

# Invasion!

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**The Kingdom of God  
Vs.  
The Kingdoms of This World**

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# Psalm 2 Describes the Great War

Backdrop is that God created this world and set rules to help us to prosper and rule over it.

The Kingdoms of this World are at war against God

- Goal is to be their own God (throw off God's authority)
- Involves strategies, plans, battles

Jehovah laughs, and fights back

- His Plan is to send a new born Son ?!

Final Result: This Son will inherit the nations ??

# Why Does Evil Exist?

- Is there such a thing as Evil?
- Have you seen it?
- Examples...
- If a good God made the world, where does evil come from, and why is it still here?

# Principles of This World

What gives meaning to life?

- Success?
  - Accomplishments (Academic, Creative Projects, ...)
  - Wealth
  - Reputation
  - Family
  - Influence, Power

# Principles of This World

What gives meaning to life?

- Victimhood?
  - Recognition as a Victim
    - Emphasize Grievances: The louder I cry, the more I receive
  - A felt 'Need' becomes a 'Right'
    - You or They 'Owe me'
  - Goals: "Justice" >> Vengeance/Reparations

# Principles of This World

## Fulfilling Needs

**Needs of the  
Individual**

**Needs of the  
Group/Others**

Self

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# Principles of This World

Focusing on **My Needs (Self)**, can lead to:

- “Accept yourself as you are”
  - Can be distorted to: no need to improve, I can’t help myself...
- “Be whoever you want to be”
  - Can be distorted to: Do anything you want, Be Any gender you want, If it feels good, do it ...
- Look after Number 1. (others should look out for themselves).
- Survival of the Fittest
  - A Logical conclusion if you throw the ‘constraints’ of God out
  - I am my own ‘God’. (Either that, or we create a false ‘god’)

# Principles of This World

Putting the **Needs of the Group** First, can lead to:

- **Loss of Individual Standards and Motivation**
  - Go Along to Get Along; harmony must be achieved
- **Judge Truth by the 'Group'**
  - If 'everyone' is saying it, it must be true (even if it does not make sense!)
- **Conform, Conform, Conform!**
  - 'Everyone' is doing it!
  - Public Shame or 'Cancellation' if you don't



# God's View of The Result

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way ... (Isaiah 53:6)

This is a rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of the LORD; Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, Turn aside from the path, Cause the Holy One of Israel To cease from before us." (Isaiah 30:9-11)

# Kingdoms of This World

Corruption of Leaders and Governments: Why? How?

- False Ideology? Thirst for Power?
- Compromised/Controlled Individuals?
- Control of Public Opinion?

Satan's Claim:

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. (Luke 4:5-6)

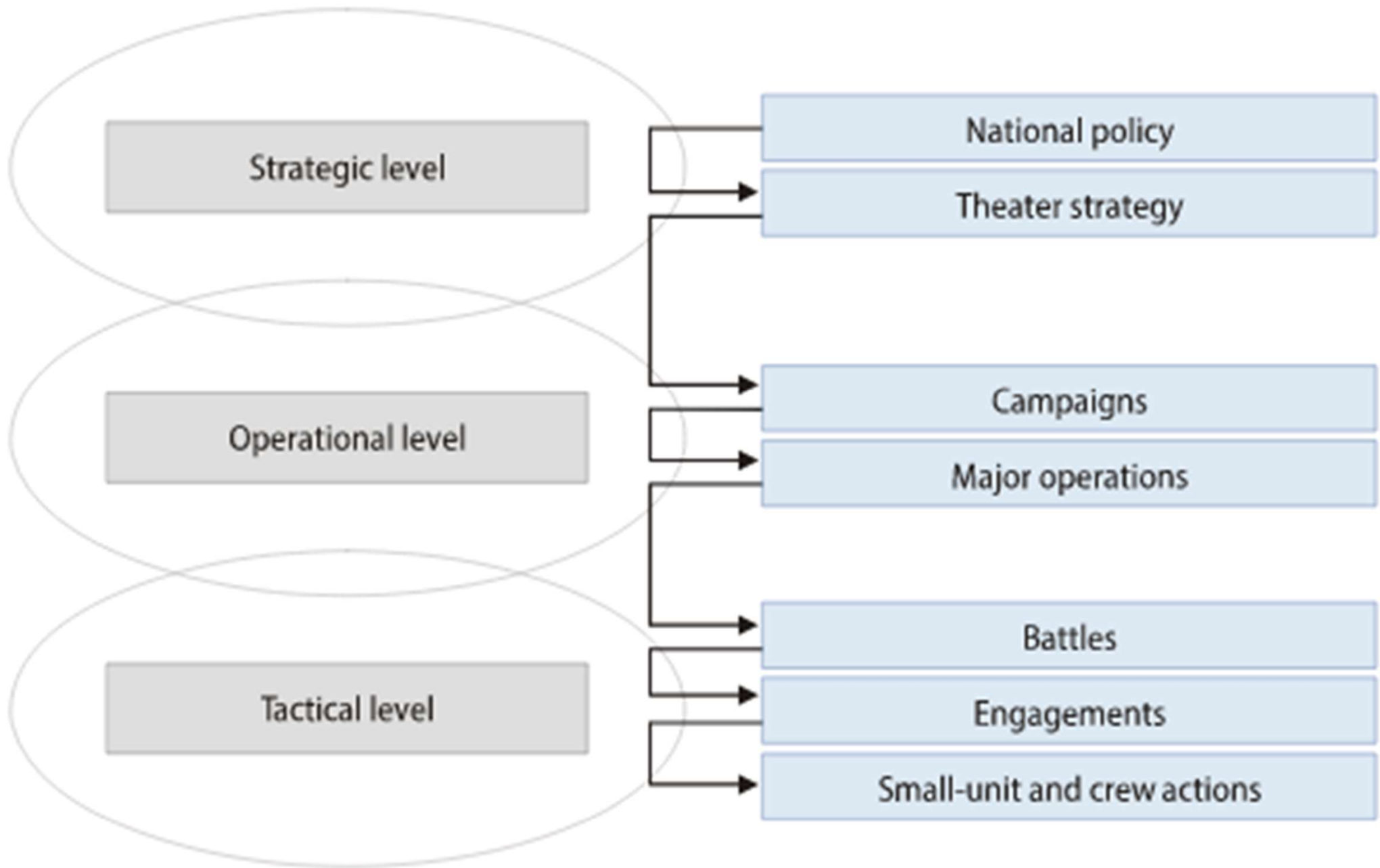
# So Where Are We Now??

Interesting Hypothesis (found on Twitter):

**Bret Weinstein**  @BretWeinstein · Oct 5 ...

Hypothesis: A powerful force is at war with us. It has no regard for our rights because that's the nature of war. Instead of confronting us in battle it captured our system, outbidding other corrupting influences. It induces us to make war on ourselves, on every conceivable front

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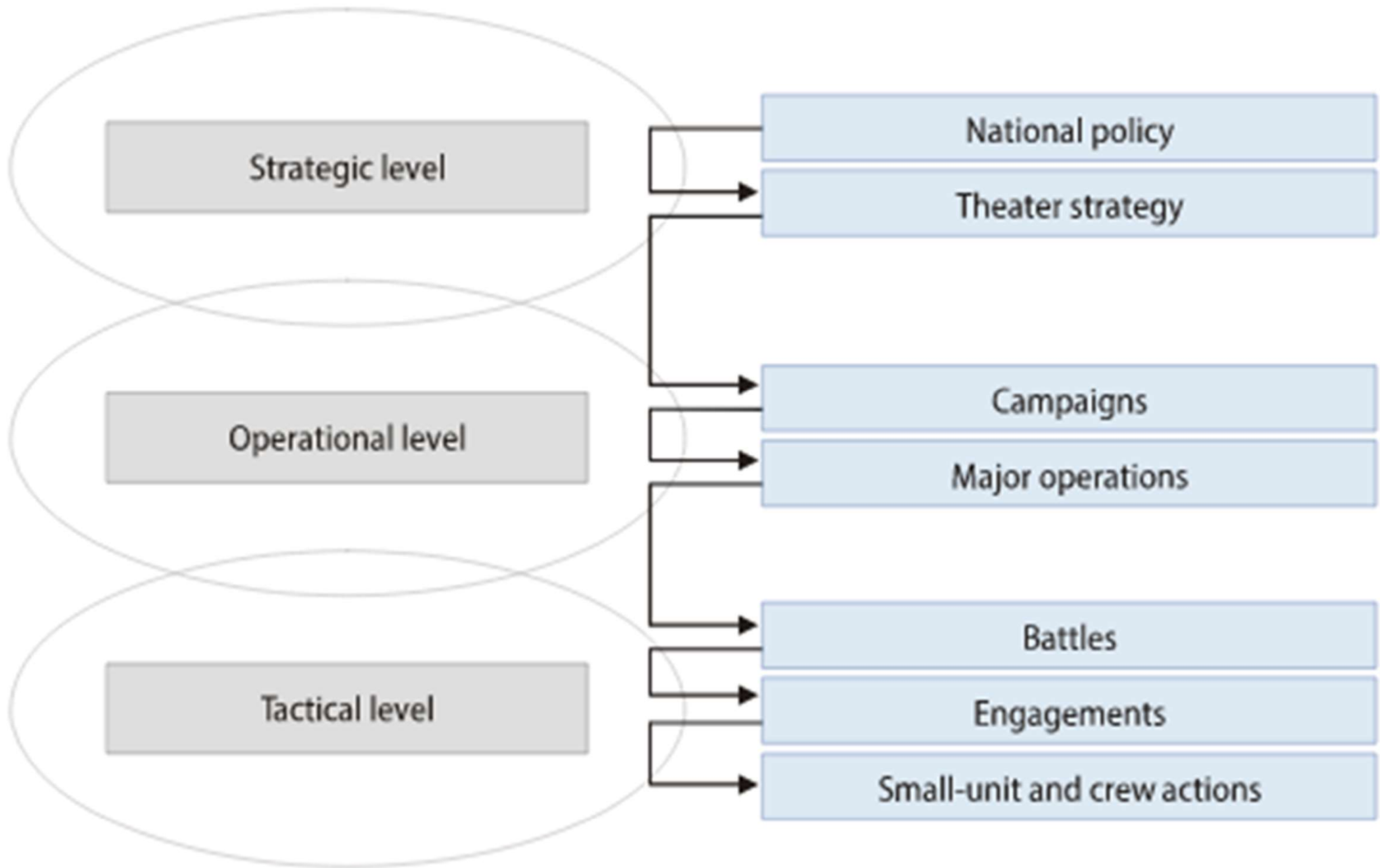
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# The Kingdom of God: Policy

- What guides the Kingdom's Strategy? What is Kingdom level Policy?

But as truly as I live, **all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.** (Num 14:21 KJV)

The Will of God our Father, is to **deliver us from this evil age!** (see Galatians 1:4)



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# Invasion by the Son

Jesus begins His ministry:

- ... Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15 NKJV)
- I came to call sinners to repentance (Mark 2:17)

Jesus before Pilate:

- Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, **that I should bear witness to the truth.** Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."  
(John 18:37, NKJV)



# Principles of God's Kingdom

# Fueled by Compassion

- Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." (Mark 1:40-41)
- "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. (Mark 8:2)

# Anchored by Prayer

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

(Mark 1:35)

And when He had sent them away, He departed to pray. (Mark 6:46)

In those days He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: (Luke 6:12-13)

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

(John 5:19)

I speak what I have seen with My Father..." (John 8:38)

# Enabled by Faith

When Jesus **saw their faith**, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." (Mark 2:5)

And He said to her, "Daughter, **your faith has made you well.** (Mark 5:34)

And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. But He said to them, "**Where is your faith?**" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!" (Luke 8:24-25)

# Remember this Dilemma?

<b>Needs of the Individual</b>	<b>Needs of the Group</b>
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Jesus had a solution to this dilemma:

- Love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12:31)
- Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them (Matt 7:12)

The solution is to blend both in equal measure. Love yourself and love others equally.

- **Anything** else leads to injustice (evil).

# What Gives Meaning to Life?

## **Self Sacrifice to find Self Fulfilment**

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)

# Jesus Offered His Own Life

(Philippians 2:5-8 NLT)

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had:

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

# You Must Lose Your Life to Find It

- Jesus fully lived out the Example. He gave up his life.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)



# Jesus Raises the Bar

- Remember “ Love your Neighbour as you love yourself”?
- At the end of Jesus’s ministry, Jesus gave them a higher command:

Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can’t come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. **Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:33-35)

# On What should My Life be based?

- ~~Striving for Success?~~
- ~~Victimhood?~~
- ~~Satisfying my needs~~
- ~~Satisfying the needs of others?~~
- **My life should be modelled on the Character of God!**
- Everything God asks us to do, He does first

Once we turn our lives over to Christ: “My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me”. (Galatians 2:20)

# How Does the Kingdom of God Win?

## Through Christ:

- Our relationship with the Father is restored
- He empowers and enables us:
  - I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, ...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive... for He dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17)
  - God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. (2Tim 1:7)
- He Sends Us to make disciples
  - And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... (Mat 28:18-19)

# A Glimpse of the End of the War

(Rev 5:9-12) And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"