

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Growing in your relationship with God. Today's topic: SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

1) Distractions and Temptations

- a. What are some distractions Satan might use to divert your attention from your relationship with God?
- b. Share a time when you were distracted from focusing on your relationship with God. How did God draw you back into a relationship with Him?
- c. Some distractions are direct temptations to do evil. Matthew 4:1-11, 1 John 2:15-17
- d. How do we become aware that we are being tempted to sin? Romans 3:20, Psalm 119:105, 1 John 3:4
- e. What is the best course of action when we are tempted to do evil? James 4:7-8, Hebrews 12:1-2
- f. What caution did the Apostle Paul give to those who might be careless about the temptations of Satan? 1 Corinthians 10:12
- g. If we stumble and fall into sins of thought, word, or deed, what precious promise can we claim from the Word of God? 1 John 1:9

2) Spiritual attacks from the kingdom of darkness

- a. Share a story in the Scriptures where someone came under a spiritual attack from the kingdom of darkness. Mark 5:1-5, Acts 13:4-8, etc.
- b. What warning did the Apostle Peter give about spiritual attacks from Satan? 1 Peter 5:8

- c. What special resource does God make available to protect us against spiritual attacks from the kingdom of darkness? Ephesians 6:10-18
- d. Why is prayer to God also an important resource when we are attacked by the kingdom of darkness?

3) Strongholds of the enemy

- a. Is anyone here aware of strongholds that Satan established in your immediate family or ancestors?
- b. How did those strongholds impact your life?
- c. What stronghold did Satan establish in the life of Samson? Judges 14:1-3, 16:1,4
- d. How was the LORD finally able to break that stronghold of the enemy? Psalm 50:15
- e. What message of encouragement did the Apostle Paul give to those who sense the enemy has established strongholds in their lives? 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- f. Are there some strongholds of the enemy that cannot be torn down?
- g. What is your testimony about strongholds God has torn down in your life?

