



6:30pm Bible Study: Pastor Chip Luter

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"What Every Christian Ought to Know About Satan and Demons"

Opening Discussion

- ❖ When you hear or see the words Satan and/or demons, what comes to your mind?
- ❖ How does Hollywood depict Satan and demonic activity?
- ❖ Why is this topic sometimes awkward to address in church?

I. Who Is Satan and What Are Demons?

- Satan is the personal name of the head of the demons.
- Satan's name is a Hebrew word that means "adversary"; this name is used in both the Old and New Testament.
- Other names for him used in Scripture are *the devil, the serpent, Beelzebul, the ruler of this world, the prince of the power of the air, or the evil one*.
- The originator of sin (1 John 3:7-8).
- Demons are evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world.
- Satan and the demons were created as angelic beings in the beginning, but sin got them kicked out.
- The main two sins that got Satan and the demons kicked out of heaven were pride and rebellion against God (Isaiah 14:12-15; 2 Peter 2:4).

II. Three Myths About Satan and Demons

- Satan and demons aren't Omniscient, but they are very Observant.
- Satan and demons aren't Omnipotent, but they are Opportunistic (Matt. 4:1-4).
- Satan and demons aren't Omnipresent, but they are a big Organization.

III. Three Typical Tactics of Satan

- Deception (Gen. 3:1, 2 Cor. 11:12-15)
- Temptation (Matt. 4; Jam. 1:13-15)
- Possession (Matt. 8:28-34)
 - Although physical possession is possible, there are other more common ways that the devil seeks to possess: Mind (Matt. 16:21-23), Heart (Acts 5:1-5, 8-11), Soul OR The Will (Luke 22:1-6).
 - The main thing the Devil seeks is our worship (Matt. 22:37).
 - Now, he doesn't need you to worship him; he just desires to deviate your worship from God.

IV. Three Critical Truths About Satan and Demons

- They are limited (Job 1:6-12).
- They lack divine authority (Matt. 28:18).
- In the end, they lose (Rev. 12:7-12)!

V. The Truth About Our Savior

- Our Savior has set us up for spiritual success.
 - Prayer (Luke 22:31-34; John 17:15-19)
 - Preparation (Eph. 6:10-17)
 - Provision (2 Pet. 1:3-4)
- Our Savior can sympathize with our struggles (Heb. 4:14-16; 12:3-4).
- Our Savior will always stick by our side (Jos. 1:9; Matt. 28:20b).
- Our Savior gives us security in His divine supremacy (Matt. 28:18; Php. 2:9-11).

VI. How Should Christ Followers Respond to The Knowledge of Satan and Demons?

- Be aware, but don't be paranoid (1 Peter 5:8-9).
- Follow Jesus and Obey His Word (James 4:7-8).

Conclusion

As Christians, we must not live like we're on a losing team, instead we must live like we know we're on the winning team! When we walk with Jesus and live for Him, then we will live victoriously over the enemy! ***We are victorious because Christ has already won!***

Personal Follow Up

- ❖ *Examine* - Are you living in victory over the enemy? Does the devil have any control over your Heart, Mind, or Soul? If yes, are you willing to seek help?
- ❖ *Engage* - Research the scriptures as well as bible-based books for more information about this subject, so you can be prepared and equipped to live victoriously.
- ❖ *Be Encouraged* - You are not in this battle alone. Reach out to another believer this week who you can be honest with about your battle.
- ❖ *Pray* - Pray for the Lord's protection and pray His Word and promises over your life.

*Many of these notes were pulled from the textbook, *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem.