

EPHESIANS

Legacy of Lies

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-12

Satan, the father of lies ...

Created by God and originated in heaven
(Ez 28:12-15)

Corrupted himself through sin
(Is 14:13-14, 12; Lk 10:18; Rev 12:3-9; Eph 6:12)

Fights against God and all He stands for
(Jn 10:10, 1 Pet 5:8, 1 Jn 5:19)

Is already defeated
(Col 2:15, 1 Jn 3:8, Gen 3:15, Mat 10:28, Phil 1:6)

Satan, the Father of Lies ...

Satan is not some happy guy you saw at a Halloween party or on TV;
he's not some guy dressed up in a red suit holding a pitchfork;
he's not some pudgy cartoon character with a pointy tail.

Satan is our adversary;
he opposes God's agenda,
he works against God's plan,
he violates God's character,
he assaults God's people.

Satan loves to slander;
he will get people to say false things about others to ruin their reputation,
he will stir up gossip and slander that discredits them before others.

Satan is the father of lies,
the accuser of people who follow Jesus Christ,
the great tempter of all that is harmful, distracting and sinful.

He deceives, he distracts and he disrupts.
He is rebellious, repulsive and repugnant.

Satan creates disunity,
promotes division,
plants doubt,
and provokes sin.

Satan is behind false religions,
false philosophies,
false doctrine,
false morality,
and every system of thought that cannot lead anyone to God.

He has infiltrated governments,
economies,
educational institutions,
and anything that has influence in this world.

As the Apostle John soberingly concluded,
1 John 5:19, "*The whole world is under the control of the evil one.*"

Satan is the prince of the power of the air.
And though he comes as an angel of light,
he is the ruler of this dark world.

Satan is the author of evil and suffering;
he is the thief of our joy;
he is the destroyer of our life.

Satan doesn't care about you; he wants to defeat you,
push your face into the ground,
beat hell into your life.

He masquerades as a friend, but will turn on you.
He wants your very life.
And in the end, if he is not stopped, he will take it.

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Ephesians 6:10-12

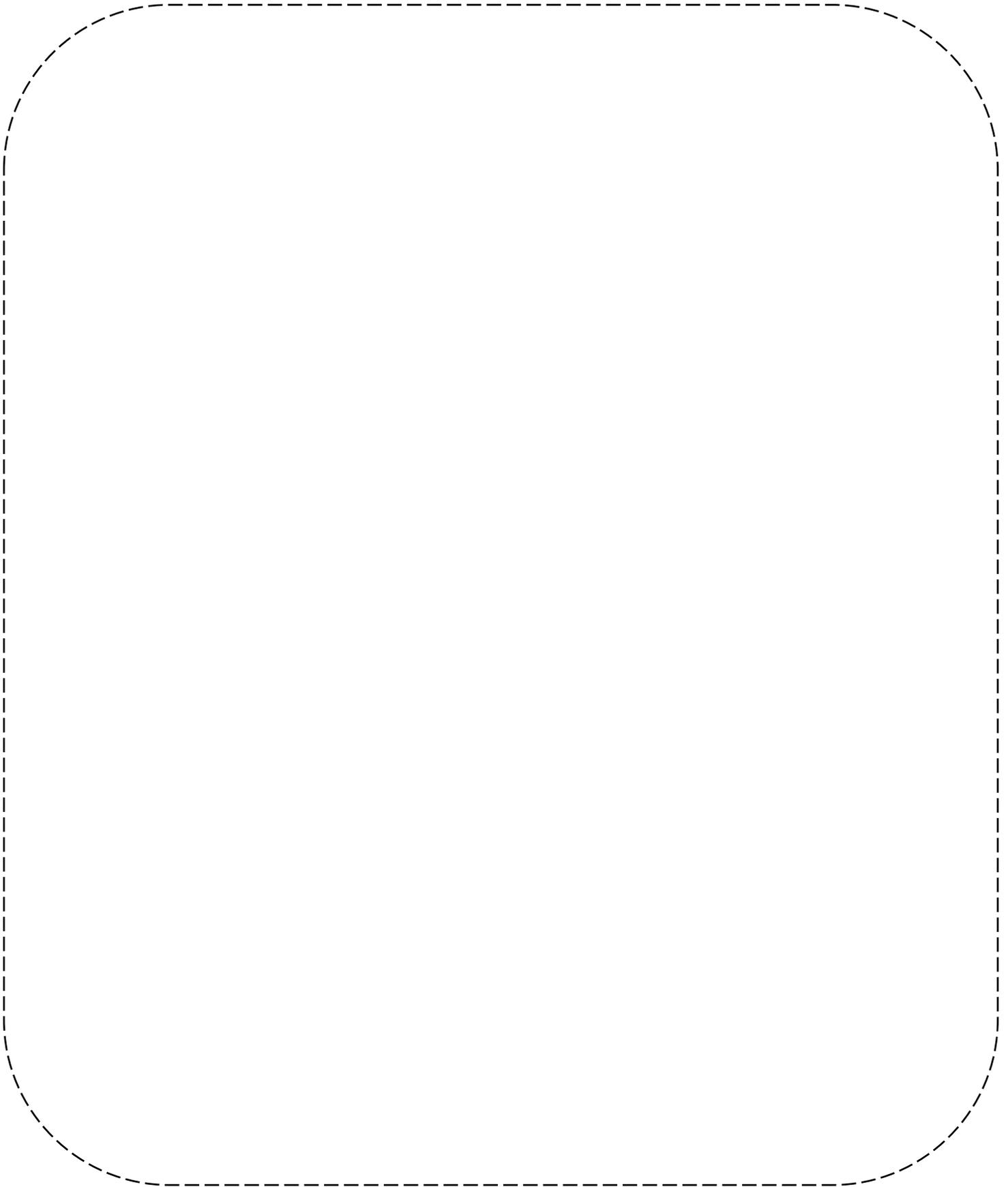
¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1. **Satan, the father of lies, was created by God and originated in heaven.**
 - Satan was created by God. He was a cherub. What do you think of when you picture a cherub? Most of us think of a chubby baby with wings, but cherubs were angels!
 - Cherubs weren't just angels; they were closest to God – more beautiful and perfect than anyone other than God Himself.
2. **He corrupted himself through sin.**
 - Satan made one big sin. He thought because he was so beautiful and perfect that he could be even better than God! He rebelled against God to try and prove he was better.
 - That sin corrupted him. Corrupted means to take something good and make it bad. His name changed from Lucifer, an angel, to Satan, the devil.
3. **He fights against God and all He stands for.**
 - Satan spends his time trying to hurt God by hurting us. Since we are made in God's image, he thinks that if he destroys us, he will destroy God's image too. He is the reason we have pain, hurt and sadness in the world.
4. **Satan is already defeated!**
 - So, what is the good news? Satan can't, and won't win! Jesus is stronger than he is and loves us so much. His love saves and protects us. That is the greatest news!

Questions to ask as a family.

1. What will your legacy be as a family? (Pastor Barry says a legacy is what we leave behind, like a footprint). Will it be good or bad?
2. How do you treat your family and friends? This can tell you what sort of legacy you might be leaving.

Draw a picture of what you learned today.



Family Challenge

Pastor Barry talked about leaving legacies this weekend. Discuss as a family what sort of legacy you want to leave. Brainstorm ways you can work together to create that legacy! Some ideas are listed below to get you started.

- Volunteering in your community and church.
- Helping with missions and around the world.
- Becoming prayer warriors for your friends and family.
- Being wise with your money and investments.
- Treating your family and friends, those closest to you, the best way you can.

After you discuss what sort of legacy you'd like to leave, practice! Pick an activity that will work towards honouring God and your family's legacy and make time for it this week.

WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT?

This week Pastor Barry talked about how Satan made a choice that corrupted him. Corrupted means when something good goes bad. This week you can do an experiment to see how quickly corruption can happen! Follow the instructions below.

Supplies:

- Aluminum foil
- Pennies, small marbles, something small but with weight
- Large bowl or plastic container
- Water

Instructions:

1. Take a large section of aluminum foil and shape it into a boat by folding up and pinching the edges. (You can ask a guardian or older sibling for help.)
2. Fill your large container about 3/4 full of water.
3. Place your boat into the water and watch how it floats!
4. One by one, place your weights in the boat.
5. Count how many it takes before your boat sinks.
6. Experiment with different sizes/shapes of boats to see which float better than others.

How quickly did your boat sink once it got too heavy? Pretty fast, right? That is like how Satan went from being a cherub (the best angel) to the devil. Once he decided he was better than God, he was corrupted quickly! That is why it is so important to know what floats your boat. Do you want to go God's way or not?



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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 6:10-12



Opening Prayer: Father God, give us Your wisdom, love and light so that we can receive all of the good that You have for us in your Word today. In Jesus' name, amen.

1. Big Picture: What key thought or challenge did you take away from this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do we learn from this passage and message about God? What do we learn about Satan and who he is?
 - b. Take a few moments to talk about your view on Satan and evil. How does this passage of Scripture impact your current view of Satan and evil?
 - c. How could we, as a small group, help each other to fight against Satan's attacks in our lives?
3. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in you?
5. Verse 10 says, *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”* How does it make you feel to know that God is offering you His strength and that Satan is nowhere near as strong as God?
6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?
7. Pastor Barry talked about our legacy. We all will leave a legacy of some kind. Pray for each other to leave a godly legacy. Pray that God would help you remove any barriers that are preventing you from leaving a godly legacy.

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).