

Study Guide  
God & Goblins Week 3  
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Ephesians 6:11-12 (NLT) – “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

Prior to this sermon series, how much thought did you give to the unseen world?

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

How have you seen the devil try and devour others?

How has the devil personally tried to devour you?

The devil and his demons are always on roam, seeking to find a home. We are God’s house, but demons will try to sneak in and haunt us. We must make sure that we aren’t leaving the door open and inviting them in.

Discuss some things you can do to protect yourself and your house from the devil entering in.

To avoid opening the door to Satan and the demonic access to come in and oppress, we must learn to RAP. These are the keys that will dead bolt the door:

- R – Resistance
- A – Assistance
- P – Persistence

Read James 4:7.

How do we get the devil to flee?

If we do not resist the devil, we will actually assist the devil.

How can we assist the devil without realizing it?

To ensure we do not give Satan permission or admission, we need some assistance. We need The Holy Scriptures, The Holy Spirit, and The Holy saints.

Discuss how Jesus used these three as His assistance for His resistance against the devil.

Read Luke 4:13.

What did the evil do after tempting (or testing) Jesus?

We must be persistent in our resistance against evil. Satan is always looking for vulnerability that will provide him with an opportunity.

Read Matthew 12:43-45.

How does the impure spirit find the house?

When we accept Jesus, He cleanses us. He puts things back in order, but it's up to us to make sure our house isn't found empty. We must ensure we are filled back up with the things of God.

What are the things of God?

How can you ensure you are being filled with these things?

When we avoid God, we create a void for Satan to move his stuff back in. Only Godly submission keeps Satan in remission. If we are not submitted, then he is permitted. To keep a disease in remission, we must keep taking the prescription, but the prescription must be taken correctly or it's not effective. The Bible is our script.

Read 2 Peter 3:15-16.

What are some different ways people attempt to "twist" the Scriptures to match their own beliefs?

While the Bible is our script, if we're too selective, the script is not effective. We can't pick and choose the scriptures we like to use. To follow God, we must submit to His Word!

What are some scriptures you may not exactly like or struggle with?

Discuss some ways in which you can still be faithful to obey these scriptures.

Jesus doesn't expect us to be perfect, but He does expect us to be faithful. Wrong doctrine (taking the scriptures out of context) causes us to not be persistent in our faithfulness to God.

John 15:5-6 (NLT) – ““Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.”

We are eternally secure as long as we remain in the eternal vine. While we can't lose our salvation, we can leave it. We can choose to abandon God and our faith.

Discuss reasons why you have seen people abandon their faith.

Hebrews 10:35-39 (NLT) “So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. “For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.” But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.”

Based on this passage of scripture, why must we be persistent?

Discuss ways in which you can be persistent regardless of circumstance.

What resonated most with you from this series?

What is one thing from this series you can take away and implement into your life?