

Session 12

How can I resist

evil

Where does evil come from?

- Triple alliance:
 - World—the enemy around
 - Flesh—the enemy within
 - Devil—the enemy above

1. WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEVIL EXISTS?

(Romans 12:21)

- Scripture: The Bible presents a personal, spiritual being in active rebellion against God.
 - Old Testament (Isaiah 14; Job 1; 1 Chronicles 21:1)
 - Jesus (Luke 10:17–20)
 - Peter (1 Peter 5:8–11)
 - Paul (Ephesians 6:11–12)
- Tradition: Christians down through the ages have believed.
- Reason: It makes sense of the world we see around us.
 - Why do bad things happen?

Avoid two extremes: Disbelief vs unhealthy, excessive interest

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2. WHAT ARE THE DEVIL'S TACTICS? (Genesis 3)

- The devil wants to destroy our lives. (John 10:10)
 - Doubt (Genesis 3:1, Matthew 4:3)
 - Temptation (Genesis 2:16–17)
 - Deception (Genesis 3:4)
 - Condemnation creates doubt

But, “there is... no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)

3. WHAT IS OUR POSITION? (Colossians 1:13)

- We are transferred from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of Jesus.
- We experience God’s love.
- It’s a process—we won’t be complete until Jesus returns.

4. HOW DO WE DEFEND OURSELVES? (Ephesians 6)

“Be strong in the Lord.... Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:10–11)

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- 1** **Focus on Jesus – belt of truth (v.14)**
- “I am the truth.” (John 14:6)
 - Authenticity, integrity, openness in your life

- Keep your relationships right –
breastplate of righteousness (v.14)** **2**
- Keep short accounts with God
 - Ask forgiveness from God and others

- 3** **Get involved in service –
boots of the gospel of peace (v.15)**
- The readiness to speak of Christ (Isaiah 52:7–10)

- Trust God in difficult times –
shield of faith (v.16)** **4**
- The devil will challenge us with doubt, fear, anxiety, lust...
 - Keep trusting; don't give up on your faith

- 5** **Win the battle of the mind –
helmet of salvation (v.17)**
- Salvation = freedom
 - Protect your mind: temptation starts with a thought, which leads to action

- Know your Bible –
sword of the Spirit (v.17)** **6**
- Soak yourself in the Word of God
 - The only offensive piece of armor (Hebrews 4:12)

Session 14

**Does
God
heal
+ today**



1. HEALING IN THE BIBLE

- Old Testament
 - I am the Lord who heals you. (Exodus 23:26)
 - The character of God—it’s in His nature to heal.
 - Examples of God healing (2 Kings 5; Isaiah 38–39)
- The ministry of Jesus
 - “Jesus” means “Savior”
 - Greek “sozo” means “I save,” also “I heal”
 - The healing miracles of Jesus form 25 percent of the Gospels
 - Jesus healed. (Matthew 4:23)
 - He gave his followers authority to heal. (Luke 10:9, Acts)
 - We see healing throughout church history.
 - He commissions us to pray for and heal the sick today.

2. HEALING TODAY

- God heals explicably—through the medical profession.
- God heals inexplicably and directly.

“When we prayed for no one, no one was healed. Now we pray for lots of people and some are healed.”

(JOHN WIMBER)

3. HOW DO WE HEAL?

- It's God who heals—not us.

- Simplicity—pray as Jesus did with love and compassion.
(Matthew 9:36; Mark 1:41)

- Words of knowledge
 - Pictures
 - Sympathy pain
 - Impressions
 - Hear or see words

- Prayer—simple model
 - Where does it hurt?
 - Lay hands on the person.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to come.
 - Ask how are they doing / if they can feel anything different.
 - Sometimes you need to pray more than once.

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