



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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THE BATTLE FOR THE SOULS OF MEN IS REAL



ORDER OF SERVICE:

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song | |
| 2. Children's Songs & Story | 5. Adult Fellowship Break | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |

1. INTRODUCTION: A very real battle has been going on for the hearts of men since the beginning of Creation. Noah preached the same Gospel that we continue to preach today while scoffers laughed at him for being so foolish. Jesus said He is coming back when scoffers call evil good, and good evil, “just as in the days of Noah”. The time for Jesus’ coming is very near, and Jesus is Victor!

THEME SCRIPTURE: *Repeat 2X with Congregation:*

Ephesians 6:10-17 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. ¹³ Wherefore **take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.** ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵ and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ **above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.** ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

2. FROM THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED MAN TO CARE FOR THE WORLD & ANGELS TO CARE FOR MEN.

Genesis 2:8&15 “*And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and **there he put the man whom he had formed.** ¹⁵ And **the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it,**”*

God also placed the beautiful angel Lucifer in the Garden, to watch over the man and woman, to cover them (protect them), in the same way that God places angels to cover every one of His children.

Ezekiel 28:13-15 “***Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God;** every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz and the diamond, the beryl, onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald and the carbuncle, and gold...¹⁴**Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;** and **I have set thee so:** thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ **Thou wast perfect in thy ways.....**”*



God’s perfect plan was for His perfect angels to be ministering spirits to tend to the needs of men whom He created to be heirs of salvation.

Hebrews 1:13-14 “*But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?**”*

Matthew 18:10 “*Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven **their angels do always behold the face of my Father** which is in heaven.”*

What a wonderful caring Lord we have - what a mighty God we serve, that He assigns a personal angel to minister to every person who has ever been born, to watch over and care for each one of us!

3. PRIDE ENTERED THE HEARTS OF ANGELS AND MEN.

The beautiful angel God had placed in the garden as a covering cherub over Adam and Eve became lifted up in pride, and tricked men to believe that they could be like God, if they would leave God to follow Satan!



Ezekiel 28:15 *“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”*

Revelation tells how the story of salvation began, in the beginning, when the wonder was seen in Heaven, that God’s creation, man, would become His people clothed in His glory, and called His church, the woman from whom the Messiah would be born;

Revelation 12:1-2 *“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ² and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.”*

The church travailed to carry the Messiah, from the fall of man in Genesis until the fulness of the time for His birth was come:

Galatians 4:4 *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.”*

Then Revelation tells of another wonder that appeared in heaven, that the beautiful angel Lucifer would rebel against God and draw a third of God’s angels to be cast out with him. Lucifer became the dragon, the devil called Satan, at work to destroy God’s people.

Revelation 12:3-4 *“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth....”*

4. SATAN AND HIS ANGELS WERE CAST TO THE EARTH & CONTINUE TO DECEIVE MEN UNTIL JESUS COMES.

Jesus answered His disciples that the devils were subject to them in His name, because Jesus had been there as God in the beginning when He cast Satan to the earth so long ago, long before God was manifest in flesh to bring salvation to men on earth.

Luke 10:17-18 “*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even **the devils are subject unto us through thy name.***”¹⁸ *And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.***”

As Lucifer, Satan plotted to exalt himself above God in the eyes of angels and men. Why? Because he planned to rule Heaven and earth himself! Satan convinced a 3rd of the angels, and Adam and Eve to follow him, and he continues to deceive men on earth to this day.



Isaiah 14:12-14 “***How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!*** how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”¹³ ***For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*****”

Satan continues to deceive good Christian men and women through false ministers, to believe the old lie of Satan, that we can be like God by tapping into secret ways that God forbids, tricking millions of people to follow him. Satan primarily tricks people to follow him through himself and his demons appearing as God’s angels of light.

2 Corinthians 11:15 “*And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***”¹⁵ ***Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.***”

5. FALLEN ANGELS ARE FALSE SPIRITS OF SATAN WHO DECIEVE BELIEVERS OF THE END TIME CHURCH.

Angel ‘guides’ that some profess as holy, are not angels from Heaven, but are fallen angels whom the Bible calls familiar spirits.

Leviticus 20:6 “*And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.”*

Demonic spirits who were ‘familiar’ with a deceased person because they were there, can give accurate facts causing someone to believe he is that person reincarnated, or can give facts only known by the deceased, to mediums who can then accurately tell their clients exact words a dead loved one has said - all with the purpose of destroying faith in the Eternal God. Isaiah prophesied a warning for our day:

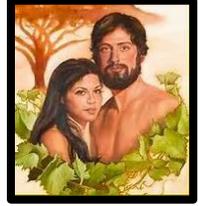
Isaiah 8:19-20 “*And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”*



One of the most popular programs today is, ‘Long Island Medium’, a woman with a ‘familiar spirit’, who believes she hears the dead speaking. God’s people are still forbidden to seek those who have a familiar spirit, because by the trickery of these demons, people believe they can contact the dead, which is forbidden. Why? Because the Bible says the dead are sleeping until the resurrection, and Satan uses these fallen angels to convince people that the dead are speaking to them. Lying spirits seduce them to follow the wicked ways of Satan, and to receive a false Christ in the place of the living God of Heaven.

6. GOD FORBIDS HIS PEOPLE TO KNOW EVIL, BECAUSE DECEPTION TAKES ROOT AND GROWS IN THE HEART.

Genesis 2:16-17 “*And **the LORD God commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for **in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**”*



Adam and Eve were commanded not to taste (to know) of the fruit of evil, but they chose to follow Satan, and their lives were changed forever. Giving place to unclean angels or spirits, invites the deception of Satan to come into one’s heart. The church today has become a resting place for every confusing deceiving, unclean spirit.

Revelation 18:2 “*And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and **is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**”*

Evil false spirits that minister freely in churches today are unclean, and we are not to touch false doctrines associated with them.

2 Corinthians 2:17 “*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.**”*

God’s word is the same from Old through New Testaments, but with false ministers of large denominations teaching that most of God’s word is not for us today, and twisting God’s word to mean the opposite of what it clearly states, many Christians today, like Eve, believe the lies that God did not really mean what He said, and accuse those who believe God’s word as spoken, of being evil.

Genesis 3:4-5 “*And **the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:** ⁵ for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods**....”*

7. MANY ARE DECEIVED BY SATAN'S LIES BUT WE CAN BE SAFE BY SEARCHING & TRUSTING IN GODS WORD.

Just like Holly's friends and their parents at her church were deceived, the devil has very subtly deceived the whole world, along with most of the church, to follow him without them being aware of it! But Holly and her parents were not deceived because they trusted in God's word alone to be true.



Romans 3:4 *“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”*

In the 1950's and 60's, most people in America held their faith in the Lord Jesus as a foundation for truth. Gradually over the last 50 years, churches take pride in duplicating rock concerts: smoke-filled room and lights turned low, with repetitious throbbing of rock music to induce a trance-like state, supposing their worship is pleasing to God, while a false Christ is preached whose Commandments and truth are not relevant, because 'love wins', but a false Christ is being worshipped. Satan has successfully convinced the church, that sin (**iniquity**) is a good thing to be desired, and that good is evil! Today we find the majority of professing Christians, accuse those who hold to strong faith in the Bible, of not having love and preaching hate!

Matthew 7:21-23 *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”* **Jesus is the truth, and Jesus wins!**

8. THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS IS THAT GOD BECAME FLESH SO WE MAY KNOW HIM, AND SHED HIS OWN BLOOD FOR OUR SINS TO WIN THE BATTLE!

Satan's deception is strong but our God is greater, and not one of us needs to be lost if we will hold fast to the One who became visible in flesh to become in every way like us, to understand our weaknesses and to shed His own blood on the cross to save us from our sins.



Acts 20:28 “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

Satan deceives people to believe that God does not love them. Satan says, Does God really love you? How could God love you? You're so messed up... How could God Love you?" You and I may not feel that way every day, but we all feel like that some days, and you need to **know with assurance: Jesus Loves You!**

Jeremiah 31:3 “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”

The opposite deception is to think that you or your church are so spiritual that you alone can correctly interpret the scriptures or hear from God. Jesus gave us His word and His Spirit, so we can KNOW Him and no longer have to be deceived or confused ever again!

*2 Corinthians 11:3 “But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**”*

In the church Satan has deceived pastors, to think that a person not schooled in their church, cannot hear from God without them. But be not deceived, because **the Gospel written in your Bible by holy men of old, is the pure word of God and simple to understand!**

9. HOW TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR OUR SOUL TODAY?

Yes, there is a very real battle going on for your soul today, and the only way Satan can win the battle, is if you listen to what He says! You don't have to let Satan destroy you, so don't argue with him! When Satan starts getting into your head, tell him NO, and mean it!

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Look what happened in Acts when Peter spoke to the demonic spirit tormenting a young woman, in the name of Jesus:



Acts 16:18 “And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.”

We have a secret weapon in this war called the Battle of the soul.



Our secret weapon is to put on faith in Jesus as our armor and pray in His Name! And it works. Over and over again people used it in the New



Testament church and over and over again, people were healed, and delivered, and set free, and saved because of it! Sometimes we are not healed instantly, but **like the lepers, we are healed as we go along our way praising the Lord!** The book of Acts is full of people being saved, healed and delivered **because people learned to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus** and clothe themselves in the full armor of God! Be clothed and be found praising Him!

Ephesians 6:13 “Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

We need to study God's word and tell the devil what God says!

10. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME.

1. The battle between God and Satan for the hearts of men is real.
2. God created Lucifer to watch over man but he became proud.
3. Lucifer's name was changed to Satan and he led 1/3 of God's angels to follow him and God cast them out of heaven.
4. Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven because Jesus is Almighty God.
5. Fallen angels are the familiar spirits who trick people into believing they can talk to the dead or that they have lived a past life.
6. False spirits also deceive God's church to copy the seductive ways of Satan in their music and to be seduced to receive false doctrine.
7. We are safe when we trust not in men, but only in God's word.
8. The message of Christmas is that God became a man to save us because He loves us, and Jesus wins!
9. We can trust the simplicity found in the pure word of God that He preserved for us in the Holy Bible in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
10. Our secret weapon is when we pray in the Name of Jesus, clothed in the full armor of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His salvation.

Let's pray together now:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for Your word that tells us we don't have to accept every foul thing the devil throws our way, but we have Your power at work in us through Your Holy Spirit, that overcomes all power of the enemy. Dear Lord Jesus, give us strength to stand up for what is right in all areas of our lives, and listen, to really hear what Your Spirit is saying to the churches today. Let us not give up before you come, but help us remember to cover ourselves every morning in the full armor that you give to us, putting on the joy of our salvation, wearing Your righteousness in everything we say and do, and remembering to walk always in truth and peace. Help us to be overcomers in this battle for our souls, Lord, and continue to stand until we see you coming in the clouds! In Your Name Jesus, Amen.

11. CHILDREN’S STORY: LEARNING TO TRUST JESUS



Holly loved going to church, and she loved singing to Jesus with all her heart and learning about Him. Holly, remembered the day that she asked the Lord Jesus to come into her heart and how happy she was! But now she felt afraid when she walked into her class because the group of girls who used to be her best friends, now whispered and laughed about her. Holly was still happy to go to church, but she was sad.

What had gone so wrong? A few weeks ago, Holly was invited to a birthday party sleepover with the girls from her church at Candy’s house. After the parents went home, Candy told the girls they were going to watch a really cool movie her mom got for the party. Holly was excited with the other girls, until she saw that the movie was about an evil witch, who wasn’t really evil, but just misunderstood. Holly’s mom and dad had talked about how this latest movie out was deceiving so many to follow Satan, tricking them to think that good is evil and evil is good, but the Bible says we are not to give any place to the devil and witches. Holly, told Candy she could not watch the movie, and asked if she could play in Candy’s room. Candy said OK but she laughed at Holly, and got the other girls to laugh at Holly and call her “Baby Goody”. That was weeks ago, and the girls were still calling her names and laughing!

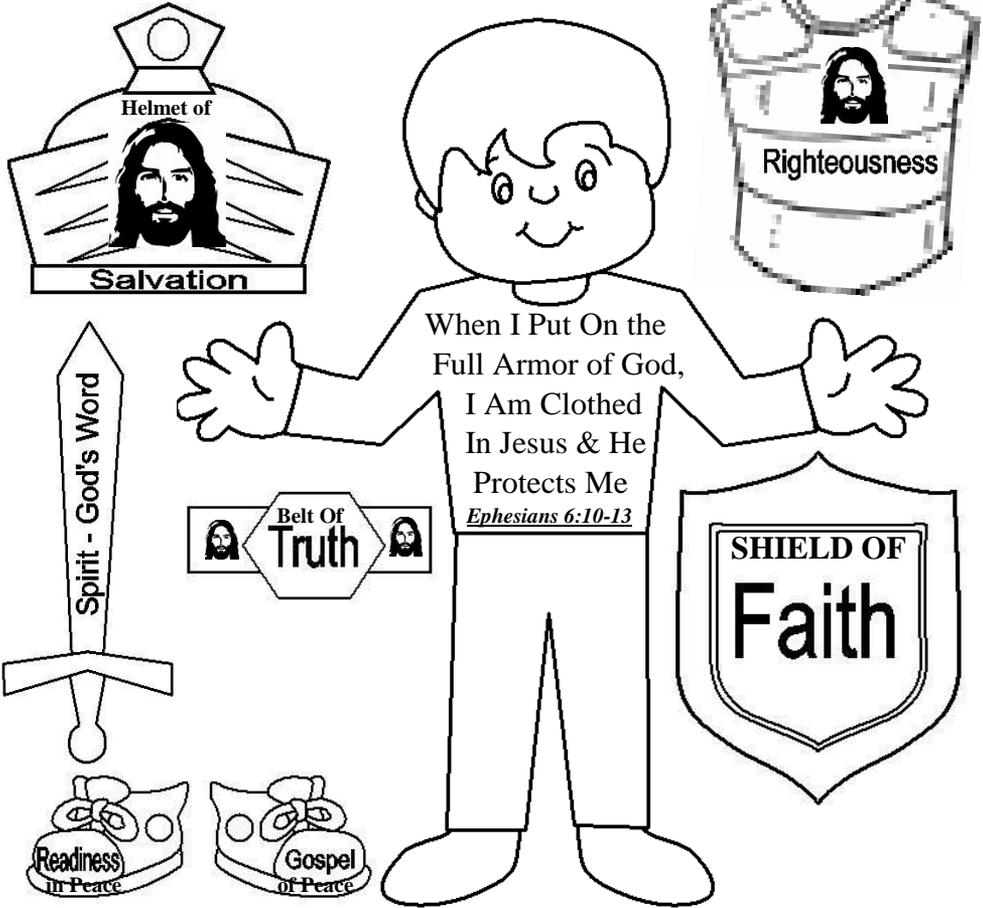
Holly’s parents told her that Jesus was laughed at and mocked for being faithful to God too, but God sent Him disciples who were true friends. They were so proud of Holly because her desire to follow Jesus was greater than her desire to be popular, and He would reward her! Holly prayed for the girls and they were nicer, but she was most thankful for the strength God gave her to stand for what is right. Holly grew up happy, and learned that she could always trust Jesus because He always knows what is best!



12. PREPARED TO BE A SOLDIER FOR JESUS

Directions: (Enlarge Copies onto 8.5 x 11 Cardstock)

1. Make 1 copy on white card stock, and make 1 copy on silver card stock.
2. Cover silver armor with clear 2” wide tape, clear contact paper, or laminate.
2. Cut out armor, apply rubber cement to back side & let dry (it will stay sticky).
3. Color person (draw long hair & skirt for girls), laminate & cut out.
4. Practice putting on the full armor of God!



Ephesians 6:10-11

*“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God...
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