

Study Guide
God & Goblins
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Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT) – “A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 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.”

Discuss what you think the “unseen world” mentioned in this verse is referring to.
What are some of the things that exist and happen in the unseen world?

The unseen spirit world is not make-believe. We can be guilty of not taking the unseen serious because we live by sight. Witchcraft and demonic activity are fast growing practices, and their participation and engagement has skyrocketed.

What are some ways in which you have not taken the unseen serious?

Witchcraft, Satan, and demons are just as real as God and his Holy angels. Do not play around with the demonic! It is not a game or something to mess around with; Satan and his friends are not playing around.

Read 1 Peter 5:8.

What do you take away from this verse?

Read Deuteronomy 18:9-14.

Which of these practices have you noticed happening or being glamorized in the media?

God takes each of these things very serious, and we should as well!

Read Leviticus 19:26, 2 Chronicles 33:6, Isaiah 19:1-4, Isaiah 47:9, Micah 5:12, and Galatians 5:19-21.

What common theme do you see in each of these verses?

How can we, as Christians take these things seriously?

The truth is, the demonic (witchcraft and sorcery) do have some power.

Read Exodus 7:9-12, Exodus 7:20-22, and Exodus 8:5-7.

What power do you see the magicians and sorcerers showcase in these scriptures?

Although we see power in these verses, the power is just a counterfeit of God’s power. Satan is a copycat, and his power is limited.

Read Exodus 8:16-17.

Discuss why the magicians could not recreate this power.

Read Acts 16:16-18.

Discuss why the demon instantly left the girl.

What do these verses showcase about the power of Jesus’ name?

We can open the door to demonic activity in our life. Jesus said He stands at the door and knocks, but Satan also stands at the door and knocks. Whomever we give access, is the one who will possess.

How can you ensure you are not allowing Satan (or demonic activity) access to your life?

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may (not can) devour.”

Our biggest enemy is not the devil. Satan has been defeated by the cross. Our biggest enemy is ourselves. This is why scripture says Satan seeks who he may devour not can devour.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.

According to this verse, we are God’s what?

According to these verses, every born-again Christian is God’s house, but some of our houses are haunted. They are haunted by fear, depression, anxiety, addiction, etc. After salvation, we become a target. Satan studies us. He knows our weaknesses, and we are all vulnerable to him.

How does Satan personally attack you?

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV) – “lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

Christ can remove the device. He can erase and replace that vulnerability, but for Christ to remove the device we must have some solid Biblical advice.

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Satan’s #1 strategy is to hide. He is a thief, and he doesn’t want us to know he’s coming in. There are two out of balances when it comes to Satan and the demonic:

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| 1.) Ignore | 2.) Adore |
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He wants us to ignore him or to believe he doesn’t exist. If he can’t convince us to ignore him, he wants us to adore him. He wants us to become so fascinated with him that he becomes our focus.

Read Luke 10:17-20.

These verses showcase what we should be fascinated by! Don’t get excited about hell, get excited about heaven!!!

What about heaven makes you excited?

Everywhere Jesus went, He cast out demons. Those demons are still on earth oppressing, suppressing, and possessing. It is important for us to remember that although demons exist, in Jesus, you have authority over them! Satan may try and bully you, but Jesus is your big brother! Call on Him, and He will protect you!