

# Spiritual Warfare in Christian Living

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"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one", *Matthew 6:13*.

## II. WHO ARE WE FIGHTING?

The character of satan is depicted in the various names that Scripture gives him. This is consistent especially with the naming methods that were used in the OT. His names then depict what he does and the influences that he has here on earth with mankind. There are close to thirty different titles given to him in the Bible.

### i) Abaddon and Apollyon

*Revelation 9:11*, "And they had as a king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew is Abaddon, but in the Greek he is called Apollyon".

This king is the satanic angel of the bottomless pit. His Hebrew name *Abaddon* means place of destruction and is a synonym of death and Sheol. In the Greek *Apollyon* means destroyer. We see from this that we are dealing with one whose name is synonymous with death and destruction. These titles are closely linked with another title used to describe him i.e. 'angel of the abyss' (bottomless pit NIV).

### ii) Accuser of the brethren

*Revelation 12:10*, "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down'".