Let's Talk About: Satan

Who is Satan?

Why do you think it is important that we learn about him?

This is a question that you may have asked yourself. The reason why we wanted to spend some time talking about our enemy is because the best way to defeat him is by knowing who he is.

He Is Real!

The best place to start is by recognizing that Satan does exist. One of the greatest ways that he has tricked and misled humanity is through their failure to recognize him. Sadly, a 2016 survey of evangelical Christians found that half did not believe that Satan existed.

Why is it beneficial for Satan that Christians do not believe that he exists?

Satan is a liar, something that will be discussed in more detail later. The greatest lie he has told is that he does not exist. When Christians don't recognize Satan and the destruction he tries to cause, they do not prepare themselves. They can be easily tricked.

Ephesians 4:26-27 tells us to not go to bed angry so that we do not give the devil an opportunity to creep into our lives. Understand that denying his existence is also giving him an opportunity. Do you think Satan exists?

The Devil Looks for Opportunity

Read 1 Peter 5:8. What does this explain to us about the devil?

Can you see areas in your life where Satan is "prowling around," seeking to devour you?

Read the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3). What did Satan do that caused Adam to sin?

Read Job 1:6-12. Can you see how Satan was "prowling" to try to destroy Job?

This story portrays Satan as an "accuser." What does an accuser do?

What was the accusation that Satan made of Job?

Do you think Satan is making accusations about you? What do you think he is saying?

Satan's Purpose

John 8:44 explains, "**You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**"

Jesus is talking to the religious leaders when He makes this statement. What does he tell us about the devil?

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Why is it important to understand that Satan is a liar?

Satan is making accusations about you. Knowing he's a liar, should you believe the accusations that are made?

Do you think God believes those lies? Did he believe the lies about Job?

We are also told that Satan is a murderer. Jesus reiterates this in John 10:10, where he said, "**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy**." The thief He is talking about is Satan. What does Satan come to do?

How do you think he accomplishes these things?

Can you think of some examples in your own life where Satan has stolen, killed, and destroyed?

Pretending to Be Good

Let's read 2 Corinthians 11:14: "**And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light**."

How does Satan try to present himself?

Do you think many people believe that Satan is "good?"

Why do you think people would see him as an "angel of light?"

Is it a lie that Satan brings light? Why or why not?

Resist!

Read James 4:7: "**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you**."

What do you think it means to resist the devil?

Read John 3:8.

Why is it important to resist the devil and submit to God?

What is Jesus's role in helping you to resist the devil?

What are some of the things you need God to destroy that the devil has created in your life?

Ephesians 6:10-20 describes the armor of God. Do you remember some, if not all of the parts of that are armor? Please describe them.

Why is it important to put on your armor?

The devil is real. He wants to destroy your life. Are you equipped to resist him?

Your Memory Verse: James 4:7 – 7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

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