

Angels & Demons

INTRODUCTION

Angels and Demons—Part 5

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. Do you agree with the statement that the Devil has no authority over us, but he can be powerful against us? Explain your answer. What are some ways you think the devil (or his helpers) can attack us?
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Why is it important that we rely upon Christ's strength and not our own when we face spiritual battles? Practically speaking, what does it mean to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might? How do we get his strength?
3. How would you explain what the various parts of the armor are in Ephesians 6:10-18?
4. Read Ephesians 6:14, Psalm 32:1-2, and Acts 24:16. What happens if there is an area in our lives where we lack integrity or righteousness? How might the Devil use this against us?
5. Read Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12. How can we use the Bible when we face spiritual battles?
6. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

Faith can help you through the most difficult seasons of life. You need confidence in His word during life's trials. You need to trust in God and ask yourself—am I relying on Christ's strength? Am I walking in integrity? Am I making the right choices? Battles are too big for you to take on yourself, so you can turn to God and ask for strength—God will give you the armor you need to do your part in the battle. While the battle belongs to the Lord, it also belongs to you.

If you lack integrity in your life, the Devil sees a chance to attack. How you live and the choices you make are important. If you are living and speaking the truth, instead of living a lie, Satan won't be able to take advantage of you. Satan sees a lack of integrity as an opportunity to accuse you, sideline you, and keep you from being close to God. Be a person of integrity and righteousness.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Ephesians 6:10-18
Psalm 32:1-2
Isaiah 59:17
Acts 24:16
Romans 5:1
James 1:6
1 Thessalonians 5:8
Hebrews 4:12