

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

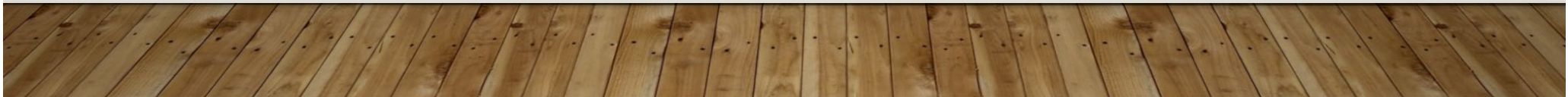


OUTLINE

1. Why does Jesus give the command, “If you love me, keep my commands.”
2. If we are to keep His commands, what are the commands?
3. How can we keep His commands?

GENESIS

- 2:16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”
- 3:4-5 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman, “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



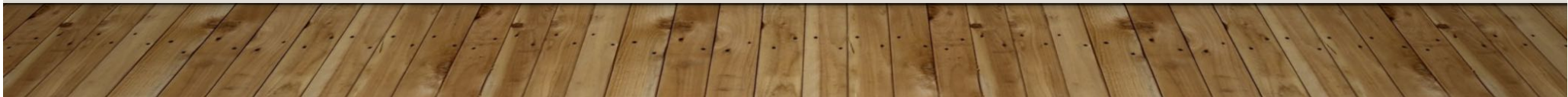
PRINCIPLE

- We submit/entrust ourselves to the one whose words we obey.
- Romans 6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves to the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness.

KINGDOM OF SATAN

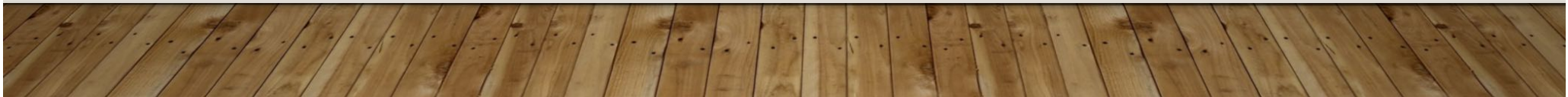
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Adam/Eve

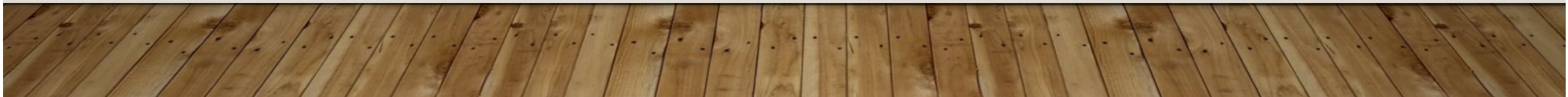
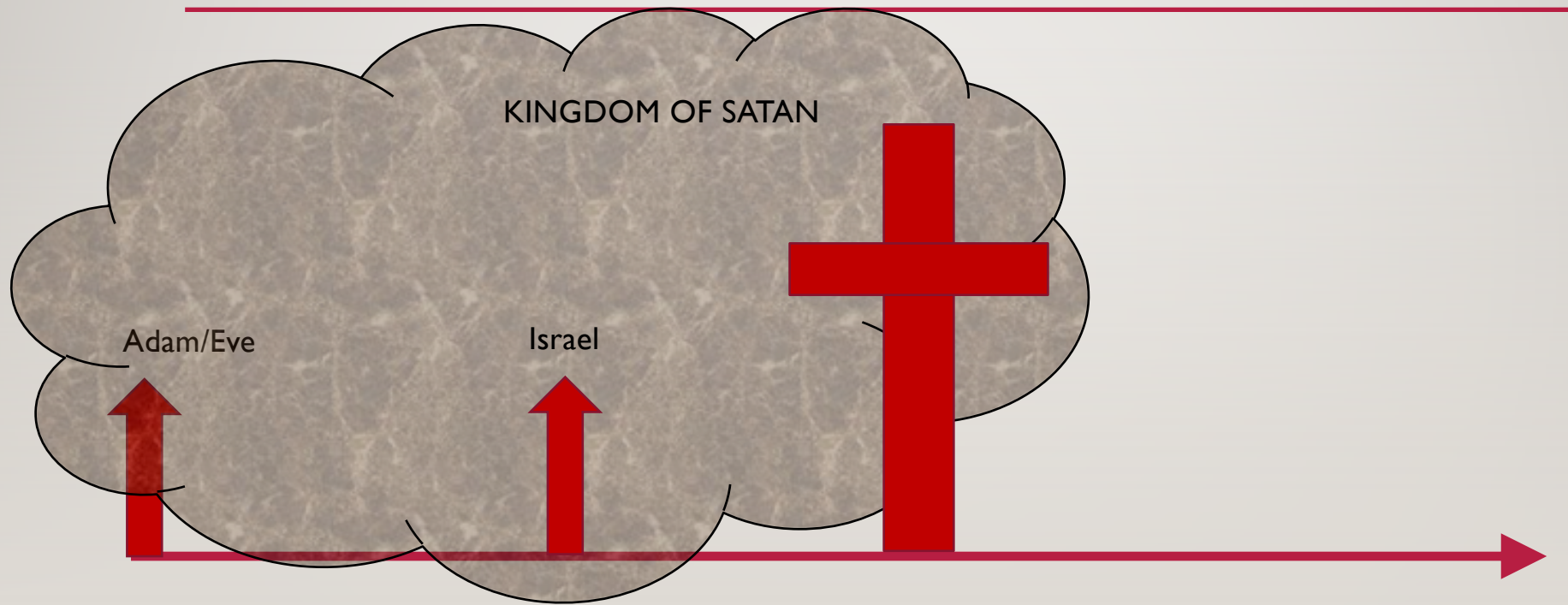


JOHN 14:30-31

Jesus: “I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”



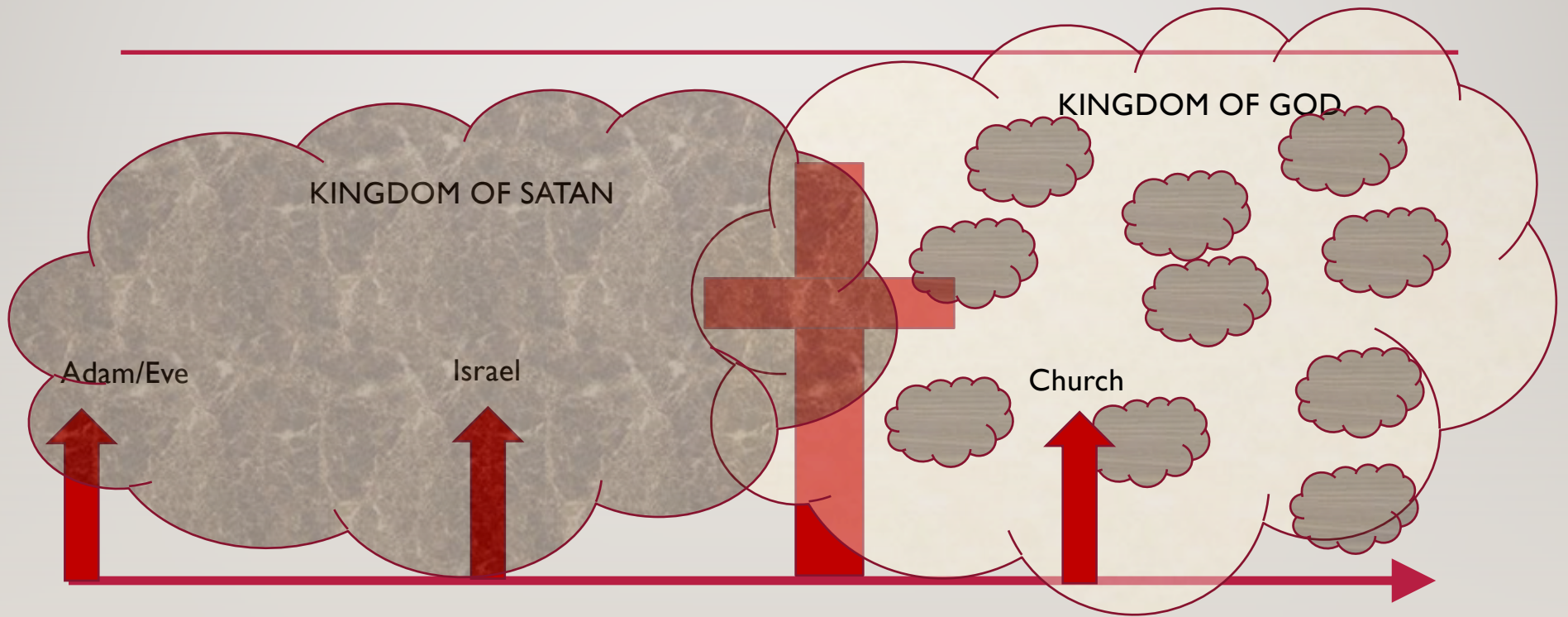
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I CORINTHIANS 15:24

Jesus will hand “over the kingdom to God the Father AFTER [Jesus] has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power.

KINGDOM OF GOD



WEAPONS OF WARFARE

- Satan: lies and deception
- God: Truth, the Word of God

QUESTION #2

If we are to keep His commands, what commands?

John 15:10-13

“If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

SATAN'S KINGDOM

Division and Death

John 8:44-45

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar, and the father of lies.”

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM DEFEATS...

1. Proclamation of Truth
2. Obedience to God's Word

3 LIES

1. Some people's lives are more significant, more valuable than others.
2. It's okay to use and abuse some people in order to gain something for yourself.
3. Other people's problems are not your problems.

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM DEFEATS...

1. Proclamation of Truth: Every single life is significant
2. Obedience to God's Word: love one another

QUESTION #3

How do we keep His commands?

- 1) Presence of the Spirit: John 14:16-17, 26
- 2) Union with the Son: John 14:20

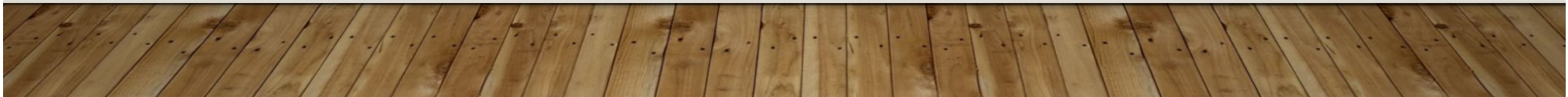
PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT

John 14:16-17

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the **Spirit of truth.**”

John 14:26

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”



2 TRUTHS FROM UNION WITH CHRIST

1. At every point, there is forgiveness.

The power of Jesus' blood to forgive is greater than the power of sin to bring condemnation.

2. At every point, there is the Father's embrace.