

WAR OF THE WORLDS

Part 1: The Source Of Suffering

Seeing The Unseen

1 John 5:19

Daniel 10:12-13, 20

2 Corinthians 2:11

The Warfare Worldview

Our Battle...

Our Territory...

Suffering & Sovereignty

Just because God is all-_____, doesn't mean he is all-_____ – because that would be _____.

1 Peter 4:12

Suffering & Satan

2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Luke 4:6; 1 John 5:19; John 8:44; 1 John 3:12; Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38; Ephesians 6:12-13; 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 18; 1 Corinthians 2:8; Matthew 13:19; Mark 7:25; 9:17-22

Conclusion – The Attraction Of Denial

Why We Deny?...

- i) Intellectualism.
We confuse faith with _____.
- ii) Materialism.
War demands _____.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

1. To what extent is the “warfare worldview” of life... a) new to you? b) helpful for you? c) scary to you? d) unbelievable for you?
2. Read **1 Peter 4:12-19**.
 - a) How can a warfare worldview of spiritual reality actually help us in times of trouble and suffering?
 - b) Is there a possibility of going overboard in this area? What damage could that do to already hurting people?
 - c) In **verse 19** it speaks of “**suffering according to God’s will**”. In the context of these verses, what does Peter mean by this? Does God want us to suffer?
 - d) How can we know the difference between suffering that God brings into our lives to help us grow and suffering that is a spiritual attack to be resisted?
 - e) Peter’s last words in this passage are an encouragement to “**continue to do good**”. What are some specific things you as a Home Church could accomplish together that would help fulfill this instruction?
3. If Satan is the true author of evil, does that mean God is losing the battle whenever evil flourishes? How can we maintain hope of God’s victory in such a pain-filled world? Discuss in light of **Genesis 50:20; John 15:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10; Romans 8:28**.
4. Close by praying for God’s guidance in the matter of question #2-e.