

# *Deliver Us From Evil*

## LESSON 8: THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!

Evil takes form in three different areas of our lives. The fallen world we live in with its evil standards is one we must fight continually. Another is our flesh. In other words, the humanity that we are born into has evil desires that can trip us up. Lastly, evil lurks in the form of Satan and his minions.

1. What do these verses say about the world? John 15:18-19, John 16:33 and 1 John 2:15-17.

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2. What do these verses say about the flesh? Romans 7:5, Romans 7:15-25. Do you identify with Paul's writings in verses 15-25? See Romans 8:1 for encouragement.

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3. What do these verses say about the devil (Satan)? Ephesians 6:10-12 and 1 Peter 5:6-11.

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God has been in the business of delivering his people since the time of Abraham and throughout the Old Testament. The enemies then were identifiable tribes who wished to destroy the ancient Hebrews. Jesus speaks of the enemy as Satan.

4. Read Luke 11:21-23. Who is the strong man? Who is the one stronger? How can you relate this to what Jesus said in Luke 4:18-21?

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5. Jesus describes the devil as the “father of lies”. What lie have you been believing? Jesus came to bring freedom from whatever prison of lies you are entangled in. Write out a prayer asking the Lord to shine the truth into your life. See also Isaiah 61:1-3 which is what Jesus quoted in Luke 4:18-19.

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6. The way to resist Satan is found in Ephesians 6:13-18. List the armor of God. The first three are armor we embrace as we come to faith in Jesus as our Savior. They are never taken off. They become part of our DNA. The last three are those pieces of armor we take up when the need arises. Who is the belt of truth? Who is the righteous One? Who is the Prince of Peace? Who are we to have faith in? Who is our salvation? Who is the Word?

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**APPLICATION:** Write out Isaiah 61:1-3. When have you experienced the “good news”? Have you experienced a binding up of your broken heart? When have you been released from darkness or from a prison of the soul? When have you received the Lord’s comfort, provision, and transformation? You are an oak of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

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**PRAYER:** Almighty Father, you sent your Son Jesus to die on the cross so that we are free from the web of sin. Thank you that your love for us knows no bounds. As we put our trust and hope in You and your Son, we accept the call to arms. Make us battle ready to fight against the forces of evil, the flesh and the world and be a light for your kingdom. Thank you that nothing happens to us that does not first pass through your loving fingers. Give us courage and steadfastness to do your will and walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus, our commander, we pray. Amen.