

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week’s aspect of God’s character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections gives you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

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Reflection: Psalm 58:11; Psalm 96:13; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15

Life Response: 2 Corinthians 5:9,10; 1 Peter 1:17



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“heavenly places” is translated from the greek word *epouranios*, meaning “_____”

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. - Eph. 6:12

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” - C.S. Lewis

Spiritual battles have _____ consequences.

Who our enemy is:

Satan is not a counterpart to God. He is a _____ spirit-being created by God.

He is NOT omniscient, omnipotent or omnipresent.

Why does God allow Satan to exist?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,” John 16:33

2 Corinthians 10:1-5

v. 3, “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.”

We have a completely different calling as Christians because we are not carrying on a worldly war but a spiritual one.

Our spiritual weapons have _____.
Meaning they work!

What are these weapons?

1) _____ - John 8:31-32

Truth is the chief weapon of the believer. God’s truth reveals _____ and exposes _____

2) _____ - 1 Corinthians 13

3) _____ - Ephesians 4:1

4) _____ - James 5:16

All people pray! But Spirit-filled people pray in faith!

Faith is reliance on the _____ of God
and prayer is the _____ for that activity.

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) As we begin to talk about “heavenly places”, the spiritual realm all around us, why do you think so many people are simply unaware of spiritual things?
- 2) Read the quote by C.S. Lewis. Which camp do you tend to lean toward? A disbelief in the demonic or an unhealthy interest in it? Why?
- 3) Thinking of the idea of Ying and Yang or the balance of good and evil, why is this not a Biblical idea?
- 4) Have you ever questioned the existence of evil? If so how did you come to terms with it?
- 5) Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-5 What does Paul mean when he says our weapons have “divine power”? How is this different from “natural power”?
- 6) Read John 8:31-32. Pastor Daniel shared how truth is the primary weapon of the believer. What happens to our spiritual effectiveness when we compromise on truth? Why?
- 7) Looking at the 4 spiritual weapons available to us. Which of these are you committing to pick up in greater ways?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for one another that the Holy Spirit would equip you to pick up the weapons of warfare in the Heavenly Places!