

Spiritual warfare

The Fall- deception.

Is 9:1-2 people who lived in darkness. Galilee of the Gentiles. Dwell in the shadow of death.

Eph 2:2-3 – walk in the course of the world; according to the prince of the power of the air. Spirit of sons of disobedience. Lusts of the flesh, desires of flesh and mind, children of wrath.

Eph 6:12 – principalities and powers. Rulers of the darkness of this age. Spiritual hosts of wickedness. That's what we fight against.

Jesus in the wilderness. Audacity of Satan. What would he do to *us*?

Matt 4: 1-10

Luke 4: 1-12

In Luke, kingdoms of the world are his to give.

The change:

In wilderness, devil confronted by the Word. The Eternal WORD of John 1 quotes written Word to disarm devil. Deut 8:3; Deut 6:13; Psalm 91:11; Deut 6:16. Devil flees.

Eph 6: to resist put on the armor of God. Otherwise we cannot resist.

¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the **word** of God.

Only offensive weapon.

Eph 2 : ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace

you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.

Is 9 : ² The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation
And [£]increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.
⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor,

Jesus is the Light. Burden of sin is lifted. Yoke is smashed. Rod of the taskmaster smashed. **The Kingdom has broken in!**

Why don't we claim it and exercise it?

We have to:

Trust (Pride keeps us away.)
Faith
Have confidence
Empty ourselves and surrender more to Him. How focused are we?
Remove veils.

Veils: separate us from Him. We see less and less of His Glory. **Pride**. Center. Examples of Georgetown and Harvard.

The Cross is the key! The ultimate Sacrifice. The ultimate sign of Love.
This has to be our focus. Not through our own power.