



# MARRIAGE IS UNDER ATTACK!

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## Part 1: External Foes

- A. Principalities & Powers
- B. The “world”
- C. Circumstances





## **A. PRINCIPALITIES & POWERS**

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**EPH 6:10-18**

**“FOR WE DO NOT WRESTLE  
AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD,  
BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES,  
AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST  
THE RULERS OF THE  
DARKNESS OF THIS AGE,  
AGAINST SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF  
WICKEDNESS IN THE  
HEAVENLY PLACES.”**





# THE ENEMY'S GOAL IS ...

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“steal, kill & destroy” Jn 10:10


“devour” 1 Pet 5:8-9

We are no match for such a  
powerful & deceitful foe ...

**BUT: Christ has already gained  
the victory!** Col 2:15 Jn 16:33

1 Jn 4:4 1 Cor 15:57 2 Cor 10:4





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What do I need to do to access the resources God has provided for spiritual warfare?

- Eph 6:10-11 “be strong in the Lord ... put on the whole armour of God”
- 1 Pet 5:8-9 stay alert ... stand guard ... resist ... steadfast in faith
- James 4:7-8 “submit to God ... resist the devil ... draw near to God ... cleanse your hands ... purify your heart”





# HOW DO THESE ATTACKS COME?

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Directly & spiritually

Deception & Lies

Temptation

Discouragement/ depression

Discontent

Unbelief/ doubts

5 senses





## MOST USUALLY ... VIA "THE WORLD"

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1 John 5:19

“the whole world lies under  
the sway of the wicked one.”



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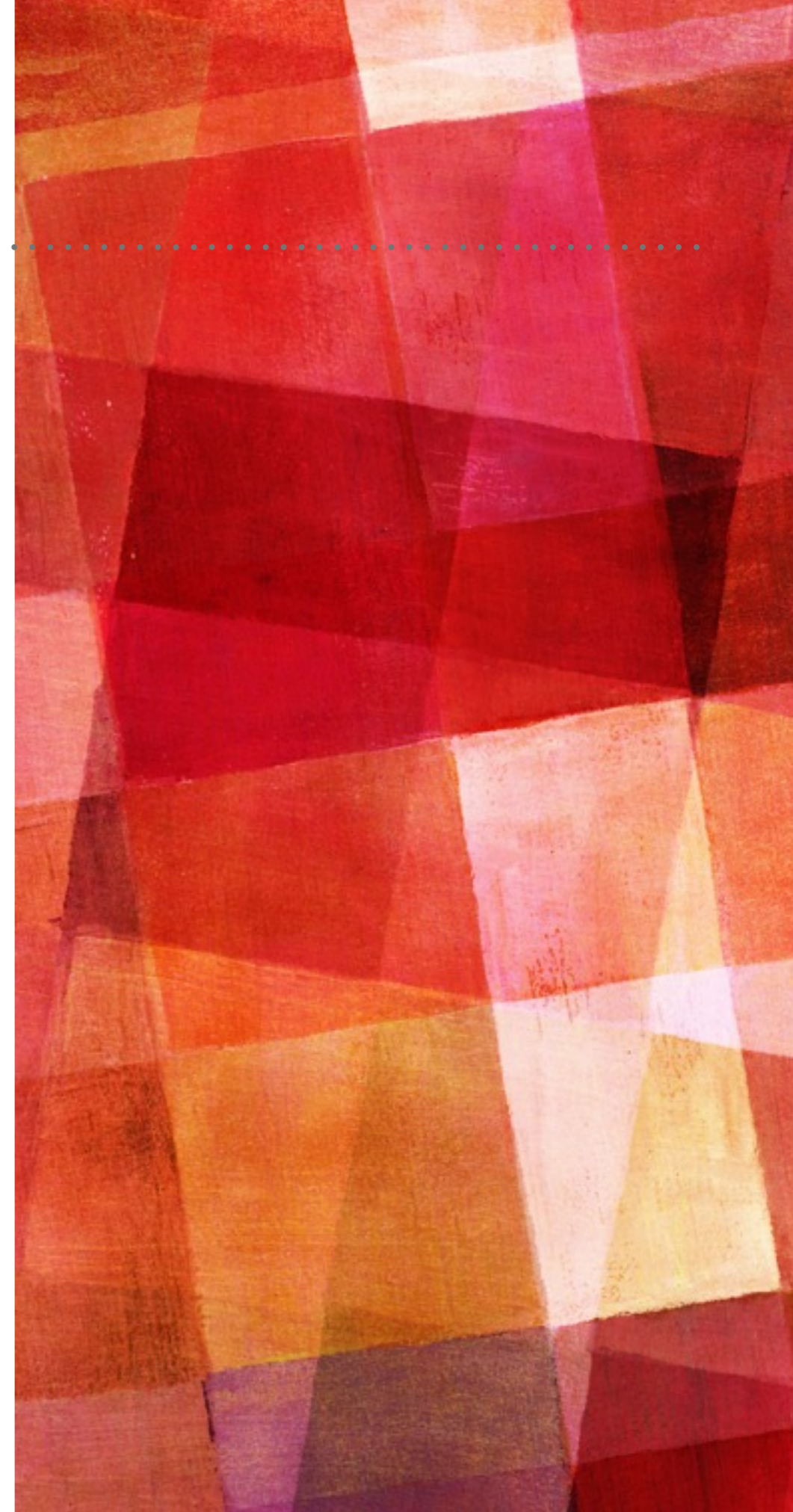
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... its systems, institutions,  
philosophies, etc, etc!!

- Current Political/ Social issues







# A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE?

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1. “Father, forgive them ...”
2. Love, not hatred.
3. Wisdom (*Col 4:4-5*)
4. Changed hearts ... not forced legislation
5. Hold a Biblical position
6. Prayer - *waging warfare on our knees!*
7. Keep perspective: *ALL sin is wrong!*
8. Guard your own heart!

*1 John 2:15-17 James 1:27 Col 3:1-5*





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Satan can use things that happen to us & situations which arise to ‘plunder’ us ... divide us ... overwhelm, etc.

eg. financial strains, illness, accidents, tiredness, busyness, loss of job, pregnancy & children, vehicle breakdowns, etc