



BOOK *of* JOHN

# ***BATTLEFIELD EARTH – PART 1***

## ***JOHN 15:18-27***

***The Lord had openly taught persecution would come.***

- He mentioned it in the Sermon on the Mount.  
**Matt. 5:10-12, 44**
- In His “commissioning sermon” when He sent out the disciples to minister **Matt. 10:16-23**
- In His sermon denouncing the Pharisees, Jesus openly said that they would persecute and kill God’s servants.  
**Matt. 23:34-35**
- There was a similar warning given in His prophetic message in the Olivet discourse. **Mark 13:9-13**

# ***WHAT DOES THAT WAR LOOK LIKE TODAY?***

- The forbidding of prayer in public places, including schools
- Posting of the Ten Commandments becoming illegal
- Revisionist history, removing God from our government
- Abortion on demand as a means of birth control
- Hypersexuality, proliferation of pornography
- Hatred of support for Israel
- The homosexual agenda and gay marriage
- Drug and alcohol abuse, opioid epidemic

## ***ADDITIONAL DOCTRINES OF DEMONS***

- The rise of liberal theology, the denial of the inerrancy of the Word of God
- The rise of atheistic socialism, the supposed separation of Church and State
- The rise of situational ethics and secular humanism
- The rise of religious violence, Islamic jihad

How can we do it? ***It appears that we are outgunned and undermanned!***

# ***THE SECRET OF OUR VICTORY?***

***IT IS THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.***

- ***The Holy Spirit of God is a Person.*** Jesus referred to the Spirit as “***He***” not an “***it***.” He is not impersonal like the Jedi force. 😊
- The Holy Spirit has a mind. **Rom. 8:27**
- The Holy Spirit has a will. **1 Cor. 12:11**
- The Holy Spirit has emotions and feelings. **Gal. 5:22-23**

**As a believer, the Holy Spirit lives in you!**

## ***SOME STEPS TO VICTORY***

- We are to walk in the Spirit. **Gal. 5:16**
- We worship in the Spirit. **Phil. 3:3**
- We witness in the Spirit. **Acts 1:8**
- We must be careful not to love the world.  
**1 John 2:15-17**
- We should not be conformed to the world.  
**Rom. 12:1-2**

# ***THE WORLD HATES US***

**Jesus gave several reasons as to why.**

- 1. We do not belong to the world. v. 19**
- 2. The world is spiritually ignorant and blind. v. 21**
- 3. The world will not be honest about its own sin. v. 22-24**
- 4. The world hates the Word of God, which we love.**

***Let's take the world back from the prince of darkness by being a Holy Spirit-filled witness!***