

The Biblical **SPIRIT WORLD**  
“*We wrestle not against flesh and blood...*”

I. Introduction

As always, when we address a topic as broad and as powerful as this one, we need to qualify some terminology and set some guidelines. First, we are going to study the *spirit* world, not the *supernatural*. Although both terms are many times used interchangeably, “supernatural” has a tendency to encompass everything from ghosts to UFOs to unexplainable phenomenon. We will focus on the *spirit world* – the realm that is, for the most part, unseen to the human eye and under the influence of God or Satan.

We are also going to limit our study to those areas with *biblical* references and evidence. There have been numerous movies produced and a ton of books written on spirit-related, spiritual and supernatural topics. Some are by reputable Christian authors, with a biblical basis. Many are by non-Christian writers with no other intent than to entertain. Still others by Satan-influenced people with the sole purpose of enticing others to ungodly practices and beliefs.

So, why even study the spirit world? Does it really affect us as humans? Or even as Christians? Paul tells us in Ephesians that this is precisely where the battles on behalf of, and for, the very soul of the believer take place (Ephesians 6:10-12). We are up against a formidable, yet defeatable army. According to verse 12, the believer is battling against:

- Rulers and authorities
- Powers of the dark world
- Spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms

*This should not, now or ever, be taken lightly!* These forces exist for one purpose and one purpose only – to carry out Satan’s plans (vs. 11).

And yet, as a child of God and a true believer in Christ, we must understand that we are not alone, that God is in control and that in the end...WE WIN! (Revelation 20:10). God has just as formidable a force as Satan has and there is a continual struggle between them. This struggle takes place all around us, mostly unseen or unaware by us. But is it happening nevertheless.

In addition to spiritual beings, there are many places and locations in the spirit world [spiritual realm]. We all know about heaven and hell. But what about a special hell-like dungeon that holds a select, condemned group of demons? Where are the believers who have died – both Old and New Testament - as well as the unbelievers? Where are the final places that believers and unbelievers will spend eternity? Are there biblical references that explain Greek and Roman mythology?

So, to that end, we will take a look at the Biblical spirit world and its places, players and purpose. We will study these areas with the sole purpose of increasing our knowledge of God’s Word (Hebrews 5:14) and thus equipping ourselves for the battle (Ephesians 6:13-18).