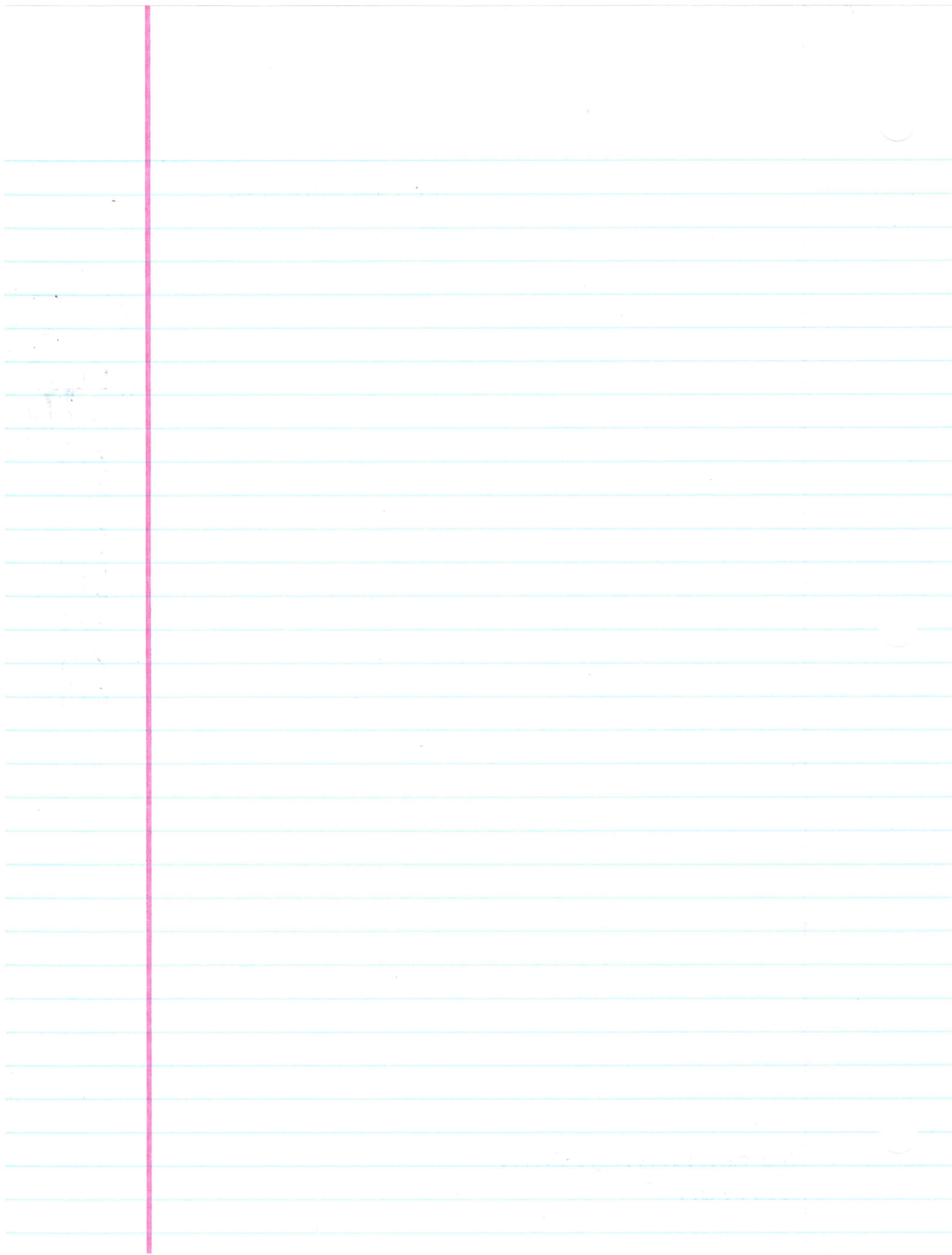


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The Spiritual War

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—Psalm 32:7—

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- Ephesians 6:10-20 The Spiritual War
- Key Verse: Ephesians 6:12

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

- Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)

All battles — ALL BATTLES — are spiritual battles.
ALL.

Every conflict in our physical world has its root in a conflict in the spiritual world. The problem did not BEGIN in the physical, it began as a messenger of Satan.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy;"

- John 10:10a

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist steadfast in the faith,"

- Peter 5:8,9a

We tend to see the physical conflict first, and jumpstart. In the same week, the car broke down, the clothes washer broke, and two of the kids got sick.

That's what your PHYSICAL eyes saw!

What they did NOT see was three, suffer-spewing demons reach into the car transmission and snap off a gear or two, pull a couple wires loose in the washer motor, and snuff out all our Jimmy and Julie! (I recommend you read, This Present Darkness, by Frank E. Peretti)

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SPRITUAL decision ... a bad one! *

It's a, "Yea, hath God said?" moment. So, Satan says, "Remember how you PRAYED about what car to buy? / Your physical battle is an attempt to get you to make a bad, spiritual decision!" I guess God wanted you to have this piece of junk!"; "And the Thomases, at church, gave you that washer. Hmm... some Christians they are; probably knew it was about to die, so they unloaded it on you."; "and what's that about 'by His stripes we are healed'? I think I hear Jimmy throwing up!"

* It's about the spiritual decision Satan wants you to make right now. *

It's a seed.

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed (this big: •), you can move mountains, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." When you plant that faith in your prepared heart, and speak it out of your mouth, it carries God's covenant power. You will have whatever you say!

READ: Luke 8:4-15; Matthew 13:3-23, 31, 32.

Likewise, if you have FEAR as a grain of mustard; and you plant it into a heart prepared to fear, and speak it out of your mouth, it carries the power of death.

READ: Proverbs 13:2,3; 15:2,4; 18:21; Matthew 12:37

- Faith is belief in God's Word - Hebrews 11:1

- Fear is belief in Satan's word - John 8:44b

The soil that was ready to receive a faith-crop, without diligence to the word, grew weeds. Who put those weeds there? "an enemy." (Matthew 13:24-28)

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So, Peter warns, "whom resist steadfast in the faith," it is our steadfast (stubbornly determined) faith that is the shield against Satan's fiery darts. - Eph 6:16. Only the shield of faith and the Sword of the Spirit are detached armor. One can be turned to quench Satan's attack from any direction. The other can be wielded in an assault on him that he cannot defeat. - Matthew 16:18; Luke 10:18, 19. That shield is only as strong as the Word of God you are hearing -

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- Romans 10:17 -

Romans 10:17. That's why Jesus said, "Take heed how ye hear," - Luke 8:18; and, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Pay attention!

Satan is looking for those whom he "may" devour. He must have permission. You and I either deny him (James 4:7), or allow him the place to devour us (Eph 4:27).

So "take unto you" the unfailing Word of God's, blood-sworn, Covenant; and put down the assault of Satan like Jesus did:

"It is written..."

