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# Preface

## *Spiritual Warfare for the End Times*

Most people believe that evil is a *what*. But in reality, evil is a *who*. Unless you face this truth, you and your family may end up being victims of that evil.

At this moment in history, we are witnessing an unprecedented escalation of malevolence that is sending shock waves around the world. People of all faiths are wondering if these events are a sign of the beginning of the close of this age.

The truth we must face is that *someone*—our adversary, the devil—is out to deceive, destabilize and destroy the peoples and nations of the world. As Christians we know there is something the Church is supposed to be doing about all this. The question is, *What? How do we fight this enemy? How do we win this war?*

Although these are perilous times, you and I have nothing to fear. There are answers—and some of them can be found in this powerful and timely book by Derek Prince, *Spiritual Warfare for the End Times*.

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Derek pulls no punches. Instead he pulls back the curtain the evil one has been hiding behind. In this book he outlines *exactly* what the Church needs to do, and how to do it.

In one of the opening chapters Derek makes the following statement:

Here is my belief: The devil wants to keep us in the dark. If there is one truth that the devil wants to keep us from knowing, it is that we have the authority to bring his kingdom to an end. Until we know it, we will not do it. But when we know it, we must determine to do it.

These statements encapsulate the purpose of this landmark volume. By the time you finish reading *Spiritual Warfare for the End Times*, you will know beyond all doubt that we have the authority and power to bring Satan's kingdom to an end.

In this volume we have the benefit of sixty years of Derek Prince's expertise in spiritual warfare, condensed into a compelling page-turner you will not want to put down. From the first pages, you will realize that you have entered an extraordinary training ground to become the spiritual champion you were meant to be.

At Derek Prince Ministries, we believe this book will play a pivotal role in bringing the Church to her full stature. What will be the result? Christians will move closer and closer to the tipping point of victory in the battle against the enemy of our souls. Ultimately, by the word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb, not loving our lives unto death, you and I will pull the kingdom of Satan down once and for all.

Our hope for this book is that it will help us achieve that great and final victory in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our commission—and it is our destiny in Him.

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# Introduction

## *How to Overcome Evil*

There is evil in our world. Would you agree? I believe that the presence of evil in the world is an almost universally acknowledged truth. In present day society, it has become fashionable to call evil by different, more socially acceptable names. The tendency has become to attribute its presence to a variety of social, cultural and psychological dynamics. If we believe the Bible, however, we must agree that there is a dark, aggressive force at work in our world that can only be described as “evil.”

Some Christians believe that evil is an unstoppable force. They have resigned themselves to the fact that evil will eventually overcome the world and will only be defeated by the intervention of Jesus’ return to the earth. In contrast to that approach, other Christians believe that if the Church would simply pray harder, or if we could institute more evangelism and political activism, we could eventually bring the Kingdom of God to the earth. Though there may be some

elements of truth in each of these viewpoints, neither gives us an accurate picture of what the Bible has to say about the evil in our world. Nor does either viewpoint recognize or explain how God has called us to be active participants in this cosmic conflict.

Every day, you and I are confronted by the presence and the power of evil in various forms—sometimes from our environment and culture, and sometimes from within our own hearts and minds. As much as we hate to admit it, we do not always succeed in overcoming these forces of evil—not because we do not want to, but because we often do not know how to. Through this book I hope, by examination of Scripture, to help us discover the all-important “how to.” I intend to outline how you and I can actually overcome evil.

Our first step in approaching this important subject is to recognize that there is no room for neutrality in our struggle against evil. There are two, and only two, alternatives: Either we overcome evil or we are overcome by it.

In Romans 12:21, Paul presented these alternatives very concisely when he wrote: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” We see here that Paul gives us just two choices: Either we overcome evil, or evil will overcome us. There is no state of neutrality where we can refuse to deal with evil and still not be overcome by it.

What was Paul’s plan of action? “Overcome evil with good.” It is important to see that there is only one power in the universe strong enough to overcome evil—and that is good. We must meet every evil with a good that is more powerful than the evil that confronts us.

What is the only source of such goodness? God Himself.

Here is our conclusion, based upon the following string of logical statements. In order to overcome evil, you and I must

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be alive in God—having access to God’s resources, wisdom, power and the weapons He has placed at our disposal. The goodness of God and all the resources that flow from His goodness are not only revealed to us but also made available through God’s Word. In order to overcome evil, we must be acquainted with the Bible. We must know what the Bible teaches about evil. We must also know the provision God has made for us to overcome that evil.

What I have just outlined in these statements is the purpose of this book.

# 1

## Evil Is Someone

We begin this first chapter with two clear statements in our minds. First, there is evil in the world. Second, we have a biblical mandate as Christians to overcome this evil. As we confront evil and look to the Bible for guidance and wisdom, we find one specific revelation in God's Word that is a key to the entirety of our conflict with evil. If we do not grasp this key and use it, we will be continually frustrated and ultimately defeated.

Here is that key: *Evil is not something; it is someone.*

I remember when this revelation came to me and the consequent transformation it brought. As a young preacher I wrestled for years with depression. I was a committed Christian, actively involved in ministry, yet still facing severe bouts with depression. I used every means I knew to overcome it—I prayed, fasted, studied the Bible and made resolutions—all to little or no avail. The depression only got worse.

I was desperate. But then a life-changing revelation came from Isaiah 61:3. This is the passage where the Lord speaks of what He will do for His people, promising “to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the *spirit of heaviness*” (emphasis added). When I read the phrase *the spirit of heaviness*, by revelation I suddenly saw that my problem was a *person*. Even though it was an invisible spirit without a body, it was still a very real person. A *spirit* of heaviness, or depression, was systematically attacking me.

The powerful oppressor who had been seeking to destroy me and to ruin my ministry had been exposed. That evil was not *something*; it was *someone*—and the time had come for me to overcome him.

With this realization, I was 80 percent of the way to victory. Then I remembered that this was a family problem. My father, and probably his father, had fought this very same battle for years.

To gain complete victory over that awful spirit of depression, I needed only one other Scripture: “It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered” (Joel 2:32 KJV). When I called on the Lord specifically to be delivered from the spirit of heaviness, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, quoting Joel 2:32, I was delivered!

This principle of evil as a person, not a thing, is consistent with the whole revelation of Scripture. Behind all evil, there is a person whom the Bible identifies by two primary names. In the Old Testament he is called *Satan*, and in the New Testament he is identified as *the devil*. Each name has a significant meaning.

The title *Satan* means “the one who resists or opposes.” He is the one who resists and opposes God, God’s purposes

and God's people. As the people of God, we must recognize that Satan, acting as the adversary or the resister, opposes us.

The New Testament title *the devil* means “the slanderer” or “the accuser.” Why is this name so appropriate? Because the main weapon Satan uses against us is accusation.

## **The Rival Kingdom**

Where did this adversary of ours come from and when did this battle begin? Though his origin is a profound question, the Word of God does show us that at his creation Satan was not Satan as we know him presently. He was Lucifer, one of the chief archangels of God, outstanding both for his beauty and his wisdom. Apparently he was in charge of one third of all the created angels.

Because of Lucifer's great beauty and wisdom, however, his heart became proud, and he determined to seek equality with God. (Most Bible scholars base this on Isaiah 14:12–15 and Ezekiel 28:13–17.) As a result of this determination to elevate himself, Lucifer rebelled and led the angels in his charge in a rebellion against Almighty God. As punishment for this insurrection, Lucifer and those angels were cast down from the heaven of God's dwelling.

Following his ejection from heaven, Lucifer (now Satan, the opposer) set up his own rival kingdom in another area of the universe—what the Bible refers to as “the heavenlies” or sometimes “the mid-heaven.” The heavenlies are situated somewhere between earth and the heaven of God's throne—and they are the location of Satan's headquarters in this age. In the heavenlies he rules over the large company of rebellious angels. His supreme purpose is to resist and thwart God's purposes and God's people, primarily through slander and

accusation. We will explore this in depth in the next chapter, along with several other key tactics.

### Persons without Bodies

The New Testament presents insights on the location and operation of Satan's rival kingdom, as well as the spiritual beings operating with him. One of the clearest pictures is given to us by Paul in Ephesians 6:12: "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Notice that there are spiritual forces of evil who not only have authority, but also seek to exercise that authority to dominate and rule. The following translation of this verse from *The Living Bible* provides helpful insights:

For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.

Notice the phrase *persons without bodies*. These evil spirit beings, including the devil, are in opposition to God and His people. They are located in the spirit world. This defines the nature of our warfare and the conflict in which we are engaged. Unless we understand this, we cannot possibly be fully successful engaging in this battle.

Thus, we can conclude four key points from Paul's statement as we begin our study of spiritual warfare for the end times. First, our conflict is cosmic. In other words, it involves the whole universe—not just earth, but heaven and earth.

Second, our battle is not in the realm of the senses. We do not discern the nature of our conflict by what we see or hear. Rather, we come to understand it by revelation from the Holy Spirit and out of our understanding of Scripture.

Third, this conflict and its nature are unrecognized by the majority of people. They are simply unaware of whom they are up against. They know they are struggling against something with significant force, but they cannot see it, understand it or define it. As a result, they do not know how to deal with it.

Finally, the outcome of this conflict is ultimately decisive for each one of us. The result in the spirit realm—whether it is victory or defeat—will determine the result in every other area of our lives.