

**13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.**

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15 (NLT)

*Because the tomb is empty...*  
we don't fight for victory;  
we fight from victory!

We can be aware of the kingdom of darkness... but we are **not** afraid of it.  
We can be familiar with the enemy's schemes... but **not** fascinated by them.  
We can know the reality of devils/demons... but **not** fixated on them.

**We DON'T fix our eyes on the enemy—  
we fix our eyes on the One who ALREADY defeated him.**

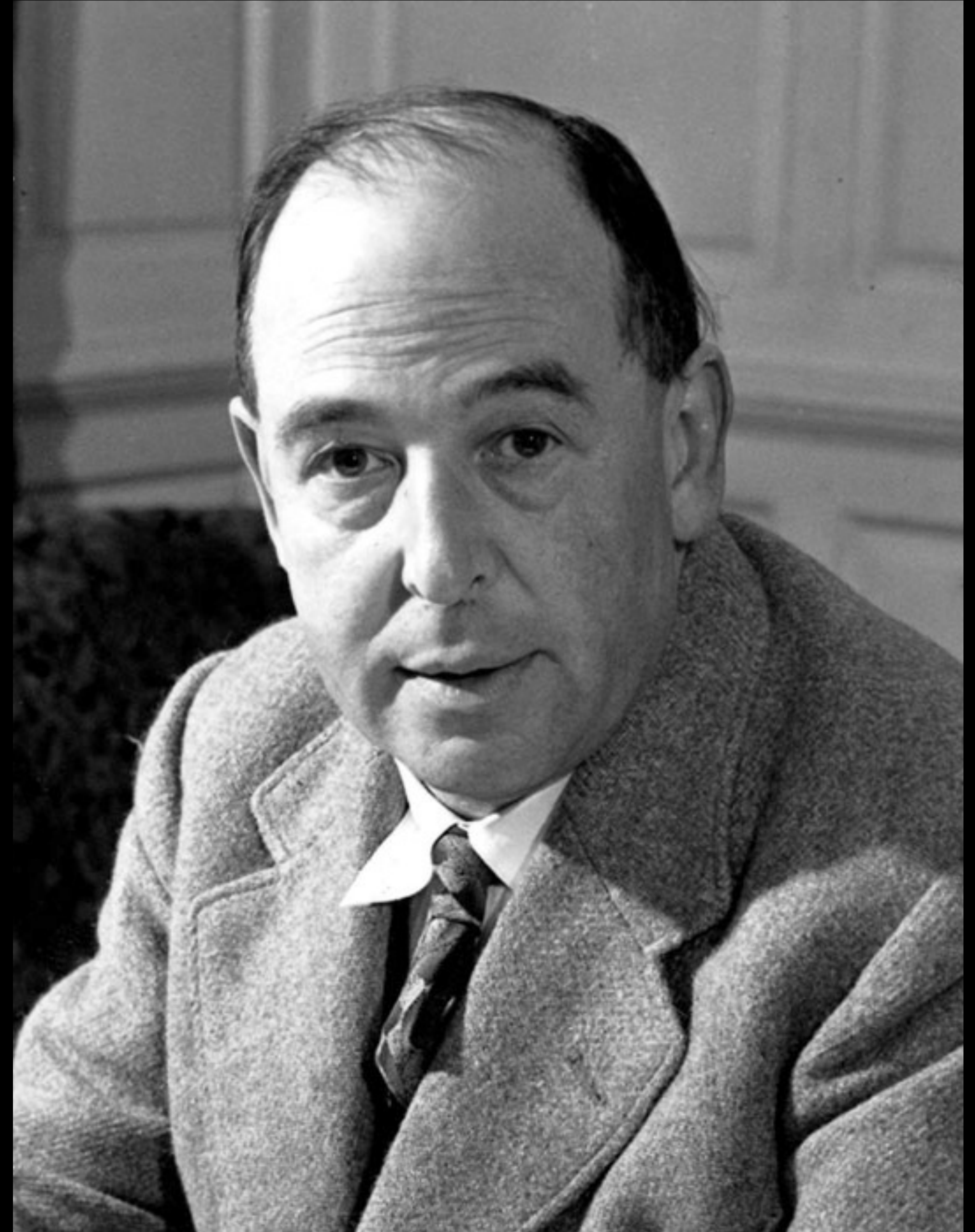
**What is “spiritual warfare”?**

*“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors...”*

*“There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.”*

— CS LEWIS, Theologian/Author

**Spiritual warfare isn't a rare moment—it's the atmosphere we're living in.**



*“Spiritual warfare is the battle to believe the truth of God’s Word against the lies of the devil.”*

—John Piper, Pastor/Author

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They’re happening within you...  
...in what you BELIEVE.

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If the enemy can **DISTORT** what we **BELIEVE**,  
he can **MANIPULATE** how we **LIVE**.



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**Hungry / Angry / Lonely / Tired**

**The enemy doesn't just tempt us to do **WRONG**.  
He tempts us to **DISTRUST GOD**.**

**Devil** → *diabolos* → slanderer/accuser... one who **lies to divide**.  
**Satan**” → *satanas* → adversary/opponent... **one who stands against**.

*Devil* is what he **says**.  
*Satan* is what he **does**.

**Any voice that pulls you away from  
obedience to God—  
*no matter how reasonable it sounds—*  
is **NOT** from God.**

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**If DECEPTION gets in your HEAD...  
Then ACCUSATION gets in your HEART.**

**“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his palace, his possessions are safe...**

**But when one stronger than he attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor he trusted in and divides the plunder.”**

LUKE 11:14-22



Whose voice have you been agreeing with—  
Your *accuser* or your *Advocate*?

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**True freedom happens through REPENTANCE.**

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**Jesus didn't come to make us go from BAD TO GOOD.  
He came to make us go from DEAD TO ALIVE.**

We don't *fight harder* to get free—  
We *come to Jesus* to be made free.

**“Submit yourselves therefore to God.  
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”**

— JAMES 4:7-8