**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment VI – The Culmination (Concepts 54-60)Progressive Bible Concepts - #54 “The Work of Satan”**

**Ours is a World of Conflict**

There is an active spiritual w\_\_\_\_/s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going in the world

* *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not w\_\_\_\_ according to the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for the w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are not of the flesh, but d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powerful for the destruction of fortresses.” II Cor 10:3,4*
* *“…the w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world lies in p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the evil one…” – the cosmos or w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ apart from God – I John 5:19*

**Spiritual Warfare** *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”* Eph 6:12

* *Struggle – palin-struggle* and wrestling, in particular a ‘h\_\_\_\_\_\_-to-h\_\_\_\_\_\_’ combat; wrestling as a sport is characterized by trickery, cunning, and strategy
* *Flesh and blood* – h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opposition in the natural realm
* *Rulers* – first in rank, ranked h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above others
* *Authorities* – those in p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ positions of c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ influence
* *World forces* – *kosmokrator* – world rulers, spirit beings who c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parts of the world system
* *Of darkness* – the sphere where the light of God is absent leaving the devil and his demons are in p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Spiritual forces* – s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in nature
* *Of evil* – destructive in nature m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by malice and ill will
* *In the heavenlies* – realm of the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Who is Satan? Apart from the Bible – we couldn’t know he exists or what he’s like**

Described as:

* The Devil:
	+ Daimonos – to be d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Diabolos – to throw over, hence to o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Satan (GR: *“ponéros”* - pernicious/wicked/evil)
	+ *“…r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world…”* (John 14:30)
	+ *“…g\_\_\_\_ of this world…”* (2 Cor 4:4) (blinded minds of unbelieving)
	+ *“…p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the power of air…”* (Ephesians 2:2)
	+ *“…the e\_\_\_\_\_\_ one…”* (Matthew 13:19)

**Angels In spiritual realm there are angels – Angel Acrostic:**

* **A**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ambassadors of God – Luke 1:19
* **N**on-corporeal s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only – no physical bodies – invisible, not c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to time/space – Heb 1:14
* **G**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s people and His purposes – Ps 34:7
* **E**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in existence before creation (Job 38:4,7)
* **L**arge in number – m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Heb 12:22

**The word ‘angel’ is found over** \_\_\_\_\_\_ **times in the bible.**

**A Fallen Angel In spiritual realm there are fallen angels – Satan Acrostic:**

* **S**poiler– *“…did God s\_\_\_\_…”* - Gen 3:1
* **A**dversary– *“…you’re a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the devil…” -* I Pet 5:8b
* **T**empter – *“…to be t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the devil…”* Matt 4:11
* **A**ccuser – *“for the a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our brethren…”* Rev12:10
* **N**egater– *“…the evil one comes and s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the word a\_\_\_\_\_\_…”* Matt 13:19

**The word ‘Satan’ is found \_\_\_\_ times in the bible.**

**Fallen Angels In spiritual realm there are devils – Devil Acrostic:**

* **D**arkness– *“…delivered from darkness, the* ***d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *of Satan…”* Acts 26:18
* **E**nemy– *“Get* ***b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *me, Satan!”* Matt 16:23
* **V**icious– *“the demon…casts him into the* ***f\_\_\_\_\_\_****…”*Mark 9:17-26
* **I**mprison – *“****o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *by the devil…”* Acts 10:38
* **L**iar **–** *“…he is a l\_\_\_\_\_\_, the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of lies…” John 8:44*

**The word ‘devil’ is found \_\_\_\_\_\_ times in the bible.**

**Where did Satan come from?**

1. Satan o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a lovely angelic being – created by God living in heaven
2. Became c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , full of himself – pride (I Timothy 3:6)
	* sought to overthrow God – take over rule
3. C\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_ of Heaven – out of God’s presence (Isaiah 14:12-15)
4. Took other r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ angels with him
	* *“angels when they sinned”* (2 Peter 2:4)
	* *“angels did not keep their own d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”* (Jude 6)

**Became demons/unclean spirits/a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Satan!**

**After his fall Perversion of his nature:**

* his w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was used for: deceit/cunning
* his i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ turned to: treachery/hostility
* his g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became: evil (active evil)
	+ active opposition to g\_\_\_\_\_\_– not merely moral philosophy
	+ actively trying to drag everyone/everything d\_\_\_\_\_ with him, (a\_\_\_\_\_ from God)
* *“…devil has sinned from beginning…”* (I John 3:8)

**Became ruler (god) of this world order**

**Orchestrated the Fall of Man** **Satan began with Eve in Garden of Eden – Genesis 3**

* as supreme deceiver – L\_\_\_\_\_\_
* attacked God – His W\_\_\_\_\_\_/His character/His work
* tempted Eve to shift gears – from o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God to relying upon her reason

**Victorious in causing rebellion against God – first man, then the creation rose up against God**

* *“one who p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin is of the devil”* (I John 3:8)
* *“WHOLE WORLD lies in p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of evil one”* (I John 5:19)

**His goal: To keep all human beings away from God**

* *“The god of this world has b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the minds of the unbelieving that they might not s\_\_\_\_ the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.”* (2 Corinthians 4:4)

**The ‘Lost’ are in his control:**

* *“D\_\_\_\_\_\_ in trespasses/sins”* (Ephesians 2:1)
* *“W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to course of this world, according to prince of power of air, of the spirit now working in sons of disobedience”* (Ephesians 2:2) and (Phil 2:13)
* *“L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in lusts of our flesh, indulging desires of flesh/mind, were by nature children of wrath”* (Ephesians 2:3)
* *“You a\_\_\_\_ of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.”* (John 8:44)

**He works in: mind/will/reason/heart:**

1. To s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: spiritual errors/philosophies/beliefs through u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reason
	* Cults *– “false Christs”* (Matthew 24:24)
	* Occult – witchcraft/Spiritism/astrology (Deuteronomy 18:10-12)
2. To p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: hate/greed/lust/pride (in individuals)
3. To c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: violence/wars/intrigue (in world events/government)

**He has lost control of the ‘Saved’**

**He has lost control of Christians:**

* They t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *“from darkness to light and from dominion of Satan to God”* (Acts 26:18)
* He is f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! We belong to God – we have Christ

**He will always be our:**

* E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 13:39)
* A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 5:8)
* A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of brethren (Revelation 12:10)
* T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:3)

**He knows us well – we must know him well**

* Must not be *“ignorant of his s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”* (2 Corinthians 2:11)

**Nevertheless, he constantly attacks us:**

1. On the m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ front:
	* tempting us to do what is wrong, immoral
2. On the m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ front:
	* tempting with money/things/pleasures
3. On the m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ front:
	* with worries/doubts/fear/anxiety
	* to doubt our beliefs – to believe our doubts
	* (if we are not with God daily/with other Christians)
4. On p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ front – (Me/Myself)
	* With PRIDE – always in opposition to God
	* In this life we have more trouble with o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than with anyone else
	* Disobedience (in every form), which results in – f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, defeat, emptiness, no blessings

**Mount a W\_\_\_\_\_\_ Defense:**

* *“For we are not* i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *of his schemes” II Cor 2:11*
* *“Be able to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the schemes of the devil.”*
* Know your n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and your w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – this is where the attacks will come.

**God has provided everything for VICTORY:**

1. We are u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:27)
	* In Christ we have: *“all authority in heaven and earth”* (Matthew 28:18)
2. We are i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 3:16)
	* (can’t be indwelt by 2 Spirits)
	* *“g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is He in you than he in world”* (I John 4:4)
3. We have His a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	* “*give His angels charge over you”* (Psalm 91:11)
4. We are p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God
	* *“with temptation will provide the way of escape”* (1 Cor 10:13)
5. We are to r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the devil
	* *“…resist the devil and he will f\_\_\_\_\_\_ from you…” (James 4:7)*
6. We have God’s p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen/encourage us
	* *“It is written” (Christ’s weapon – Matthew 4:4)*
7. We are assured of a v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outcome in God’s strength
	* *“God of peace will c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Satan under your feet” (Romans 16:20)*
	* *“ruler of this world has been j\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (John 16:11)*
	* *“ruler of this world shall be cast o\_\_\_\_” (John 12:31)*
	* *“d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rulers and authorities…having triumphed over them” (Col 2:15)*

**Armor of God** *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. P\_\_\_\_ o\_\_ the f\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.* Eph 6:10, 11

* *Finally –* for the rest, in c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Be strong* – pres imp pass – be e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be made s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Strength of His Might* – m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strength
* *Put on* – to enter into, as into clothes, to put on or c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* God’s *Full armor* – the full preparation of a foot soldier for offense and defense, complete s\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Against* – stand u\_\_ t\_\_ what is unfriendly and h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* – methods, tactics, cunning strategies or attacks, maneuvers, arranging oneself for battle
* *“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.” v13*
* *Take up –* this word is used in the military to refer to f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ preparations before the b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ begins
* *Be able* – a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Resist* – *antistemi* - compound word – to stand a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back
* *Having done everything* – c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the necessary preparations
* *Stand firm –* the word is used in a m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense indicating either ‘to take over’, to ‘hold a w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_\_’ or it could also mean to stand or hold out in a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ position on the battlefield*.*

**“Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace…” v14**

* Stand – Take your stand, position of readiness to c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Gird yourselves – wrap one’s midsection (waste) in t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Gird comes from girdle which is synonymous with belt
* Put on the breastplate of r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – covered the chest area protecting the heart
* Shod – C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your feet
* Preparation – Brave, Bold Attitude of Readiness for Action
* The G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Good News of Peace with God and of God

*“ …in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

* *S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith – Large door shaped shield, made of leather soaked in water designed to put out incendiary missiles*
* *H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation – Protection around the head, it was of heavy and decorative bronze with cheek pieces and could be pierced only by hammer or axe.*
* *S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit – God’s powerful Word – Heb 4:12*



**We are victors, not victims.**

**“OVERCOMERS”**

* *“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”* Romans 8:37

**Summary – Concept 54**

* God has given ample warning that we have a spiritual adversary who is the enemy of our soul, who is actively working against our spiritual welfare and without the protection of God’s armor, our souls will be destroyed.

**Next Week – Concept 55**

* Mysteries of the Faith