

Study Questions for January 10

Building Up From Here

Ephesians 2:19-22

I. Where we've been since April 1

II. Strengths to build on

III. Areas to improve

IV. Where we're going

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. According to vs. 12, with whom is our fight? Who is it we are not fighting? Read Ephesians 1:20-21: 2:2; 3:10. How do angelic forces factor into our struggles and journey according to Paul? Why does he feel the need to keep altering our perspective?
2. Read Daniel 10:1-21. How is spiritual warfare being pictured in this chapter? Who do you think the "prince of Persia" and the "prince of Greece" are? Why? What interference is created by the invention of the "prince of Persia"? What might this suggest about God's will and human will? Could there be a third will?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 2:6-11. What is your guess on the real life event that this passage is referring to? In vs. 11, after encouraging forgiveness, Paul warns that in doing so, one thwarts the schemes of Satan. Do you think that Satan (or an intelligent spiritual force of evil) can take advantage of situations, emotions, etc...? Can you name a time when you believed spiritual forces were finding a foothold to take advantage of a personal situation?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5. How are the teachings ("doctrines") of demons described in this passage? What is the end game of these teachings according to this passage?
5. Read Revelation 12:7-17. How does John describe the unseen battle in heaven? How is Satan described, both by his physical description and what he does? How does this bring further clarity to the kind of war we are in?