

Sermon: "The Other Kingdom"

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Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV – New International Version)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

What is the Other Kingdom?

- It is the kingdom of darkness, the spiritual forces of evil that are at work in this world. It is the spiritual resistance against God's Kingdom, a resistance to God's ways, God's plans, God's will.
- It is in opposition to Jesus and His Kingdom. While often (but not always) the kingdom of darkness is unseen in the physical realm, it manifests in the physical realm through evil actions, attitudes, movements, "portals" and "open doors".

Main Points:

- The Other Kingdom is Real – Ephesians 6:12; Matthew 8:28-34; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 12
- The Other Kingdom is Deceptive – 2 Corinthians 4:4; 11:13-15; John 8:44
- The Other Kingdom is Defeated – Colossians 2:15; John 10:10; 1 John 4:4; Revelation 21:1-8

Resources for further study and research:

- Book: The Unseen Realm: Recovering the Supernatural Worldview of the Bible by Michael S. Heiser
- Book: The Lion Never Sleeps: Preparing Those You Love for Satan's Attacks by Mike Taliaferro
- Book: Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table by Louie Giglio
- Book: The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic allegorical work that explores spiritual warfare through the correspondence between a senior and junior demon.
 - *"The devil's greatest success is convincing people he doesn't exist."*
- Online study: "The Invisible War" by Chip Ingram – through www.rightnowmedia.org
- Online study: "Unseen Enemy" by J.D. Greear – through www.rightnowmedia.org
- Article: <https://renew.org/spiritual-warfare-enemy/>
- Article: <https://renew.org/what-does-the-bible-say-about-demons/>
- Video: Former Satanic leader: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT-ZCh5x3uU&t=1460s>
- Video: Former Psychic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIWswDyQrc&t=147s>
- Video: Navy Seal Chadd Wright encounters demon (story is at 1 hour 6 min. mark): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_uftv5s3Uhw&t=3963s
- Therapist: Natalie Atwell Counseling: <https://concord-nacounseling.com>
- Therapist: Hiatt Fields – A Beautiful Becoming Counseling: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/hiatt-fields-kannapolis-nc/1014338>