The Enemies We Face
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The Structure Of Satan’s Kingdom
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I. Two Opposing Spiritual Kingdoms (Matt. 12:26–28)
   A. Kingdom of God
   B. Kingdom of Satan

II. Nature Of Satan’s Kingdom (Eph. 6:12)
   A. Located in the heavenlies
   B. Wrestling match with persons without bodies
   C. Highly organized kingdom (Rulerships)
   D. Lucifer’s fall (Is. 14:12–15 [compare Ezek. 28:12–17])
   E. Three heavens (2 Cor. 12:2 [compare Eph. 4:9–10])
      1. First heaven—visible heaven
      2. Second heaven—between earth and God’s dwelling—Satan’s domain
      3. Third heaven—God’s dwelling
   F. Warfare in heavenlies (Dan. 10:12–13; 10:20–11:1; 12:1)
   G. Satan controls those in rebellion against God (Eph. 2:1–3; Job 41:34)
   H. Satan has two ambitions
      1. Dominate the human race
      2. Receive worship
   I. Witchcraft—means by which fallen man relates to Satan
      1. Natural religion of fallen man
      2. Making a determined comeback at this time

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III. Witchcraft
   A. Root of witchcraft is rebellion (1 Sam. 15:23)
      Illegitimate power to support illegitimate authority
   B. As a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:20)
      1. Manipulate
      2. Intimidate
3. Dominate
4. Satan entices people through these desires (James 1:14)

C. As a spiritual power
   2. Divination: Knowledge—fortune telling, etc. (Acts 16:16–17)
   3. Sorcery: through objects, potions, chants, music, etc. (Rev. 9:21)

D. Within the church
   1. Obscures Jesus Christ crucified and work of the cross (Gal. 3:1–10) which is:
      a. Only basis for God’s provision
      b. Means of Satan’s total defeat
      c. Only source of power for Christian living
   2. Witchcraft substitutes fleshly effort and a legalistic system. This brings a curse (compare Jer. 17:5).
   3. Result: Witchcraft gains control

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IV. Introduction
   A. Two spiritual kingdoms
      1. Kingdom of God
      2. Kingdom of Satan
   B. Witchcraft
      1. Universal religion of the fallen race
      2. Result of rebellion
   C. Witchcraft in the church
      1. Work of the cross is obscured
      2. Carnality
      3. Legalism

V. Antichrist Spirit (1 John 2:18–23; 4:2–3)
   A. Against Christ (Messiah)—displace true Messiah
   B. In place of Messiah—replace with false messiah
   C. Three forms of antichrist
      1. Many antichrists
      2. The antichrist—one final, supreme ruler
      3. Spirit of antichrist—the spirit operating in all antichrists
   D. Marks of the spirit of antichrist
      1. Starts in association with God’s people (1 John 2:19)
      2. Denies Jesus is the Messiah (1 John 2:22)
      3. Denies relationship of Father and Son in the Godhead (1 John 2:22)
      4. Denies Messiah has come in the flesh (1 John 4:3)
   E. Historical examples
      1. Judaism
         a. First manifestation of antichrist—favor for Barabbas (Matt. 27:21)
         b. Many false messiahs have come since (John 5:43)
      2. Islam (means perfection, completeness)
a. Claims true fulfillment of Old and New Testament
b. Rejects atoning death of Jesus; Jesus as Son of God; Father/Son relationship with Godhead
c. Many lesser anti-Christian persons or systems

F. The final antichrist
1. Man of lawlessness, son of perdition (2 Thess. 2:1–3 [compare John 17:12])
2. The (wild) beast (Rev. 13:1–4 [compare Rev. 5:5–14, nature of the Lamb])
3. Empowered by Satan to dominate all nations, to obtain worship for Satan, to make war with God’s saints (Rev. 13:11)
4. Apostasy in the church will open the way for antichrist (2 Thess. 2:3)

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VI. Forces The Church Faces Today
A. Witchcraft—universal religion of fallen humanity
B. Spirit of antichrist
   1. Against Jesus—replace Messiah
   2. In place of Jesus—false messiah
C. Final manifestation of antichrist—the beast

VII. How We Can Obey God And Overcome Enemies
A. Jesus expects followers to be overcomers
   Promises are to overcomers only (Rev. 2 & 3 [compare Rev. 21:7])
B. Jesus has already defeated and disarmed Satan’s kingdom—triumph (Col. 2:13–15)
C. Jesus has equipped us with the spiritual weapons needed to enforce His victory (2 Cor. 10:3–5)

VIII. Requirements For The Church To Be Victorious
A. Guard against division in Christ’s body (Matt. 12:25)
B. Know and proclaim the whole of God’s Word (2 Tim. 3:16–4:2 [compare Acts 20–27])
C. Humble ourselves in repentance before God—corporate fasting included (1 Pet. 5:5–6 [compare Ezra 8:21–23])
D. Put on the whole armor of God—all prayer in the Spirit (Eph. 6:13–18)
E. We need God’s supernatural power; including:
   1. Gifts of the Spirit—especially word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits (1 Cor. 2:1–5; 12:7–11; 12:20)
   2. The contest between Moses and the magicians will be reenacted as the age closes (2 Tim. 3:8, 13)
F. Must apply the power of jubilant praise and bold proclamation (Jer. 31:7)
   Praise imposes silence on the enemy (Ps. 8:2)
G. Our commitment must be total (Rev. 12:11)

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