

SLAVES OR FREE?

Slavery is part of a spiritual system that manifests itself visibly through nature.

This is how Ephesians 6:12 describes it: *"... for we have no struggle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the world of darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly regions."*

As we can see, the basic problem is that it is a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, and man himself is the battlefield. The battle is visible not only in the wars, revolutions and the crime that oppress us and fill our newspapers, but it is also seen in the inner tensions and fears of individual lives, in the neurotic problems and mental illnesses that afflict us today, in the family struggles and struggles in the church. It is even visible in nature, where all life competes in a ruthless and deadly struggle for survival." Ray Stedman

Slavery is therefore a system that oppresses, paralyzes, and controls. Unfortunately, not everyone is aware of its existence even in their own lives.

Read 2 Corinthians 11:3 *"But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."*

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT:

SEE:

Against whom is the battle we maintain?

Which is the battlefield in this war?

JUDGE:

What strategy does the enemy use to attack God's children and how does he act in their lives?

ACT:

Have you experienced any time in your life slavery? If so, list the area or areas.

How have your senses been affected, or are they at risk of being affected? Share with the group.