

## Spiritual Darkness

*Many Christians debate whether the devil is on the earth or in hell; can he dwell in Christians or only in the world? The fact is, the devil is in darkness. Wherever there is spiritual darkness, there the devil will be.*

### PREPARING FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

For most, the term *spiritual warfare* introduces a new but not necessarily welcomed dimension in their Christian experience. The thought of facing evil spirits in battle is an unsettling concept, especially since we came to Jesus as lost sheep, not warriors. Ultimately, some of us may never actually initiate spiritual warfare, but all of us must face the fact that the devil has initiated warfare against us. Therefore, it is essential to our basic well-being that we discern the areas of our nature which are unguarded and open to satanic assault.

Jude tells us, **"And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day"** (Jude 6).

When Satan rebelled against God, he was placed under eternal judgment in what the Bible calls "pits" or "bonds" of darkness. The devil, and the fallen angels with him, have been relegated to live in darkness. This darkness does not simply mean "lightless regions" or areas void of visible light. The eternal darkness to which this Scripture refers is essentially a *moral* darkness, which does ultimately degenerate to literal darkness. However, its cause is not simply the absence of light; it is the absence of God, who is light.

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