

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1305: How Do Satanic Demons Influence Our World?

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1. Who is Lucifer? Describe him. What was his job in Eden? What happened to him? How did Lucifer use the first “Satanic Strategy” in the Garden of Eden with Eve? (Ezekiel 28:13-16, Genesis 3:4-5)
2. List Lucifer’s ambitions (the five “I”s in Isaiah 14:12-14). Which was the most unthinkable? What caused him to think he was entitled to such a lofty position? What was God’s response to Lucifer’s aims? (Ezekiel 28:16-17)
3. How did Lucifer’s example influence other spirit beings? How is the second “Satanic Strategy” used in Satan’s original lie to Eve? How could that strategy work in the present world? Where are these spirit beings (and Satan) now? What is the significance of being in the dark? What is *tartaroo*? What is the result of spirit beings’ disloyalty to God? Describe their existence. (Proverbs 28:10, Genesis 6:1-2, 1 Peter 3:18-20, Jude 1:3-6, 2 Peter 2:4)
4. Despite being confined to earth’s atmosphere, what position has Satan seized at this time? How has he managed to convince all his followers (human and spiritual) that he is worthy to be followed? How does the third “Satanic Strategy” play into this? (2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:14-15)
5. Why did Satan tempt Jesus in the wilderness? (Matthew 4:2-11)
 - a) Jesus’ 1st temptation involved which “Satanic Strategy”? How could that be used against you?
 - b) Jesus’ 2nd temptation used which “Satanic Strategy”? In what way could you see this used in your life?
 - c) Have you experienced an easy way around a difficult problem that is not ethical? Might that be similar to Jesus’ 3rd temptation? How did you handle it?
6. What is the promise given God’s chosen followers in 1 John 4:12-13? Explain the “Satanic Strategy” of becoming centers of influence in our minds. Think of those things that influence you – are these influences pure and godly? What is the other way Satan controls a willing mind? What should our response be to subtle, possibly evil influences that creep into our lives? (Luke 4:33-35, 22:3-4)
7. What is the formula for staying away from satanic influences? Is it enough to run away from them? Explain all the warnings, promises and comforts given in 1 Peter 5:6-9. Which will be the most helpful for you?
8. Discuss our preparation to protect ourselves from Satan and his demons. (Ephesians 6:12-18)
 - a) verse 12: Who is our struggle against? What must we recognize about this battle?
 - b) verse 13: What is necessary in order to stand firm? What must we put on?
 - c) verse 14a: Explain the importance of the girdle or belt of truth. What kind of weapon is a belt?
 - d) verse 14b: What does the breastplate protect? What is our breastplate?
 - e) verse 15: How does the gospel of peace define our path and our lives?
 - f) verse 16: What can this shield of faith do for us? Why is it important to be within a fellowship of believers?
 - g) verse 17a: How does the helmet of salvation protect our minds?
 - h) verse 17b: What is our sword of the spirit? How is this an offensive (rather than defensive) weapon?
 - i) Verse 18: Why is it important to pray always?
 - j) What do the demons know? (James 2:19-20)
9. What comfort do you find in reading Psalms 91:3-5?