

Big Idea

Demons are fallen angels that are in direct opposition to God. The bible tells us that demons can: enter into people and animals; are seductive and evil; energize wickedness inside people; can cause illnesses; source of suffering; instigators of false religion; and deceive nations.

Here are 11 truths that Jesus tells us about demons: “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through (1) dry places, (2) seeking (3) rest, and (4) finds none. (5) Then he says, (6) ‘I will (7) return to my house (8) from which I came.’ And when he comes, (9) he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. (10) Then he goes and (11) takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell; And the last state of that man is worse than the first” Matthew 12:43-45 (NKJV).

Demons are at war with you. They come to steal, kill, and destroy. (John 10:10 NIV). Don’t be a passive Christian. Christianity will survive without America, but American can’t survive without Christianity. We need God in America again!

Three secrets the enemy doesn’t want you to know:

1. **You can close the door to the enemy.** The devil is looking for open doors and windows in our lives where he can get in – those open doors and windows are disobedience to God. Travel light. (2 Corinthians 2:10-11 NIV) Don’t give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV)
2. **Demons are subject to the name of Jesus.** The war between God and Satan lasts only a second – a flash of lightening. We serve a mighty God. God has given us authority to overcome the powers of the enemy. (Luke 10:17-19 NIV) **Why** doesn’t God do something about the devil? The Bible doesn’t tell us to ask God to do something about the devil. **It tells you to.** You have been given authority – use it. (Mark 16:17 GWT) Submit yourselves to God – YOU resist the devil. (James 4:7 NIV) We are more than conquerors. (Romans 8:37 NIV).
3. **Take your stand against the enemy.** Open your mouth and say enough is enough. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV).

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings” 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV).

Discussion Questions

1. What’s one take away that you got from the message?
2. Where are you experiencing the schemes of the enemy in your life?
3. What doors/windows do you need to close to the enemy?
4. How can you take your stand against the enemy – what does that look like in the situation you are facing?

Next Steps

- How can we pray for you this week? Write down each person’s prayer requests and make it a point to pray for them and text them with an encouraging word at some point during the week.

Prayer Focus

- Pray for our eyes to be open to see the plans and schemes of the enemy.
- Pray for courage and strength to resist the enemy.
- Pray for God to stop the spread of the coronavirus.