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STUDY OUTLINE

1. WARFARE I KNOW YOUR ENEMY (Sessions 1-3)
2. WARFARE II KNOW YOUR GOD (Sessions 1-4)
3. WARFARE III SPIRITUAL AGGRESSION (Session 1)
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SESSION 1
KNOW YOUR ENEMY

A. Where did he come from?

Genesis 1:1, Exodus 20:11, Nehemiah 9:6, Colossians 1:16

First, we should see that God was in the beginning, not Satan. Second, we should see that God made everything, not Satan. Third, we should see that God made Satan.

Which is greater? The Creator or the creation???

"Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that coverest; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more" (Ezekiel 28:12-19)
Ezekiel speaks in this passage of the king of Tyrus. However, the passage has a double meaning. It describes the literal king of Tyrus, but also describes Satan. God, the creator made (literally "set") Satan to be full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was complete. God also set him in the garden of Eden. This points back to Satan's origin (see Genesis 3:1).

God covered him with every precious stone. Actually this list is the same as for the stones on the apparel of the high priest with the exception of three stones. The gold is specifically representative of kingly apparel. The Mercy Seat in the temple was made of pure gold. The idea of "workmanship" indicates that God made Satan for a specific service. Satan had tabrets (timbrels) and pipes (flute or horn) built into his body. The idea of "prepared" indicates these were designed by God with a specific purpose. Satan was to use these to lead the heavenly hosts in worship of God. God designed music for the purpose of worship. Satan was Heaven's worship leader.

Satan was the anointed cherub that covered. The concept of "anointed" meant to be set apart for service unto God (see Exodus 30:26). The concept of "covered" may be compared to Isaiah 6:1-3 and Exodus 25:20. God said, "I have set thee so." Please notice who is in charge. God said that Satan was upon the holy mountain of God. This was the place set apart or exalted for God. Satan was in the presence of God walking up and down in the middle of the stone of fire. What an awesome sight!

Satan was perfect in his ways, his thoughts and actions from his time God created him. Then iniquity was found in him. The word "iniquity" means perverseness. The God bluntly says that Satan has sinned. Note God's word, "I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God." God is still in control. God said, "I will destroy thee." Why? Satan began to look at his beauty and focus his attention on himself. Once he had seen from God's perspective (true wisdom), but now that wisdom has become darkened as he looks at himself.

Again, God declared his sovereignty. "I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee." Because of Satan's pride, God says that He will bring judgment upon Satan. Because of Satan's iniquity (perverseness) and his spreading of that iniquity, God will judge him with fire. Many people who once admired the beauty, power, and work of Satan will be astonished at him. They will see the horror of his shame and humiliation. They will see that he will never be as he once was.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14).

Lucifer is the original name given to the devil. The term "Lucifer" means the "shinning one". This is interesting because we can see that God created Lucifer (Satan) to reflect God's glory. However, now he only appears as an angel of light, but is the angel of darkness.

There are five "I will's" listed. This is the indication of pride, being boastful, and foolish. Lucifer assumed authority in contrast to receiving God's delegated authority.
1. "I will ascend into heaven" = he assumes to take the abode of God.
2. "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" = this may indicate taking authority over the angels (Job 38:7).
3. "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation = this may refer to the temple (Daniel 11:37, II Thessalonians 2:4).
4. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds (literally "cloud") = the cloud may be a covering of God (Exodus 13:21).
5. I will be like the most high = he assumed to take the place of God.

"Yet thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That make the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?" (Isaiah 14:15-17).

Who is the speaker? Who is still in control? It is God! God will bring judgment upon Satan. When Satan's judgment is revealed people will marvel, not at his power, but the deceptiveness in appearing to have power.

DISCUSSION

- WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES WITH WHICH SATAN WAS CREATED?
- FROM THE LIST OF THE "I WILL'S", WHAT AMBITIONS DID SATAN HAVE?
- WHAT WAS AT THE ROOT OF SATAN'S "PERVERSION"?

B. What are his names?

**Names for the Enemy**

**Abaddon** = so called (Hebrew : Destroyer) = Revelation 9:11

**Accuser of the brethren** = Revelation 12:10

**Adversary** = (one who stands against) I Peter 5:8

**Angel of the bottomless pit** = Revelation 9:11

**Antichrist** = (the one against Christ) I John 4:3

**Apollyon** = (Greek: Destroyer) = Revelation 9:11
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**Belial** = II Corinthians 6:15

**Devil** = (false accuser, devil, slanderer) Matthew 4:1, Luke 4:2, 6, Revelation 20:2

**Enemy** = Matthew 13:39

**Evil spirit** = I Samuel 16:14

**Father of all liars** (a liar) = John 8:44

**God (god) of this world** = II Corinthians 4:4

**Great red dragon** = Revelation 12:3

**Lucifer** = (Roman rendering of morning star) = Isaiah 14:12

**Man of sin** = II Thessalonians 2:3

**Murderer** = John 8:44

**Old serpent** = Revelation, 12:9, Revelation 20:2

**Power of darkness** = Colossians 1:13

**Prince of this world** = John 12:31, John 14:30, John 16:11

**Prince of the power of the air** = Ephesians 2:2

**Ruler of darkness** = (understood as) = Ephesians 6:12


**Serpent** = Genesis 3:4, 14, II Corinthians 11:3

**Son of perdition** = (destruction, ruin, waste, loss) = John 17:12

**Tempter** = Matthew 4:3, I Thessalonians 3:5

**Thief** = John 10:10

**Wicked one** = Matthew 13:19, 38

The **unholy trinity** is the devil, the beast, and the false prophet = Revelation 20:10
C. What is his strategy?

**Strategy of Satan**

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil"
(Ephesians 6:11).

*Notes:* "wiles" = from two words: one meaning "traveling over", and the other meaning "travesty" = wile, lie in wait (to overcome). He lies in wait to overcome us.

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Corinthians 2:11).

*Notes:* "device" = has to do "a perception", "a purposed disposition" = device, mind, thoughts. Satan tries to get control of our mind, our thoughts.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy . . . . " (John 10:10).

*Notes:* This is his purpose:

What does he seek to steal, kill, and destroy in your life?????????????????

List: (thought question)
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

**Three Basic Areas**

1. **He blinds the minds of unbelievers.**
   
   II Corinthians 4:3-4
   
   **Note:** On various occasions, I have seen people who said that they could not make a decision for Christ because they were too confused. After a spirit of confusion or fear was bound, the individuals readily made the decision to commit their lives to Christ.

2. **He assaults believers to get them to fall from God's grace.**
   
   Ephesians 6:12
   Zechariah 3:1
   Galatians 3:1-2
   
   **Note:** Satan tries to get people to believe that they must work for their salvation even after they have committed their lives to Jesus and are saved. I often counsel people who have come to believe that they must live up to a certain standard in order to keep their salvation. This is a trap. They will fall and when they fall, Satan lays a guilt trip on them, trying to keep them from returning to grace.

3. **He tempts men to sin.**
   
   Genesis 3:1-6
   I Chronicles 21:1
   Matthew 4:1

New Testament word "tempt" means = "to test, to assay, to entice, to temp, to try."
Note: When a Believers sins, he destroys his witness. Satan wants to destroy the effectiveness of the Believer's witness.

**DISCUSSION**

- In reference to the names, what are some actions in which Satan is involved?

- What strategies stick out to you? Can you give an example of where such things are presently happening?

- What part does man play in the manifestation of evil?
SESSION 2

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

D. What are evil spirits?

Evil Spirits

General outline:
1. They were created by God in that God created everything.
2. They were with God as angels = Job 38:7 ("sons of God") = Angels.
3. Fallen angels became evil spirits.
   a. Luke 10:18 (see Matthew 25:41)
   b. Revelation 12:3-4 (see Daniel 8:10)
   c. Revelation 12:7-9
4. The worst of the worst.
   a. Jude 6 = They left their first estate (as angels).
   b. Genesis 6:4 = They intermarried with women.

An Analogy

BEELZEBUB (Jesus was accused to be possessed by the chief demon which was the "god of the flies).
1. Flies are carriers of various diseases, some of which are deadly.

   Demons also cause various diseases or infirmities

2. Flies fly in the air.

   Satan is the prince of the powers of the air.

3. Flies show up right before a rain or change in the weather.

   Demons appear to attack right at the point God is making a change.

4. Flies distract us and harass us.

   Demons do the same.

5. Flies infect open wounds.

   Demons do the same with emotional wounds.

6. Flies are attracted to that which is spoiled and refuse.

   Demons are attracted to pornography and the unclean.
7. Flies are attracted to and spoil our food.
   
   Demons come to kill, steal, and destroy.

8. Flies often bring the fear of harm.
   
   Demons greatest tool is fear.

   
   Demon may also bite and cause physical torment.

10. Flies sometimes eat and kill plants intended for our food.
    
    Satan is described as the devourer.

11. Flies find the smallest of openings and enter into our houses.
    
    Demons also find the small opening and enter into us.

12. Flies often just buzz around us.
    
    Satan is described as a roaring lion.

**Discerning of evil spirits**

(taken from magazine article = see Main Menu of Whole Person Counseling)

Please read Job 4:12-21. Many people assume that the spirit was from God without testing the spirit. However, we are to test the spirits. Now looking at the spirit that came to the friend of Job, we find [1] the spirit appealed to his desire for special revelation (verse 12). This is what the serpent did with Eve in the Garden when he said, "You will become as gods, knowing good and evil." [2] The spirit came in the night, evidently the form of a nightmare (verse 13). [3] The approach of the spirit was intimidation (verses 14-15). Fear is not God's approach to Believers. God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Whenever people were fearful of angels, the angels said, "Fear not." [4] There is an obscurity of the form (verse 16). We do not find obscurity in the appearance of angels in Scripture. [5] The message begins with an accusation. Who is the accuser, but Satan? [6] Does God trust His servants (verse 18)? God often entrusted his Word to His angels. Why was this spirit so sensitive about God charging some of His angels with folly? This was one of the angels that rebelled with Satan. It is no wonder that this evil spirit was bitter and carried a grudge against God. [7] Does God trust man with anything (verse 19)? Yes! He has trusted His Church to carry His precious Gospel into all the world. [8] Is man destroyed without God caring about him (verse 20)? Look at the hopeless implications. God, however, keeps record of the sparrows that falls and the deaths of His saints are precious in His sight. [9] Is life upon this earth futile and without purpose as this spirit would have us believe (verse 21)? The obvious answer is, “No!” We have a purpose to serve the Lord. Furthermore, God works all things together for our good.

**Evil Spirits Listed In Scripture**
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Additional Spirits Encountered


DISCUSSION

WHAT CHARACTERISTICS OF EVIL SPIRITS STICK OUT TO YOU IN THIS SECTION?

HOW WOULD ONE DISCERN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HUMAN CHARACTER FLAW AND AN EVIL SPIRIT?

WHERE WOULD YOU BELIEVE SUCH SPIRITS ARE WORKING; HOW DID THEY END UP IN THAT HUMAN SITUATION?

E. What are his methods of attack?

General Methods:

1. Enticement (curious arts)

2. Oppression (outside attack) (to press against, down, under)
   Acts 10:38, Isaiah 52:4
3. **Possession** (The term "demonized" is a proper N.T. translation) (mainly internal).

    (For Believers an evil spirit would only have access to the body and the soul = mind, will, and emotions, and **not** the spirit of man which is the new creation.)

**Specific Methods:**

1. **He uses surprise.** Exodus 17:8 (descendants of Esau)

2. **He attacks at the point of our weakness.** I John 2:16

3. **He attacks at the point of our strengths.** I Chronicles. 21:1.

4. **He uses aggression.** I Peter 5:8 (Isaiah 5:29), Matthew 11:12.

5. **He steals the good seed of the Word.** Matthew 13:19.


8. **He initiates death and destruction.** Job 1:12-19.

9. **He brings accusations against believers.** Revelation 12:10

10. **He induces mental and emotional disorders.** Mark 5:1-6

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**F. What is his armor?**

**The Enemy's Armor:**

II Corinthians 11:14 (appearance = an angel of light).


2. **Deception** = II Thessalonians 2:10, Psalm 10:7, Romans 3:13,
   (In psychology, some list as many as forty Defense Mechanisms which we use to keep from facing the truth)

3. **Intimidation** = I Samuel 17:4-11 (Goliath), Nehemiah 4:1-3

4. **Ignorance** = Hosea 4:6, Romans 10:3

5. **Confusion** = Acts 19:23-29 (I don't understand) (being confounded)

6. **Doubt** (questioning) = Genesis 3:1, Acts 12:14-15 (Don't you think ....)

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**G. What are his weapons?**
The Enemy's Weapons:

(in contrast to ours)
1. Lies (deception and confusion) = Genesis 3:4, 1 Kings 13:18 ..........truth
2. Unrighteousness (wrong thoughts) = II Thessalonians 2:10 ..........righteousness
4. Fear (worry, anxiety) = Job 4:14-15 ..............................................faith
5. Destruction = John 10:10, I Corinthians 5:5.................................salvation
6. Another word (traditions, opinions, doctrines) Galatians 1:6-8 .......Word of God
7. Detractions (entertainment, addictions, laziness) = Judges 14:1-3....Prayer

DISCUSSION

- WHICH OF THESE METHODS/ WEAPONS HAVE YOU WITNESSED MOST?
- WHAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH IT THAT YOU’VE WITNESSED?
SESSION 3

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H. Where are the Open doors?

Doors Leading To Strongholds

1. The soul of man (mind, will, and emotions) is like a house.
   Matthew 12:43-45.
2. The enemy is like a wild animal, crouched, ready to spring into an opening.
   Genesis 4:7
3. A couple examples of the open doors are "anger" and "occult involvement".

Back door = sin

Unforgiveness Witchcraft Addictions Selfishness
Bitterness Idolatry Hypnotism Greed
Hate False religions Secret sins Pride
Revenge Evil processions Strife Sexual sins
Rebellion Cursing Rock Vain imaginations

Left door =
Fear of man / evil
Doubt

Right door =
Generational Curses
Sin's Authority

Front door = mental / emotional
Hurts = Dramatic, traumatic events
Bruises = Tragedy, disaster, death

"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. ....
Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put from you, will all
malace: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's
sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32).

1. Anger is a God-given emotion.
2. We are permitted angry for one day, but not for two.
3. If we are angry for more than one day, we open a door up for the enemy to take control of one
   or more areas of our lives.
"And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:34-35).

1. Unforgiveness opens the door to evil spirits.
2. Evil spirits are described here as the "tormentors".
3. God is described as "the king" (Matthew 18:21-35) who is willing to forgive us.
4. However, when we don't fully accept the grace of forgiveness, we hold unforgiveness toward others.
5. When we hold unforgiveness toward our fellow man, God turns us over to the tormentors (evil spirits) to harass, control, and hurt us.
6. Unforgiveness may lead to bitterness, rage, revenge, guilt, depression, and even to suicide. (misery loves company).

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God: lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby be defiled" (Hebrews 12:15).

Any kind of occult involvement opens the door

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD" (Leviticus 19:31).

DISCUSSION

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE SOME OF THE GREATEST STRONGHOLDS OF SATAN IN OUR CULTURE, COMMUNITY, PERSONAL LIFE?

I. What is his power?

Satan's Power and Destination

1. Satan's power is limited. (example of praying the hedge).
   a. He is limited in his power of destruction. Job 1:9-12
   b. He is limited in his ability to bring temptations. I Corinthians 10:13
2. Satan's power is real.
   a. He beguiled Eve. II Corinthians 11:3
   b. He uses magical powers. Exodus 7:11-12
   c. He empowered a witch to bring forth a spirit. I Samuel 28:12-20
   d. He wars against the angels of God. Daniel 10:13
   e. He is called a god of forces. Daniel 11:13
J. What is his destination?

1. He is restrained until the removal of the Holy Spirit in the Church. II Thessalonians 2:7-11.
2. He is to enter a man and deceive the world. II Thessalonians 2:3-6.
3. He comes to the earth with fury as he knows his time is short. Revelation 12:9-12.

4. He is given power to war with the tribulation saints. Revelation 13:7.

5. He has power to cause people to worship the beast. Revelation 13:12-15.

6. He is bound for a thousand years, then loosed for a season. Revelation 20:1-9.

7. He is cast into the lake of fire.
   a. Matthew 25:41
   b. Revelation 20:10

DISCUSSION

IN OUR DAY TO DAY LIVING, WHAT REALITIES OF SATAN’S POWER SHOULD WE REMAIN CONGNIZANT?

LOOK AT EACH OF THE PASSAGES THAT GO WITH SATAN’S “DESTINATION.” DO YOU AGREE WITH THE LESSON’S CORRESPONDING STATEMENTS?

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