

# **SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

88630 4 credit hours  
Wednesday 7:00 – 9:50 am

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An examination of spiritual warfare, with a particular focus on the relationship between warfare and evangelism and missions.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The student who successfully completes this course should be prepared to:

1. Define and describe “spiritual warfare.”
2. Articulate a biblical theology of spiritual conflict.
3. Describe a biblical approach to spiritual warfare in evangelism and missions.
4. Identify contemporary concepts of spiritual warfare in the fields of evangelism and missions.
5. Demonstrate skills for evaluating biblically several contemporary approaches to spiritual warfare.
6. Recognize and respond appropriately to evidences of spiritual warfare in his/her ministry.
7. Demonstrate improved written and verbal communication skills as needed in the practice of ministry.

## **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:**

Arnold, Clinton. *Powers of Darkness: Principalities and Powers in Paul's Letters*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1992.

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Boyd, Gregory. *God at War*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1997.

Gurnall, William. *The Christian in Complete Armour: Daily Readings in Spiritual Warfare*. Chicago: Moody, 1999. (to be used as a daily devotional guide during this semester)

Lightner, Robert. *Angels, Satan, and Demons*. Nashville: W Publishing, 1998.  
(to be used as a resource for writing the research paper and preparing for class lectures)

Longman, Tremper, and Daniel G. Reid. *God Is a Warrior*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Moreau, A. Scott, Tokunboh Adeyemo, et al., eds. *Deliver Us from Evil: An Uneasy Frontier in Christian Mission*. Monrovia, CA: MARC, 2002. [photocopy]

### **Recommended texts:**

Lawless, Chuck. *Putting on the Armor*. Nashville: LifeWay, 2007.

Page, Sydney H. T. *Powers of Evil*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995.  
(to be used as a resource for writing the research paper and preparing for class lectures)

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Attendance and Participation** - Punctual and regular attendance is required at each seminar session. Students who miss more than one seminar will not pass this class. It is assumed that all students will actively participate in class discussions. The professor reserves the right to call on students at any point during the seminar.

*In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g., tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the class.*

2. **Required Reading** - Each student must complete all assigned course texts prior to the week of classes. Every student should be prepared to discuss the assigned readings. *Unprepared students will not pass this course.* Students will be required to submit a reading statement at the end of the semester.
3. **Research Paper** – Students will prepare a 25-30 page, double-spaced research paper on an *assigned* topic related to spiritual warfare. The paper must be thoroughly researched, properly written, and show evidence of interaction with biblical commentaries, scholarly journals, and contemporary spiritual warfare literature. Each student will also present a 15-minute PowerPoint summary of his/her research. **Students should email the professor to secure the assigned topic, indicating his two preferred topics to research.**

Students will email a copy of the paper to the class members and professor by noon on the Monday prior to the date of the student's class presentation. **LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Research topics include:

- Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28: The Fall of Satan?
  - Genesis 3: The Snake in the Garden
  - 1 Chronicles 21, Job 1-2, Zechariah 3: The Portrayal of Satan in the Old Testament
  - Satan and Jesus: The Temptation Narratives in the Gospels
  - Spiritual Warfare in the Synoptic Gospels
  - Warfare in the Gospel of John
  - Spiritual Warfare in the Book of Acts
  - Principalities and Powers in the New Testament
  - The Spiritual Condition of Lost Persons: The Enemy against Non-believers
  - Can a Christian Be Demon-Possessed?
  - Spiritual Warfare in the Book of Revelation
  - The Doctrine of Hell
  - Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
4. **Book Review.** Students will prepare a five-page, double-spaced critical book review of Boyd's *God at War*. The review should NOT focus on a summary of the text; rather, the student must critique this book biblically, theologically, and practically.
5. **Practical Research Assignment** - Each student will interview five international missionaries to learn about their experiences with spiritual warfare on the mission field. Email interviews are acceptable, and students will be expected to give an oral presentation of their findings. No written report is required.
6. **Daily Devotions.** Each student must read each day *three* devotions from Gurnall's *Christian in Complete Armour* and submit at the end of the semester a list of significant quotes from this work.
7. **Final Exam** – Students will complete a two-hour exam based upon the course readings, lectures, discussions, and papers presented. While a final exam is unusual for Ph.D. seminars, the professor assumes that (1) students should be held accountable for the material taught; and (2) a final exam will help in preparation for comprehensive exams.

**EVALUATION/GRADING:** The student's final grade will be based on the following percentages. NOTE: All assignments must be completed satisfactorily *and on time* in order to pass this seminar.

Attendance/Participation/Reading:	15%
Devotional Journal:	10%
Research Paper:	30%
Book Review:	15%

Practical Research Report:	5%
Final Exam:	25%
	100%

**STYLE:** Doctoral candidates will be expected to write at a doctoral level—regardless of one’s native language. Inadequate work will not be accepted. All written assignments should follow *The Southern Seminary Manual of Style* available in the LifeWay Christian Bookstore in the Honeycutt Center.

**CLASS FORMAT:** Teaching/learning techniques will include lectures, readings, written assignments, video presentations, guest speakers, and other techniques deemed appropriate.

**DISCLAIMER:** This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the course description, course objectives, general content, grading criteria, course requirements, attendance requirements, and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, the professor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may be necessary because of events and circumstances that change during the term.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
WEEK ONE: August 15	Introduction to the course	
WEEK TWO: Aug. 22	Understanding spiritual warfare	Arnold, <i>3 Crucial</i> , 17-72 Moreau, 117-126
WEEK THREE: Aug. 29	Understanding (con’d)	Article (available on e-campus) Moreau, 3-27, 65-90
WEEK FOUR: Sept. 5	God as Warrior: A Warfare Worldview	Longman (all) Moreau, 231-242

<p>WEEK FIVE: Sept. 12</p>	<p>The devil in history</p> <p>The rising popularity of deliverance ministries</p>	<p>Moreau, 177-212</p>
<p>WEEK SIX: Sept. 19</p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <p>1. _____ Isaiah and Ezekiel</p> <p>2. _____ Satan in the Garden</p> <p>3. _____ Satan in the OT</p>	<p>Page and Lightner as needed</p>
<p>WEEK SEVEN: Sept. 26</p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <p>4. _____ Temptation Narratives</p> <p>5. _____ Warfare in the Synoptic Gospels</p> <p>6. _____ Warfare in Gospel of John</p>	<p>Lightner as needed Moreau, 28-36</p>
<p>WEEK EIGHT: Oct. 3</p>	<p>FALL BREAK</p>	
<p>WEEK NINE: Oct. 10</p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <p>7. <b>Blake Ring</b> Warfare in Acts</p> <p>8. _____ Principalities and Powers</p> <p>9. <b>Ryan</b> Satan against Unbelievers</p>	<p>Lightner as needed Moreau, 37-60, 213-230 Arnold, <i>Principalities</i> (all)</p>

<p>WEEK TEN: Oct. 17</p>	<p>Presentations:</p> <p>10. _____ Christians Demon-Possessed?</p> <p>11. _____ Warfare in Revelation</p> <p>12. _____ Doctrine of Hell</p>	<p>Lightner as needed Moreau, 91-103, 138-145 Arnold, 3 <i>Crucial</i>, 73-142</p>
<p>WEEK ELEVEN: Oct. 24</p>	<p>Churches that Threaten the Enemy</p>	<p>Lawless (all)</p>
<p>WEEK TWELVE: Oct. 31</p>	<p>Spiritual warfare and missions Territorial spirits and spiritual mapping</p>	<p>Moreau, 104-116, 127-137, 160-173, 243-258, 259-275, 276-308 Arnold, 3 <i>Crucial</i>, 143-199</p> <p><b>Missionary interview due</b></p>
<p>WEEK THIRTEEN: Nov. 7</p>	<p>NO CLASS</p>	
<p>WEEK FOURTEEN: Nov. 14</p>	<p>Discussion of Boyd, <i>God at War</i></p> <p>Concluding matters</p>	<p>Boyd (all) <b>Boyd review due</b> Moreau, 309-312</p>
<p>WEEK FIFTEEN: Nov. 21</p>	<p>FALL READING DAYS</p>	
<p>WEEK SIXTEEN: Nov. 28</p>	<p><b>FINAL EXAM</b></p>	<p><b>Gurnall devotional journal due</b></p>

