

Outline

Introduction:

Setting and Prayer Daniel 10:1-3
Mourning on Earth, Warfare in the Heavens

Divine Encounter Daniel 10:4-9
The Pre-Incarnate Christ or an Angel?

Angel's Message Daniel 10:10-11:1

Outline (continued)

I. _____ is Our Major Weapon in Spiritual Warfare

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- A. Regardless of age, you can be used by God
- B. We don't pray to angels, we pray to the Lord
- C. Prayer was immediately heard on the first day

Outline (continued)

II. _____ and _____ are the Battlefields
of Spiritual Warfare Daniel 10:13 (NASB)

A. Angels Are Impacting the Affairs of Earth

1. Bad Angels (Demons) Prince of Persia
Revelation 16:12-14

Satan is the prince of this world John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11

Satan has demonic angels organized in different ranks

Ephesians 1:21; 6:12; Revelation 9:1-2,11

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2. Good Angels - Michael Archangel Daniel
10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7-9

B. Bad Angels Can Delay Answers to Prayer

C. The Spiritual Warfare Will Last Until the End

Outline (continued)

Daniel 10:14 (NASB) ¹⁴ "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

Daniel 10:20 (NASB) ²⁰ Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.

Outline (continued)

Three Types of War

Society War – outer

Soul War – eternal

Self War – inner - war with our sin nature
old & new self

Outline (continued)

III. Spiritual Warfare is Fought Based on _____
Colossians 2:9-15 Luke 10:18 Romans 16:20

1 John 4:4 (NASB) ⁴ You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Deuteronomy 1:30 (NASB) ³⁰ 'The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

Outline (continued)

Conclusion:

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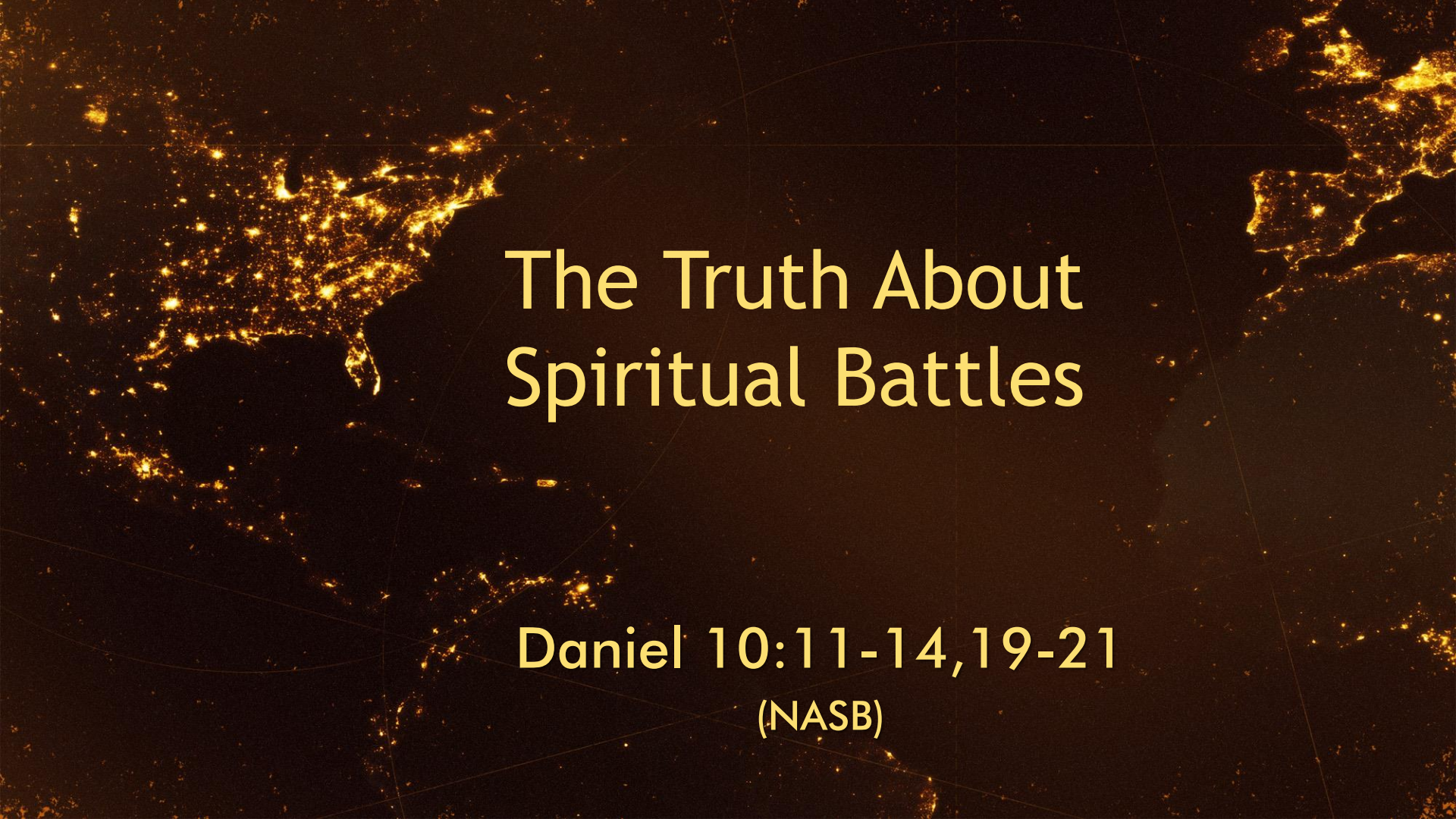
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Message Slides



DANIEL

A Kingdom Worth Living For



The Truth About Spiritual Battles

Daniel 10:11-14,19-21
(NASB)

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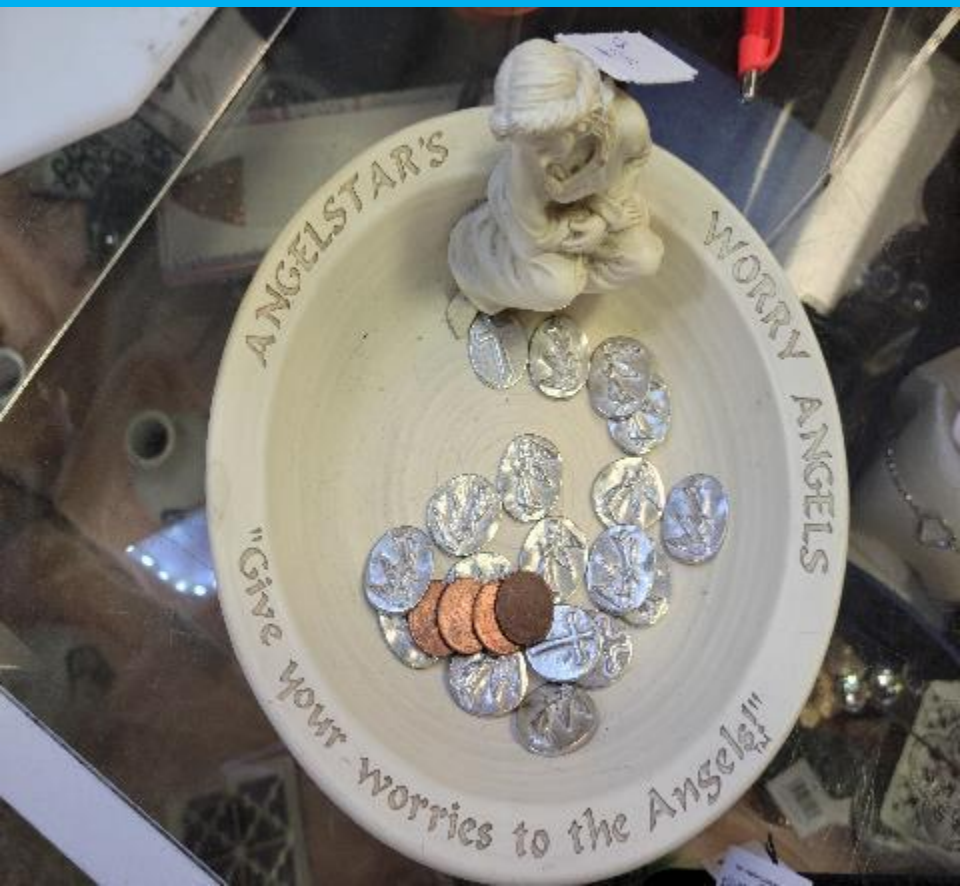
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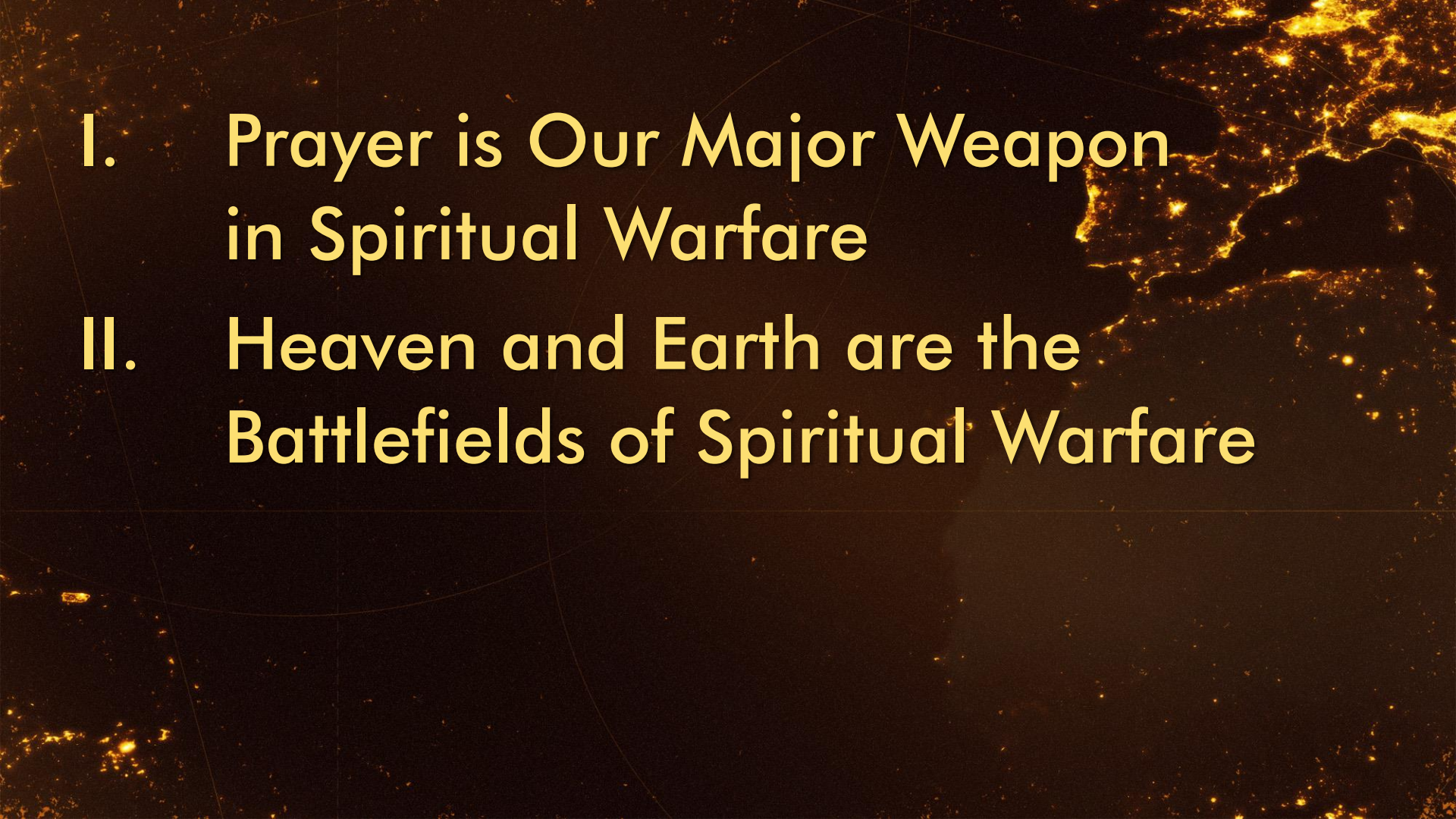
Daniel 10:11 (NASB)

¹¹ He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

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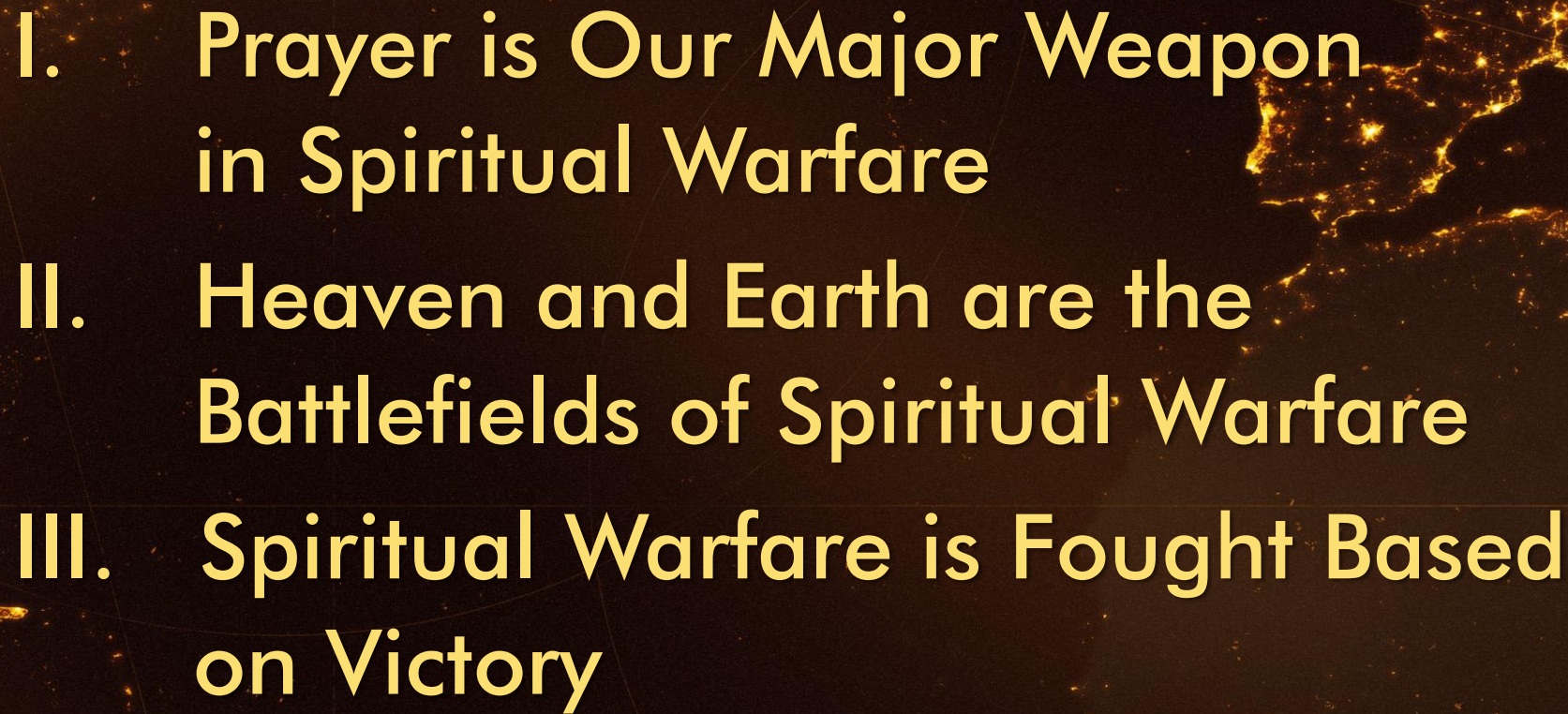
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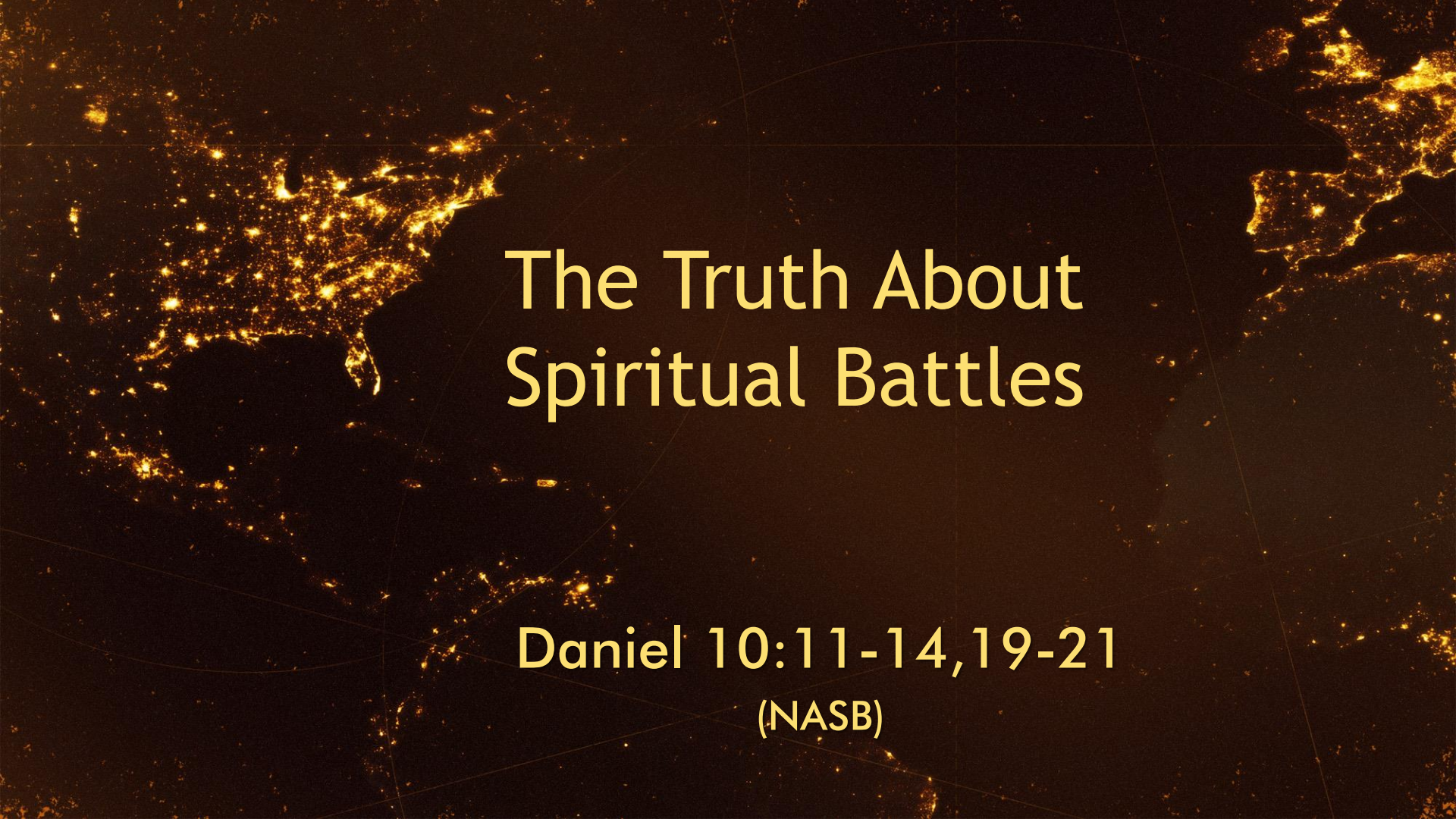
Eternal – the Souls

Inner – Old Self versus New Self - Sin

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Questions

1. Which war in the last century do you know most about? Which war would you like to know more about? What is your favorite movie on war? Why?
2. When have you been scared stiff? What experiences have left you drained? How did someone help you through?
3. How do you feel when touched physically by your spouse? Sweetheart? Parent? Child? A friend? A stranger? How has God touched and strengthened you in the past or present in prayer?

Questions (continued)

4. Some see Christ in Daniel 10:5-6. How is this fantastic image like the one in Ezekiel 1 or Revelation 1:12-16? Do you think these are different images of the same Divine figure? Why? Do these images fit your picture of Jesus? Why or why not?
5. What in this continuing encounter (Daniel 10:12-19) would you find comforting? Scary? Why?

Questions (continued)

6. Repeatedly Daniel is told he is “highly esteemed” (Daniel 10:11,19; 9:23). Is it as tough for you to trust such good news from God? How so? Who in your circles needs to hear this good news?
7. Daniel’s prayer seems to have been opposed by an evil power. When has this happened to you? How did you persevere?
8. What do you think is the importance of angels in the life of a believer? See Hebrews 1:14

Questions (continued)

9. Has reading this chapter changed your view of reality?
10. How is the fact that Jesus is God and Satan and his fallen evil angels are just angels, help you in understanding the hope and encouragement you need to be engaged in spiritual warfare? How does Jesus' victory on the cross and His triumphant resurrection give you confidence in waging battle against the powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6:10-20, especially vs 12)?