

# Introduction to Spiritual Warfare

## Level 1 Class

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# The Spiritual World

“The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” was written by C.S. Lewis and published in 1950. The story contains many Christian themes that make it a great book for Christian children. Due to the popularity of C.S. Lewis and The Chronicles of Narnia, we feel this is a great book to illustrate the spiritual world. We attached a plot summary on the next page if you want to brush up on it at home.

## C.S. Lewis

Clive Staples Lewis (1898–1963) was an author and theologian. He held academic positions at both Oxford and Cambridge University. He was baptized in the Church of Ireland, but fell away from his faith during adolescence. Lewis returned to Anglicanism at the age of 32. His faith profoundly affected his work, and his wartime radio broadcasts on the subject of Christianity brought him wide acclaim.

## Allegory of Jesus’ Sacrifice

Aslan, being a lion and dying a sacrificial death, has a lot in common with Jesus. C.S. Lewis actually claimed he didn’t intend for the story to have Christian themes, it just ended up that way.

## Good Creatures and Bad Creatures

Just like Narnia has good and bad creatures, the spiritual world has good and bad spirits. We call the good spirits “angels” and the bad spirits “demons.” It’s important to define these terms now so there isn’t confusion later.

## Notes:

*Below is a plot summary for "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" taken from Wikipedia:*

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy Pevensie are evacuated from London in 1940, to escape the Blitz, and sent to live with Professor Digory Kirke at a large house in the English countryside. While exploring the house, Lucy enters a wardrobe and discovers the magical world of Narnia. Here, she meets the faun named Tumnus, whom she addresses as "Mr. Tumnus". Tumnus invites her to his cave for tea and admits that he intended to report Lucy to the White Witch, the false ruler of Narnia who has kept the land in perpetual winter, but he repents and guides her back home. Although Lucy's siblings initially disbelieve her story of Narnia, Edmund follows her into the wardrobe and winds up in a separate area of Narnia and meets the White Witch. The Witch plies Edmund with Turkish delight and persuades him to bring his siblings to her with the promise of being made a prince. Edmund reunites with Lucy and they both return home. However, Edmund denies Narnia's existence to Peter and Susan after learning of the White Witch's identity from Lucy.

Soon afterwards, all four children enter Narnia together, but find that Tumnus has been arrested for treason. The children are befriended by Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, who tell them of a prophecy that claims the White Witch's rule will end when "two Sons of Adam and two Daughters of Eve" sit on the four thrones of Cair Paravel, and that Narnia's true ruler – a great lion named Aslan – is returning at the Stone Table after several years of absence. Edmund slips away to the White Witch's castle, where he finds a courtyard filled with the Witch's enemies turned into stone statues. Edmund reports Aslan's return to the White Witch, who begins her movement toward the Stone Table with Edmund in tow, and orders the execution of Edmund's siblings and the Beavers. Meanwhile, the Beavers realize where Edmund has gone, and lead the children to meet Aslan at the Stone Table. During the trek, the group notices that the snow is melting, and take it as a sign that the White Witch's magic is fading. This is confirmed by a visit from Father Christmas, who had been kept out of Narnia by the Witch's magic, and he leaves the group with gifts and weapons.

The children and the Beavers reach the Stone Table and meet Aslan and his army. The White Witch's wolf captain Maugrim approaches the camp and attacks Susan, but is killed by Peter. The White Witch arrives and parleys with Aslan, invoking the "Deep Magic from the Dawn of Time" which gives her the right to kill Edmund for his treason. Aslan then speaks to the Witch alone, and on his return, he announces that the Witch has renounced her claim on Edmund's life. Aslan and his followers then move the encampment on into the nearby forest. That evening, Susan and Lucy secretly follow Aslan to the Stone Table. They watch from a distance as the Witch puts Aslan to death – as they had agreed in their pact to spare Edmund. The next morning, Aslan is resurrected by the "Deeper Magic from before the Dawn of Time", which has the power to reverse death if a willing victim takes the place of a traitor. Aslan takes the girls to the Witch's castle and revives the Narnians that the Witch had turned to stone. They join the Narnian forces battling the Witch's army. The Narnian army prevails, and Aslan kills the Witch. The Pevensie children are then crowned kings and queens of Narnia at Cair Paravel.

After a long and happy reign, the Pevensies, now adults, go on a hunt for the White Stag who is said to grant the wishes of those who catch it. The four arrive at the lamp-post marking Narnia's entrance and, having forgotten about it, unintentionally pass through the wardrobe and return to England; they are children again, with no time having passed since their departure. They tell the story to Kirke, who believes them and reassures the children that they will return to Narnia one day when they least expect it.

# Angelology Survey

## Qualities of Angels

- They are intelligent.
  - Mathew 8:29
    - “What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”
  - 2 Corinthians 11:3
    - “But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”
  - 1 Peter 1:12
    - “It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”
- They are emotional.
  - Luke 2:13
    - “Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,”
  - James 2:19
    - “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”
  - Revelation 12:17
    - “Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.”
- They are volitional.
  - Luke 8:28-31
    - “When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.”
  - 2 Timothy 2:26
    - “and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.”
  - Jude 6
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## Notes:

## Knowledge of Angels

- Their knowledge is limited.
  - Mathew 24:36
    - “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
- Their knowledge is greater than human knowledge.
  - They were created as a higher entity than humanity.
  - They have the benefit of observing humanity for a long time. Unlike humans, angels don’t have to study the past because they have experienced it. Based on how humanity has acted / reacted in the past, gives them the ability to predict with a greater degree of accuracy how we may act in future situations.

## Activities of Angels

- They are sent by God to help believers.
  - Hebrews 1:14
    - “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”
- They praise and worship God
  - Psalm 148:1-2
  - Isaiah 6:3
  - Hebrews 1:6
  - Revelation 5:8-13
- They rejoice in what God does
  - Job 38:6-7
- They serve God
  - Psalm 103:20
  - Revelation 22:9
- They appear before God
  - Job 1:6 & 2:1
- They are instruments of God’s judgments
  - Revelation 7:1 & 8:2
- They bring answers to prayer
  - Acts 12:5-10
  - Daniel 10:12
- They aid in winning people to Christ
  - Acts 8:26 & 10:3
- They observe and encourage
  - 1 Corinthians 4:9 & 11:10
  - Ephesians 3:10
  - 1 Peter 1:12
  - Acts 27:23-24
- They care for Christians at the time of death
  - Luke 16:22

## Types of Angels

- Seraphim
- Cherubim
- Archangels

# Demonology Survey

## Qualities of Demons

- They are intelligent, emotional, and volitional.
- They are described as:
  - Evil Spirits
    - Mathew 10:1
  - Unclean Spirits
    - Mark 1:27
  - Lying Spirits
    - 1 Kings 22:23
  - Angels of Satan
    - Revelation 12:9

All demons are probably fallen angels. A failed angelic rebellion against God could be inferred from Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. When Lucifer (Satan) fell, it appears he took some of the angels with him. The demons that are not already locked up are free to roam the earth.

## Activities of Demons

- They deceive the world
  - 2 Corinthians 4:4
- They spread false teaching
  - 1 Timothy 4:1
- They attack Christians
  - 2 Corinthians 12:7
  - 1 Peter 5:8
- They fight Angels
  - Revelation 12:4-9

If we look at Colossians 2:15 and 1 John 4:4, we see the demons are enemies of God, but they are defeated enemies. Christ has “disarmed the powers and authorities,” and He has “made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” As we submit to God and resist the devil, we have nothing to fear. The one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world.

## Types of Demons

- Principalities
- Powers
- Rulers (of the darkness of this world)
- Spiritual Wickedness (territorial spirits in high places)

## Notes:

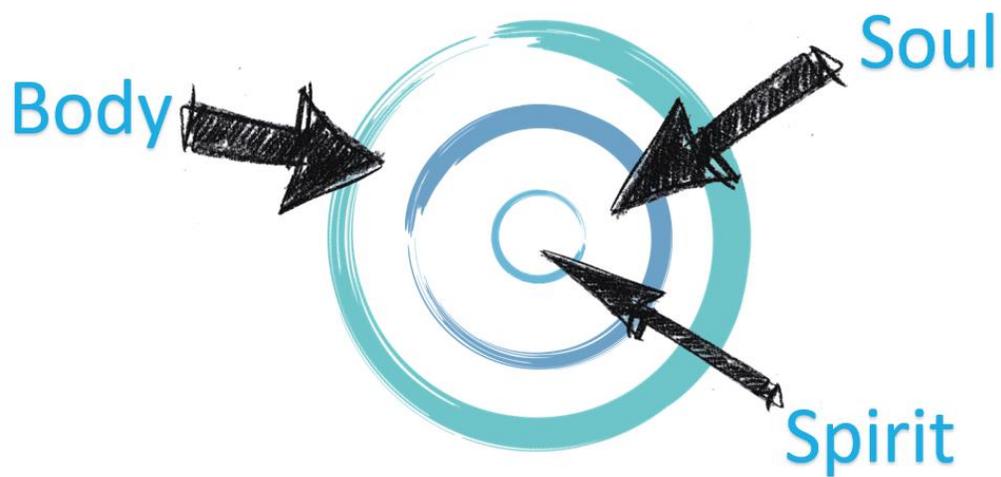
# Spiritual Anthropology 1

The Bible teaches that humans are made with a physical body, a soul, and a spirit. There are a few theories out there for how these parts connect and relate with each other. We teach the trichotomous view of this relationship.

The trichotomous view teaches:

- The physical body is what connects use with the physical world around us.
- The soul is the essence of our being (mind, will, memory, and emotions).
- The spirit is what connects us with God.

This is why the unsaved can be said to be spiritually dead, while they are very much physically and soulishly alive.



## Fruit of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is the result of God's presence in our lives. Scripture teaches that all Christians are given the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation. Imagine you are like a tree. You can recognize an apple tree because apples grow on its branches. Likewise, you can recognize a Christian by the fruit of the Spirit in their life. One of the primary ministries of the Holy Spirit is to change the life of a Christian for the better. This process of our lives conforming to the image of Christ is called sanctification. The fruit of the Spirit is in contrast to the acts of the flesh.

- Galatians 5:22-23
  - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

## Acts of the Flesh

Repeated sin can result in the development of strongholds. These strongholds are areas of your soul that refuse to submit to Jesus as Lord.

- Galatians 5:19-21
  - "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."
- Potential Signs of a Stronghold
  - Behavior you cannot control
  - Limited, or temporary relief
  - Unsuccessful and repeated ministry or counsel
  - Unsuccessful crying out to God for freedom



## Notes: