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Chapter 5 – The Cosmic Battle

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[p78] When we are saved, we are born again, transformed from the inside out with a new heart and a new mind. We now reflect His light through a new way of thinking and living in the world—we think and live like Christ.

[p78] Satan’s goal is to control the world through the minds of men who have been bewitched by his way of thinking.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

[p80] God made humanity not as another creature like the plants and animals but as His special assistant in ruling the world.

[p80] God will not work without us. Likewise, Satan cannot work without us.

[p80] in the Exodus saga God worked through Moses while Satan worked through Pharaoh.

JESUS: THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF DIVINE PARTNERSHIP

[p81] ...as the ultimate human Jesus became the ultimate example of divine partnership.

[p81] What these genealogies demonstrate is the lineage, the pedigree, the heritage of Christ

THE KINGDOM

[p82] This is what spiritual warfare in the world is about—the advancement of the kingdom.

[p82] For Jesus the demonstration did not follow the teaching; the demonstration actually came first!

[p83] We have been called to the same spiritual warfare that Jesus modeled.

[p83] When the kingdom of heaven collides with the natural world, there is visible, demonstrable evidence of God’s dominion.

[p84] By demonstrating God’s kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus showed us what it looks like when a human being fulfills his destiny as an extension of God’s kingdom into the fallen world.

[p84] Jesus’ miracles were more than evidence about His role; they were actually demonstrations that imply our role.

[p85] Jesus did not perform miracles to prove that He could. He performed miracles to prove that we could!

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[p85] His death on the cross was not simply to rescue us from hell; it was to restore the dominion we lost in the garden—and so much more.

[p85] Matt 18:11 Most people quote that verse incorrectly, saying Jesus came “to save those who were lost,” but He came “to save that which was lost.”

THE PURPOSE FOR SALVATION

[p85] We were saved so that God’s kingdom could come through us, and His will could be done on earth as it is in heaven!

[p86] We glorify God through obedient lives that conform to the image of Jesus Christ. That means we represent Him as ambassadors by partnering with Him for His purposes, walking in dominion, and becoming an extension of His kingdom. That is why we were created. That is why we were saved. And that is the meaning of life!

[p86] Jesus is the dragon slayer we should seek to imitate.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Based on this chapter, how would you explain the meaning of your life?

How would you explain the concept of divine partnership discussed above?

How can you use your talents, your job, and your influence to further God’s kingdom?

What are some ways we can worship God that do not involve singing or music?