how you join the Lord's army:

1. Hear, Romans 10:17
2. Believe, Mar. 16:15-16
3. Repent, Acts 2:38
4. Confess, Romans 10:10
5. Be Baptized, Acts 22:16
6. Walk in new life, Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU READY TO BE IN THE  
BATTLE FOR HEAVEN!?