Satan Part 6:
Satanic Power & Spiritual Warfare

1) Satanic Oppression

- ***Satan Oppresses by Sowing Unbelieving Thoughts & Feelings***

  "Then a very great storm came down upon me, which handled me twenty times worse than all I had met with before…first, all my comfort was taken from me, then darkness seized upon me, after which whole floods of blasphemies, both against God, Christ, and the Scriptures, were poured upon my spirit, to my great confusion and astonishment. These blasphemous thoughts were such as also stirred up questions in me, against the very being of God, and od His only beloved Son; as whether there were in truth a God, or Christ, or no…" (John Bunyan*, Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners)*

  I took notice that now poor Christian was so confounded, that he did not know his own voice; and thus I perceived it. Just when he was come over against the mouth of the burning pit, one of the wicked ones got behind him, and stepped up softly to him, and whisperingly suggested many grievous blasphemies to him, which he verily thought had proceeded from his own mind. This put Christian more to it than anything that he met with before, even to think that he should now blaspheme him that he loved so much before; yet, if he could have helped it, he would not have done it; but he had not the discretion either to stop his ears, or to know from whence these blasphemies came (John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress)*

- ***Satan Oppresses by Sowing Evil Thoughts & Feelings…***

- ***Satan Oppresses by Sowing Despairing Thoughts & Feelings***

- ***What do we do?***

2) Satanic Persecution

Revelation 2:10 to the church in Smyrna…[10] Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:13 to the Church in Pergamum: [13] " 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

3) Be Strong in the LORD (Eph. 6:10-20)

[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

- ***Know the Battle***
- ***Notice the Goal***
- ***Put on the Whole Armor***
- ***Pray in the Spirit***
- ***Battle Alongside Others***