

Doctrine | Week 10 | Satan & Demons

Big Idea:

Imagine if you had glasses that could allow you to see what is really going on around you. This session will help you understand and respond to the unseen powers of darkness.

Fallen Angels – How?

Isaiah 14:12-14

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Ezekiel 28:12-19

His Limitations

- He is not omnipresent
- He is not omniscient
- He is not omnipotent
- He is not Sovereign

Job 1:9-12

Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

• He is not self-existent

What he does

• Satan hinders the believer.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 ...because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us.

• He has his own angels - Demons

Revelation 12:4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

Matthew 25:41 Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

• Appears as angel of light

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

• He creates false doctrine

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

• He perverts the Word of God

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

II Corinthians 4:3-4

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

• He accuses believers before God

Revelation 12:10

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the

kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

His Destiny

• The Abyss during the Millennium

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

• The Lake of Fire in Eternity Future

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Revelation 20:10

and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

• He is defeated

Colossians 2:15

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Very Practical

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

- Know your enemy. The closer you get to Jesus the more resistance you get.
- He is real
- There is a battle against you and for your life.
- The stakes in the spiritual war are high

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

How to win against Satan

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

1. Prayer In battle communication is priority.

Luke 22:46

...and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

2. Confession of sin The lion always looks for the weakness of his prey and strikes there.

Deuteronomy 32:17

They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded.

Matthew 4:10

Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

3. Read your Bible The Word of God is the weapon against every attack. The secret to winning the battle is determined by your daily routine.

Matthew 4:4

But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

4. God wins every time! Never give up!

II Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

I John 4:4

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world