

Title: “Cosmic Clash”

Text: Ephesians 6:12

Target: “There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan.” C.S. Lewis

1. The Battle Realized:

- a. **The Appeal:** “For we do not *wrestle* against *flesh and blood*” (Eph. 6:12)
- b. **The Arrangement:** (A ranking and networking system of hierarchy)
 - i. **Rulers:** “but *against* the rulers” (Vs. 12)
 - ii. **Authorities:** “*against* the authorities” (Vs. 12)
 - iii. **Powers:** “*against* the cosmic powers” (Vs. 12)
 - iv. **Spiritual Forces:** “*against* the spiritual forces” (Vs. 12)
- c. **The Arena:** (*in*) the *heavenly places* (Vs. 12)

Key Verse: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the *heavenly places*”. **Ephesians 1:3**

2. The Enemy Clarified:

- a. **Daystar-Lucifer (Is.14:12) /Satan (18x O.T. & 36x N.T.)**
 - i. **Origination:** “You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God...from the day you were *created*” Ezekiel 28:14-15:
 - ii. **Degradation:** “*I will* ascend above the heights of the clouds; *I will* make myself like the Most High” Isaiah 14:14
 - iii. **Identification:** “And no wonder, for even Satan *disguises* himself as an angel of light” 2 Cor. 11:14
 - iv. **Limitation:** “Then the devil(Satan) *left* him” Matthew 4:11
- b. **Demons (1/3):** “Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him” Revelation 12:9

3. The Fight Personalized: “But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” Acts 19:15

- a. **Satan can’t Stand you:** “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have *dominion*” Genesis 1:26
- b. **Satan can’t Separate you:** “nor *rulers*...nor *powers*...will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39
- c. **Satan can’t Subject you:** “Lord, even the demons are *subject* to us in your name!” Luke 10:17

Key Verse: “Resist the devil, and he *will* flee from you” James 4:7

4. The Victory Clarified: *“We are more than conquerors through him who loved us”*

Romans 8:37

- a. **You are an Overcomer:** *“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb”* Revelation 12:11
- b. **You are not Outnumbered:** *“Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them..open his eyes that he may see...So the LORD opened the young man, and he saw, and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha”* 2 Kings 6:16-17

Take Away: As believers we DO NOT live in fear, but instead we are called to stand firm.