



Doctrine: Satan and Demons
From sermon 10.27.19

Read *John 8:44*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: just as holy angels are real, so are unholy, fallen angels. They are the demons. Their leader is Satan. At his fall, he took 1/3 of the holy angels with him. When he got man to sin against God, man handed over dominion of the earth to the devil. We are to be aware of his existence, work, and schemes, but we are not to obsess over him. His fate is sealed.

What four character truths about the devil did Jesus reveal in that John 8:44 verse?

- He Is
- He Controls—See *Luke 4:5-8*
- He Kills
- He Lies

What are some other important truths about him that were pointed out in Sunday's sermon? Various answers: he is powerful. He has bigger projects than you and me. He is sneaky and effectively deceptive. He's never what the culture/media make him out to be. He does not know everything. He is not all-powerful. He cannot be in two places at one. He is not eternal (from past). See *Ezekiel 28:15, Isaiah 14:12, & 2 Corinthians 11:14*

What has been his progressive work/goal in history? 1—Gain power and worship. 2—destroy what God created in His image = man. 3—Stop the Redeemer of man from coming. And 2nd Coming. (Israel) 4—Eliminate the presence, power, and purpose of the Church (the truth from being preached). See *Revelation 12:17 & 1 Peter 5:8*

How are we, as Christians, to battle the enemy and his cohorts?

2 Corinthians 2:11—Be very aware of his schemes, tactics, and my weaknesses

Ephesians 6:10-17—Be proactive in knowing the truth, memorizing some scripture, staying in fellowship, and a healthy prayer life.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5—Guarding our minds and thoughts from lies, filth, evil, worldliness (eyes and hears. What we watch, hear, read, entertain)

James 4:7-10—Resist him, continually submit to God, don't withdraw in the battle, but draw closer. Confess sin and repent. Remain humble in all things—he loves to use our pride.

1 Timothy 4:1—demand that your church and pastor(s) preach the Word of God.

What does Scripture never say about us battling the enemy? Nowhere does it tell us to rebuke him, confront him, or converse with him in any way. The battle is the Lord's.

What do you think about the truth that Satan must first go before God and receive permission to tempt/attack believers? Does this give you peace in your trials or confusion? Explain.

Read *1 John 4:4*. What truth and promise does this verse give and how can we as individuals and as a Church incorporate this truth into all that we do? Various personal answers.
