

Battle Between Good & Evil

I. Jesus & His Followers

A. Amazement & Fear of God

Luke 8:24–25 (NIV®)

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

B. “Because You Say So”

Luke 5:4–8 (NIV®)

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. **But because you say so, I will let down the nets.**” ⁶

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

C. Jesus’ Declaration of Intent — A Triumphant Church

Matthew 16:18 (NIV®)

... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

D. Resources Needed & Provided

Luke 24:49 (NIV®)

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power** from on high.”



E. A Struggle is Unfolding — Battle Between Good & Evil

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV®)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against ... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

John 10:10 (NIV®)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Hebrews 12:3–4 (NIV®)

³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

II. What Can Be Said of Evil?

A. The Existence of Evil

Matthew 6:13 (NIV®)

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from **the evil one**.

John 17:15 (NIV®)

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from **the evil one**.

Matthew 5:37 (NIV®)

Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from **the evil one**.

Matthew 13:19 (NIV®)

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, **the evil one** comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

Matthew 13:36–39 (NIV®)

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed



stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the **sons of the evil one**,³⁹ and **the enemy who sows them is the devil**. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

B. To Summarize:

- 1) The Existence of Evil
- 2) The Struggle with Evil
- 3) Evil Describes Satan and His Activity
- 4) Recognizing Evil
- 5) A Spiritual Designation, People Cooperate with Evil, Sell Themselves to Do Evil
- 6) Overcome Evil
- 7) Do Not Tolerate Evil

Proclamation

I testify to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for me;
Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil;
Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven;
The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin;
Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God;
Through the blood of Jesus I am justified, made righteous, just as if I'd never sinned.
My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed by the blood of Jesus;
Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.