

Unholy Angels

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the **unseen world**. - ***Ephesians 6:12 NLT***

When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an **evil spirit** came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and **cut himself with stones**. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!” For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you evil spirit!” - ***Mark 5:2-8 NIV***

THE ORIGIN OF SATAN

How you have **fallen from heaven**, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been **cast down** to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “**I will** ascend to heaven; **I will** raise my throne above the stars of God; **I will** sit enthroned on the mount of assembly... **I will** ascend above the tops of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High.” - ***Isaiah 14:12-14 NIV***

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. - ***Revelation 12:7-9 NIV***

THE ACTIONS OF DEMONS

1. They _____ The Leaders Of _____ !

“But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with **the king of Persia**.” - ***Daniel 10:13 NIV***

2. They _____ On People!

“Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is **suffering greatly**. He often falls into the fire or into the water... [Jesus said], “Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the **demon**, and it came out of the boy, and he was **healed** from that moment. - ***Matthew 17:15,17-18 NIV***

3. They _____ People _____ From God!

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will **abandon the faith** and follow **deceiving spirits** and things **taught by demons**. - ***1 Timothy 4:1 NIV***

4. They _____ People With _____ !

For God has not given us a **spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. - ***2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV***

HOW ARE WE TO FIGHT?

A. Never Treat The Enemy _____ !

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, “**The Lord rebuke you!**” - ***Jude 1:9-10 NIV***

B. Never _____ With Darkness!

Let no one be found among you who...practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is **detestable to the LORD**. - *Deuteronomy 18:10-12 NIV*

C. Always Battle In God's _____ !

His **divine power** has given us **everything we need for a godly life** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. - *2 Peter 1:3 NIV*

Submit yourselves, then, to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. - *James 4:7-8 NIV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Do you lean more toward seeing a demon behind every bush or being totally unaware of demonic influences?
- The spiritual battle is primarily fought in our minds. Satan and his demons try to gain access to your life by planting evil thoughts and desires in your mind. Share an example of thoughts that the enemy has used to lure you away from God or to paralyze you with fear. What thoughts are you currently battling and how are you taking these thoughts captive and making them obedient to Christ?
- Jesus fought off the devil by quoting Scripture 3 times in Matthew 4:1-11. How is the enemy tempting you or trying to lure you away from God? What Scripture are you using to fight the enemy today?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to resist the devil in any vulnerable areas?