

Satan, Demons and Destiny

We must know the players, the schemes and remember Jesus already gave us the solution to overcoming the forces of darkness

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Ephesians 6:10-19 2nd Corinthians 4:4


// Introduction Ideas

- Recap from WK1
 - differences between a bad day and a spiritual attack
 - 5 signs of a spiritual attack
 - prayer, the family of God, fasting and our authority in Christ we overcome the spiritual attacks waged against us by the enemy.
- Knowing your enemy, and the scheme and attack plan provides you with some of the most valuable information imaginable to better position yourself for victory.



// Main Point #1- Know the players

- Who is Satan, Demons, Principalities and where do they come from?
- Let's start with **Satan. He was an Angel, the Angel of Light and the Bible indicates he was either a music director of some sort OR THE music director**

-  Isaiah 14:12-15 - READ - Satan being cast down out of Heaven
- **Who is Satan? - His name means Adversary, also Accuser**
Satan previously known as (Lucifer) was is a fallen angel who once served in Heaven - He thought he could be like God, sit on God's throne and assert God's authority (Pride is a dangerous mindset) Satan tried to lead a full rebellion against God in Heaven, God cast him down including the 1/3 of the Angels who sided with Satan in the rebellion.
- **What are Demons - Demons are the 1/3 of the Angels who were cast out of Heaven with Satan when he fell, - they are under the control of Satan** and do his bidding - When a person is possessed or oppressed they are not possessed by Satan but by one of his demons doing the bidding of Satan.

Ephesians 6:12

*Principatities - fallen angels removed from heaven by Father God.

Fallen angles under Satan's command.

Demons

What is a principality?

They have ruling power over a region - the don't control us or people and I'm not saying I understand this completely. I'm not pretending to be an expert. But I will say that I believe the Bible is true that states that there are principalities in the heavenlies

⁴³ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation." ESV Mt 12:43-45

So demons are wanting to express themselves in the natural world. They rebel against the voice and person of Jesus so they want a vessel that they can speak through.

MT 12:44 indicates many things!



You might also need to know that sometimes you're listening to the messages of demons when

Some are violent (throw my son into the fire)

Some are lying spirit - rebellious and manipulative

- Principalities in the hierarchy of the demonic are rulers over regions and territories - look at them like demonic governors who rule larger territories and impact culture, policy, law, etc.
- Things you need to know about Satan
 - **1. - Satan cannot create he can only pervert** - He distorts, and blurs God's original creation
 - **2. - Satan is the ruler of this world (for a time)** - We live in Satan's territory - 1 John 5:19 - **19** We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. * Jesus calls Satan the prince of this world in John 12

// Main Point #2 Know the Scheme's

- Satan is already a defeated foe but for the time being he functions as the chief opponent to God's will and purposes in the world - His primary concern is to keep men & women from responding to the gospel, being brought out of darkness and into light.
- We must understand that Satan, his demonic forces hate you b/c they hate Jesus... It's that simple. The enemy in no way shape or form is for you or wants you to succeed.
- **Here are a 2 of the schemes Satan** will deploy against you. 1st Deception and 2nd Temptation. 1st Deception. 2nd Temptation.
 - **1. Deception** -  Revelation 12:9 - He is known as the deceiver translated "The one who leads you astray" - 
John 8:44 - **44** For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar

and the father of lies.

- The devil tries to pervert God's word "Did God really say" - He tries to distort your identity, He tries to distort God's plan for your life. - He tries to make you believe that the consequences of sin aren't as bad as you think they are.

Do I need to be afraid of demons?

No. Absolutely not. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

When Jesus made this claim and this promise, He was indicating that greater is GOD who lives within you than he that rules the air - the culture - the ways of the world and systems of the world - satan who is called "The Prince of the Air" Biblically.

How can I discern

You can be full of the Spirit of Jesus - this will inform you of whether someone is speaking from a place of manipulation and evil intent.

VS on discernment

John 17 Jesus promise us - as you know it's my favorite passage to preach on -

How can I discern the difference?

Worldly wisdom can come through very smart educated people. I love education. I read a lot of books. I love reading and education but be careful.

Paul says in his letter to the Colossians 2:2-15

that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Alive in Christ

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world,** and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the




flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ **He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

[*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Col 2:2–15). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

See to it that no one deceives you with lofty wisdom that ...

You see many of our youth are hearing “lofty wisdom” or “worldly wisdom” in our Universities — wisdom that on it’s surface sounds logical, even compassionate. BUT if it isn’t wisdom that comes from GOD, the WISEST ONE, the TRUTH, then it’s worldly wisdom that can distract you from what Gods and even DETOUR you, DECEIVING you, getting you to believe a lie.

Notice it says ⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world**

- **2. Temptation** - Satan is referred to as the “Tempter”  Matthew 4:3 &  Thessalonians 3:5.
- Satan tries to tempt Jesus in Matthew 4 - by showing him temporal things that come through power, wealth - We must always have an eternal mindset - the things of this world are fleeting, they don’t last.
- Paul in  1 Corinthians 10:13 - **13** The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.
- We must learn to identify and discern the way out promised to us through scripture - It is not a one size fits all way out - but understand Jesus gives us a way out - often times we miss it, or don’t go looking for it b/c deep down we like our sin - **Push into this.**
- **Why does the enemy attack you?** - Understand it’s not b/c you are weak it’s b/c you have purpose - its b/c you said YES to Jesus and desire to transform your life - The enemy only attacks what it feels threatened by -

YOU are a threat to the enemy's plan - Keep fighting and when you get knocked down in battle - Get back up.

- So we know the players, we know the schemes now we need to know the solution -



// Main Point #3 Know the solution

- A recurring theme of this and last week's message is "Satan is a defeated foe" but how is that possible if He is still permitted to operate and impact the lives of God's creation?

In Colossians 2, what is the final destination of these lying spirits?

Jesus disarmed the rulers and authorities. They are DEFEATED!
Its' PAST TENSE. He already won the battle.

"We don't fight for victory. We fight from victory!" - Warren Wiersbe

So what happens when we pray? P. Jordan, why does scripture tell us to pray then if the battle is already won?

When we pray, we are coming into agreement with the truth that JESUS HAS WON! Jesus IS victorious!

- Prayer brings the final victory then into our current reality now
- Pray partners us with GOD. It brings heaven to earth! It's Jesus teaching us to pray Our Father... YOUR kingdom COME and YOUR will be done HERE as it is in heaven.
- First let's talk about 4 ways Satan and his demonic cohorts are defeated
 - **1. - Satan was defeated at the temptation of Jesus** (Matthew 4) - Jesus rebuking Satan with the word of God protected and preserved Jesus' sinless life and enabled him to be our perfect sacrifice on the cross.
 - **2. - Satan was defeated when Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom** - As more people move out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light through the gospel the enemy suffers great loss - this is furthered through scripture each time during Jesus

ministry that he cast out a demon from someone setting someone free - Matthew 12:28 & Luke 11:20 - That same deliverance ministry that Jesus modeled for us in scripture still operates today through you and me - Bound people still need to be set free in the name of Jesus - Its time the church embrace this mandate and carry on the work Jesus started.

- **3. - Satan and his followers were defeated when Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead** - Colossians 2:13-14 & 1 Peter 3:21-22 - The cross and resurrection dealt a death blow to the enemy's plans for God's people. It was in Jess sacrifice that all of creation gained victory
 - **4 - We (God's people) possess a living hope and future expectation of Jesus return**, - the full establishment of his kingdom and the final destruction of his dark kingdom - Romans 16:20 & Revelation 20:10
- The solution was already taken care of through Jesus - what can we learn from this? YOU WIN
 - Our destiny is in the hands of God and b/c of His love for us took care of the devil
 - Deliverance is for today - If you want it - Jesus can set you free - Share a story of a time you experienced someone being delivered and breaking free. - Who the son has made free is free indeed. - Jesus came to destroy the works of darkness - to crush the head of the enemy.

// Conclusion

- The enemy hates you and me - He always has and always will - He assigns demon to attack us, oppress us, torment us and to some even possess us - but Jesus defeated the works of the enemy - so you don't have to live in fear, or wear chains - Jesus came to set you free- It is the work of the Holy Spirit operating through the lives of believer to help deliver people from the works of the enemy. - You can overcome - Scripture says you are more than a

conqueror - you are victorious

- Open altars for people to receive prayer from the attacks of the enemy.

Altar response at the CP discretion.

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