

(1) What have you learned from Revelation 12 about the reality of spiritual warfare? Have you been hesitant to acknowledge the reality of Satan and his demons and their concerted efforts to thwart the purposes of God in his church? If so, why? In what ways do some Christians go to extremes in their understanding of spiritual warfare?

(2) What reasons are there for believing that the “war” between Michael and the Devil has already taken place in the first century in conjunction with the death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus?

(3) What does it mean when John says that Christians “conquer” or “overcome” the Devil? In what sense is that true, and how does it occur? John mentions three ways or means by which the believer conquers Satan. What are they? How is this actually done in daily experience?

(4) All through this chapter we read of the steps God has taken to protect and preserve the Church, his people, against the onslaught of Satan and his demons. What are some of the ways you see this happening in our own day? The church is under constant attack from the world, spiritually, socially, morally, and often physically. Why should this not be discouraging or fearful for us?

(5) What practical steps can you take to guard yourself against spiritual attack from the enemy? Read Ephesians 6 and address the issue of each piece in the “armor of God.” How do these display themselves in daily life?