

Sermon outline:

**Spiritual Warfare #8. The Realm of Evil: The World**

**I John 2:14-25, Matthew 4:8-9**

- The church is letting the world d\_\_\_\_\_ what it believes and how it operates. The amazing thing is, a couple thousand years later, the church is still dealing with the same problem. The church of Jesus Christ is always put in a p\_\_\_\_\_ where it has to r\_\_\_\_\_ the world.
- The devil is always using his realm, which is the world, to p\_\_\_\_\_ the church so the church will not be what God has called us to be.

We live in the realm of evil. The realm of evil is divided into 2 areas – the world and the flesh. We're going to study each of these areas.

**1. The World is c\_\_\_\_\_ by Satan Matthew 4:8-9**

- a. When Satan was thrown out of heaven, God has a\_\_\_\_\_ him to reign on earth until the time God decides to bind him forever and throw Satan into Hell. That's why the devil's i\_\_\_\_\_ is felt in all aspects of life.
- b. Satan controls a lot, but he's not a\_\_\_\_\_. We have one hope. God has defeated Satan through Jesus Christ and that's why he's not able to overpower us. The Holy Spirit in us p\_\_\_\_\_ us.

**2 The World is O\_\_\_\_\_ by God 2:15**

- a. There is no common ground between God and the world. There's no common ground because the world is the realm of Satan. God and Satan don't s\_\_\_\_\_ truth.

**3. The Flesh is controlled by I\_\_\_\_\_ 2:16**

- a. Satan loves it when we're doing a whole lot of nothing except getting wrapped up in o\_\_\_\_\_. One of the greatest d\_\_\_\_\_ Satan has to use against us is ourselves. Satan loves to use our own lust.

**4. The flesh is controlled by p\_\_\_\_\_ 2:16**

- a. P\_\_\_\_\_ is something we have to keep under control, because Satan loves to use our pride against us.
- b. "Don't let the pride of status get in the way of being the church God wants you to be." All of this tells us that in the realm of evil, Satan loves to use our pride a\_\_\_\_\_ us.