

Angels & Demons

INTRODUCTION

Angels and Demons—Part 2

Many misunderstandings come with the unseen world of angels and demons. While some have trouble believing the devil and his helpers exist, others give Satan too much credit for the difficulties in life. Misconceptions about God's angelic helpers also abound. We wonder whether we have a guardian angel, or if people receive angel wings when they pass away. There are so many questions—how can we know the right answers?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Before we look at some questions, have a few people share their top takeaway from the message. What stood out to you and why? What was most impactful or helpful?
2. As a group, come up with a list of 5-8 references or popular sayings about the Devil/Satan that we use. (i.e. "The Devil made me do it", "The Devil Went Down To Georgia").
 - What negative impact, if any, do you think these kinds of "playful" or "cute" phrases and references we use have on our view of Satan, demons, and their agenda?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:8-11
 - Have a few people share something that challenges or convicts you from this passage.
 - Have a few people share something that encourages or inspires you from this passage.
4. Strong Resistance to the Devil comes from a Strong Relationship with God.
As believers, we have...
 - God's Word - read/discuss/apply Ephesians 6:17
 - God's Ear - read/discuss/apply Romans 12:12
 - God's People - read/discuss/apply 10:24-25
5. Our bottom line today: Be Alert, Not Afraid.
 - Practically, what will this look like in your life this week?
6. Close in prayer.

APPLICATION

Most people don't realize that they have a spiritual enemy. Satan is real and has a well organized army of demons. He is a liar, thief, deceiver, tempter, slanderer, and murderer who is set on our destruction. We need to be alert to the fact that he is our enemy, but we do not need to be afraid of him.

As Christians, if we are to be alert against our enemy, won't this cause us to be fearful and anxious? If we stand firm in our faith, we can resist our enemy without fear and anxiety. We need to turn to God and seek to grow in our relationship with Him, because the stronger our relationship is with God, the stronger our resistance is against the Devil.

Satan may have power and strategically attack our areas of weakness, but he does not have authority over our lives. His attacks can be persistent, but he cannot force you to do something. We have an enemy, but we have a Savior who is even more powerful.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Ephesians 6:12	Matthew 4:1-11
1 John 4:4	Ephesians 6:17
1 Peter 5:8-11	Romans 12:12
Psalms 22:13	Hebrews 10:24-25