



Nipawin Bible College
TH2112 Angelology, Demonology, and Spiritual Warfare
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3 Credit Hours
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“When I came to you, brothers, announcing the testimony of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom. For I didn’t think it was a good idea to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a powerful demonstration by the Spirit, so that your faith might not be based on men’s wisdom but on God’s power.” - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (HCSB)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Loftiness, hellfire and brimstone, spittle and screaming, fear and trepidation – these are some of the common slogans, motifs, and emotions associated with our topic of angels, demons, and spiritual warfare. Yet the Bible has much to inform the God-fearing believer in Jesus Christ as to the nature of this spiritual realm. We must turn to God’s wisdom, His ways, and rest in His authority when looking at this mostly unseen but eternally invested aspect of life. Who will we be? Uninformed, uninterested, and undefended bystanders in this cosmic battle or will we choose to be Christ informed and equipped, victorious warriors fighting in this eternity defining battle? Freedom is our goal and souls are the prize as we strive to see many come to faith in the living Lord Jesus Christ. Not in our power but through the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling and equipping His followers. All for His glory.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

Storms, Sam. *Understanding Spiritual Warfare: A Comprehensive Guide*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2021.

The Bible (a translation, not a paraphrase). Suggested translations are CSB, ESV, NIV, NKJV, NLT, NASB...

COURSE QUESTION

What is my role and response to the spiritual realm as a follower of Jesus Christ?

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course the student will:

- Identify and understand the roles, responsibilities, and authority of created spiritual beings.

- Identify their role in God's created spiritual realm and understand their authority within it.
- Understand spiritual warfare.
- Be better able to identify the schemes, tricks, and attacks of Satan and his allies.
- Be better equipped for engaging in spiritual warfare daily.
- Help others who are experiencing spiritual warfare.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Quiz - 9 quizzes, each worth 3% (27% total)

- The student will demonstrate their reading comprehension through a weekly quiz formulated from the major concepts of the textbook, *Understanding Spiritual Warfare*. Each quiz will be between two and ten questions and will consist primarily of True/False, and multiple choice.

DUE: See Course Schedule

Weekly Forum post on Neo LMS - 9 posts, each worth 3% (27% total)

- The student will write a weekly post on Neo covering one of the topics that the author dealt with, or responding to one of their classmates' posts from that reading. The post must be between 300 - 400 words in length and include at least 2 sources, plus any Bible references needed or desired. If the student chooses to take this option, they will be expected to start with a thesis statement and then defend their thesis throughout their post. Regardless of their topic they will be marked on the strength of their argument and their thoughtfulness as a critical thinker and child of the Lord. If the student chooses to respond to one of their classmates, they will conduct themselves as a Christ follower and build up the body with encouragement without being afraid of correcting or challenging any positions they may identify or disagree with.

DUE: See Course Schedule

Personal Spiritual Assessment and Reflection Paper - 26%

- The student will be responsible to fill out a spiritual assessment document and then reflect on their results in a Spiritual Reflection paper. The assignment will progress in the following way:
 - a. The student should ensure that they have at least 4 hours of uninterrupted time to focus on the Lord and their spiritual condition before starting this assignment.
 - b. The student will take some time to pray before doing their personal door opener questionnaire assessment. Please spend at least 15-30 minutes in prayer. Ask others to be praying for you specifically during this time. Seek the Lord during this time and ask Him to search your heart and help you to answer the questionnaire fully and honestly. Also, be aware that there is a potential to experience discomfort during this prayer time and subsequent questionnaire

- especially if there are any areas of your life still un-surrendered to the Lord and His authority.
- c. Fill out the questionnaire as completely and truthfully as possible.
 - d. Ask Jesus to guide you through these next steps as you reflect on your assessment.
 - e. Reflect on your answers. Are there any surprises or areas of concern that you have after filling out your questionnaire? Do you have any areas of your life that have been identified as needing to change or be addressed so that you can move forward in freedom of relationship with the Lord? Record your discoveries.
 - f. Spend some more time in prayer. Ask the Lord to help you connect what you have written down with a path forward to freedom. Can you connect any past or current activities with current areas of character concern?
 - g. Spend some time in targeted prayer. Ask the Lord specifically to deal with any areas of past and or lingering hurts. Deal here and now with any unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment or other areas of concern that were identified by the questionnaire in Jesus' name. One of the most beneficial and helpful things that you can do during this time is write down what you are experiencing and feeling so that you can accurately report on this later in your paper.
 - h. Start to write your reflection paper. While you write, be in constant prayer and stand in the authority given by Jesus Christ to His disciples. Build your personal reflection paper around the concept that you are there to discover if there is anything in your life that is holding you back from complete freedom in Christ Jesus. Evaluate your assessment and your life from the perspective of the spiritual realm.
 - 1. You were created for freedom in right relationship with God; are you experiencing that freedom?
 - 2. Are there areas of your life that have contributed to bondage of any kind (resentment, unforgiveness, anger, addictions, etc.).
 - 3. What do you need to deal with and/or rejoice over?
 - 4. Are there any fears or worries that are controlling your life in any way?
 - 5. Have you identified any lies that you have believed that need to be corrected?
 - 6. If you were to assess your current spiritual life (relationship with Jesus) and condition (level of spiritual freedom) next to your ideal spiritual life (relationship with Jesus) and condition (freedom in Jesus), how different are those two pictures right now and what needs to be addressed to achieve that ideal?
 - i. The paper will be required to be 5 pages minimum.
 - j. Attach your paper and your assessment (if you are willing) to an appropriate cover page and submit them on or before 7pm on the due date, **March 27**.
 - k. There will be a rubric on Neo to check for clarification on how your grade will be assigned.

DUE: March 27th

Interview with a Full-time (past or present) Missionary - 20%

- The student will be responsible to interview a missionary who has served in a non-western culture dominated setting. This missionary will be asked specific questions in relation to their field of service and specifically about spiritual warfare within their ministry context. There will be a required question handout that the student will use, but these listed questions will need to be supplemented with other questions that the student formulates themselves based on their reading and study during the course.
- The interview will be recorded, and the interviewee's answers will be recorded and submitted to your professor (with an appropriate way to identify that the recording is yours) on or before the final due date. The student will prepare a conclusion to the interview that will discuss what they learned, and how they will incorporate this information in the future ministry settings and life. The conclusion should be a minimum of one page. The student's conclusion will have a title page.
- The student will be required to submit their choice of missionary and questions, a minimum of three weeks prior to their missionary interview taking place. The grade for this project will be broken down as follows:
 - **DUE: February 6th** - Missionary selection and questions - 5%
 - **DUE: February 27th** - Interview - 15%
- Please see the rubric in Neo LMS for the point breakdown on your Interview mark.

NOTE: All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers. **(See NBC Sample Paper - 2022.)** Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

Unless otherwise noted, assignments will be due at the **beginning of class** on the date assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

Reading: 330 pages

Writing: 15 pages

COURSE SCHEDULE:

NOTE: All items in the “assignment” column, including assigned reading, is expected to be done *before* the beginning of that dated class period.

Date	Topics	Assignment	Assignment Due
JAN 16	Hour 1 – Introduction & Syllabus - Who is God?		
JAN 23	Angelology	Storms, p. XVII – 44 (Ch 1-3)	-Quiz 1 -Neo Post 1
JAN 30	Angelology	Storms, p. 45 – 86 (Ch 4-5)	-Quiz 2 -Neo Post 2
FEB 6	Demonology	Storms, p. 87 – 127 (Ch 6-7)	-Quiz 3 -Neo Post 3 -Missionary selection and questions
FEB 13	Spiritual Warfare Introduction	Storms, p. 131 – 172 (Ch 8-9)	-Quiz 4 -Neo Post 4
FEB 27	Can a Christian be Demonized?	Storms, p. 173 – 188 (Ch 10) Interview your chosen missionary	-Quiz 5 -Neo Post 5 -Interview Transcript and Summary
MAR 6	History of Spiritual Warfare	Storms, p. 189 – 231 (Ch 11-12)	-Quiz 6 -Neo Post 6
MAR 20	Authority of the Believer - Threatened but Not Intimidated	Storms, p. 235 – 265 (Ch 13-14)	-Quiz 7 -Neo Post 7
MAR 27	The Ministry of Deliverance?	Storms, p. 266 – 287 (Ch 15)	-Quiz 8 -Neo Post 8 -Spiritual Assessment and Reflection Paper
APR 3	The Believers Response -Called to Go on the Offensive?	Storms, p. 288 – 330 (Ch 16-17)	-Quiz 9 -Neo Post 9