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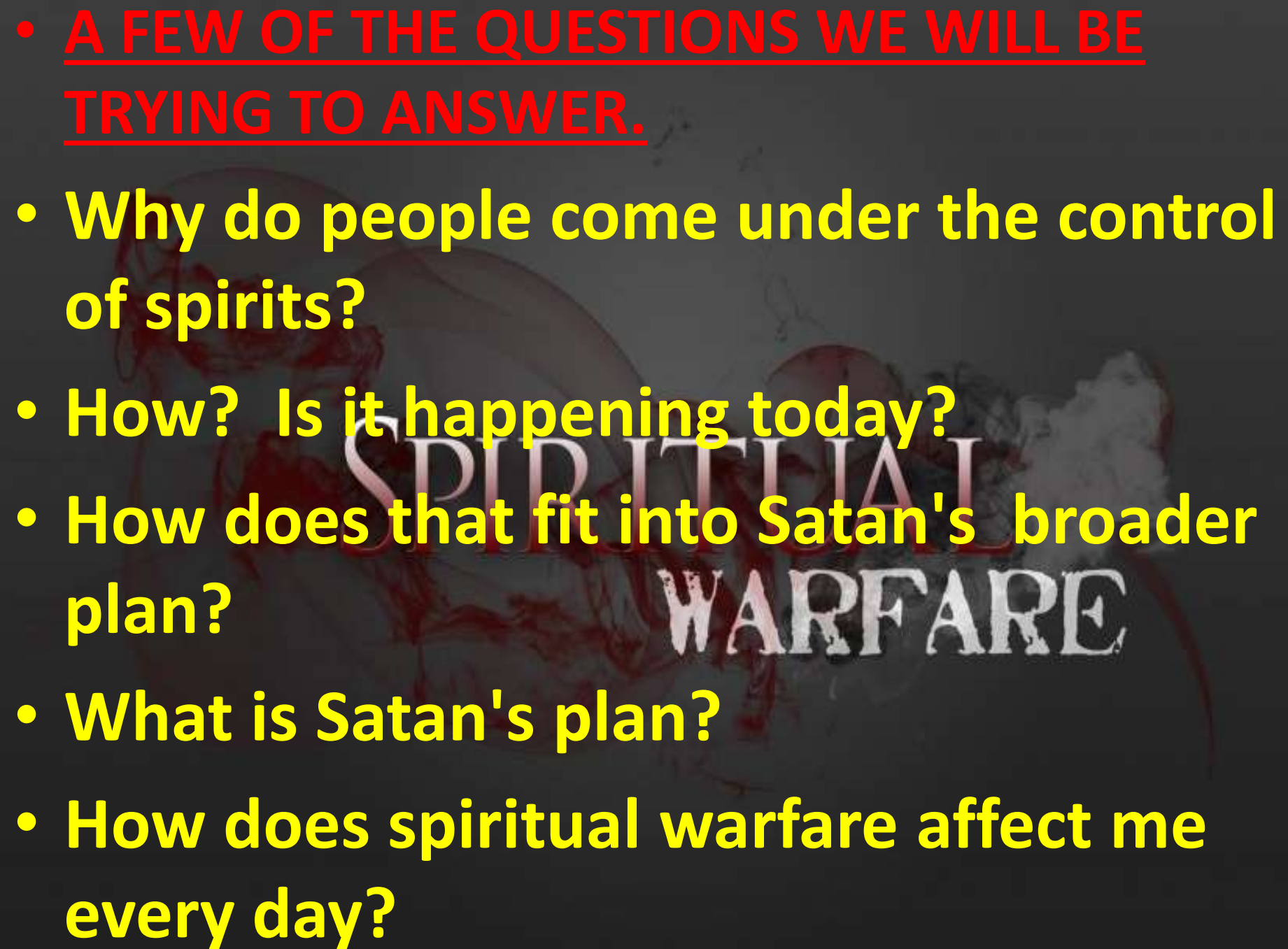
- **Series on Spiritual warfare.**
- Scripture reveals to us that You and I are involved in a war.
- Not a physical war, with guns and bombs.
- A tremendous spiritual battle involving spirit beings.
- It is a battle waged in which our very souls are at stake as well as the souls of our friends, family, and community.

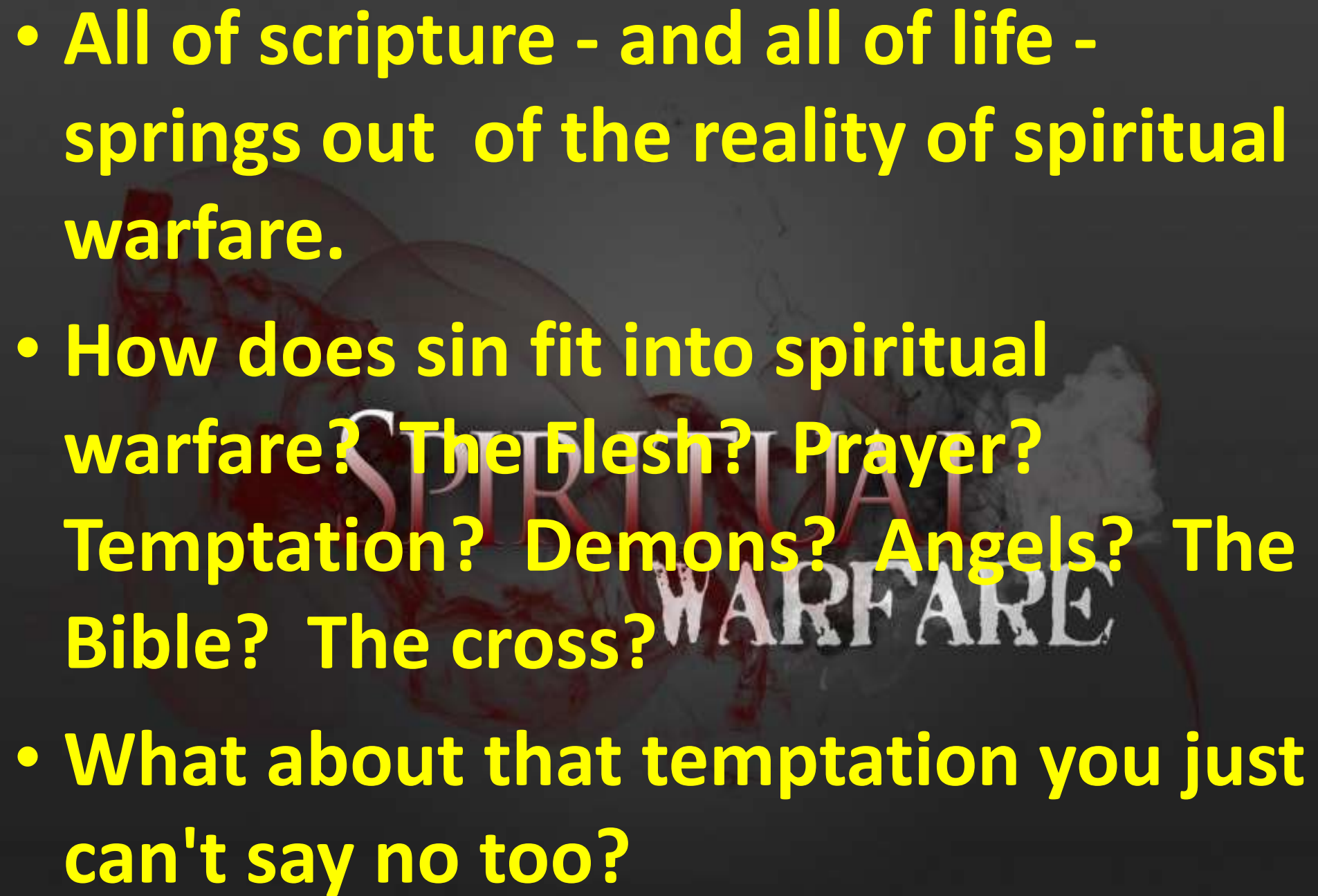
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- Neil Anderson, in *The Bondage Breaker* says "The fact that Jesus left us 'in the world' to wrestle against 'spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places' is a present day reality. . . . We live in the natural world, but we are involved in a spiritual war."

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The Exorcist. Its only One aspect of spiritual warfare, there is a bigger picture to spiritual warfare.



- A FEW OF THE QUESTIONS WE WILL BE TRYING TO ANSWER.
 - Why do people come under the control of spirits?
 - How? Is it happening today?
 - How does that fit into Satan's broader plan?
 - What is Satan's plan?
 - How does spiritual warfare affect me every day?
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- All of scripture - and all of life - springs out of the reality of spiritual warfare.
 - How does sin fit into spiritual warfare? The Flesh? Prayer? Temptation? Demons? Angels? The Bible? The cross?
 - What about that temptation you just can't say no too?

- What is spiritual warfare: In scripture it is the battle that is waged between God and Satan over the souls of humans. , it's origin goes back before man to the rebellion of Satan against God.
- From a human perspective, it is the battle Satan wages against us and the battle God wages for us.
- Satan hates me and wants to destroy me. God loves me and wants to save me.

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**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.**

...Ephesians 6:12

- Paul in writing to the Ephesians stated- Spirit beings are real and involved in our lives.
- Every where in the Bible people believed in Spirits and accepted them to be a part of daily life.

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• **The Testimony of Scripture**

- Job, considered the oldest book in the Bible, in chapter one records how Job's life was affected by spirit beings.
- 1 Samuel 18:10 "The next day an evil spirit . . . came forcefully on Saul."
- 2 Chron. 18:20 "Finally a spirit came forward . . . and said, "I will entice him. . . . I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets."
- Luke 4:33 "In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, and evil spirit. . . . 'Be quiet!' Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!"
- Acts 16:18 Luke records how Paul dealt with a woman who was a fortune teller "Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

- That reality of their involvement in daily life is mentioned over 500 Times in scripture.
- Jesus in the garden of Gethsemene was ministered to by spirit beings.
- Jacob, in the Old Testament wrestled with an angel - he wrestled with a spirit being.

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- Jesus and All of the apostles believed in spirit beings and saw them as a part of daily life.
- All through the Old Testament the people believed in spirit beings and believed them to be actively involved in the course of life.
- Today, nearly 2/3 of the world population continues to affirm the reality of spirits and their involvement in everyday life.

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- Can we believe that our world is affected by Spirit beings. The idea of spirit beings interacting with us in 2014 in the England is unbelievable.
 - Yet scripture affirms that it is true. If I can read scripture and say "It happened to Jesus."
 - But it doesn't happen today? How is that?..
- But in Eph 6:12 it says that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
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- We must affirm . . . The Reality of War in the Spiritual World
- Rev. 12:7-17. John here is describing the birth of the church.

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Revelation 12:7-9

King James Version {KJV}

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7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

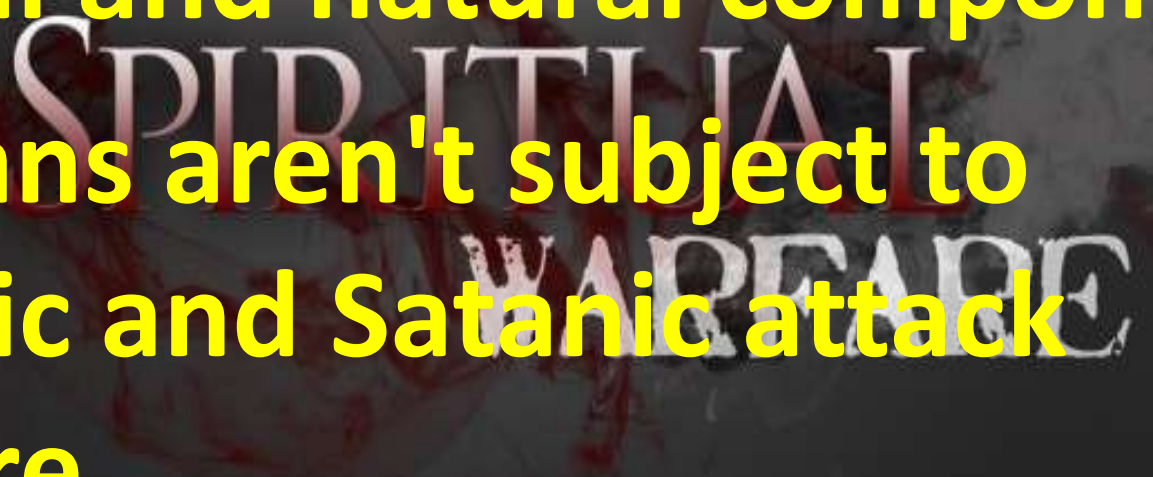
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the **Devil**, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was **cast out into the earth**, and **his angels were cast out with him**.

Four key truths here about spiritual warfare.

- 1. There is a war in the heavenlies (7-9) Satan and his angel spirits are battling the angelic spirit forces of God led by Michael the archangel.**
- 2. The war has been transferred to the earth. (10-12) Satan lost his place in heaven and was thrown to earth: Check out Jesus' response to the seventy two he had sent out in Luke 10:18-19**
- 3. Christ has authority over the warring spirits (v. 10) Satan's loss of power and prestige in heaven corresponds to the establishment of Christ's authority and the Kingdom of God. Luke 10:8-11**
- 4. Satan's strategy is now to war against mankind in general (v. 12) and against Christians in particular (v. 17) Satan is enraged at his loss in heaven and begins to pursue mankind in an attempt to destroy them. Especially the followers of Jesus.**

- We must affirm the reality of spirits and their involvement in daily life.
 - We must affirm the reality of a spirit war.
 - We must understand misconceptions..
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- 1. Demons were active when Christ was on earth but their activity has subsided today.**
- New Testament stresses resist Satan, fight the forces of darkness, and to put on spiritual armour so we can take our stand against the schemes of Satan, Ignore at your peril.**
 - Scripture affirms repeatedly that the Christian life would be a struggle against the forces of darkness.**
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- Some problems are psychological and some are spiritual
 - Nearly all problems have both spiritual and natural components.
 - Christians aren't subject to demonic and Satanic attack anymore
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MAKE WAR

1 corinthians 9:27

against my flesh

- **Demonic influence is only evident in extreme or violent behaviour or gross sin.**
- **In this series we will see - both scripture and experience affirm that Satan is much more operative in the area of tempting us with sin than in invading our person..**
- **Even during demonic invasion- It is normally very subtle.**

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- We do not have a choice about being involved in spiritual warfare. By virtue of our being alive we are involved in it. God though, is issuing a call to us to not simply be victims of the war –
- Instead he calls us to understand this war, become actively become engaged in it on the side of truth, and learn how the battle is fought and won.
- Over the coming weeks we are going to explore that.
- Next week come and we are going to be discussing the truth about Satan and his grand plan of deception.

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