

Outline – July 10, 2022  
Luke 10:16-20; John 8:43-45  
Ephesians 6:10-12  
Who Are We Fighting?  
Fight The Good Fight: Part 2

We Have An Enemy

- I. **The reality of Satan**
  - A. Taught by Jesus
    - 1. Cast out like lightning
    - 2. Tempter
  - B. Taught by every New Testament writer
- II. **The fall of Satan**
  - A. An archangel whose sin was pride
  - B. The 5 "I wills" of Satan
    - 1. I will ascend into heaven
    - 2. I will exalt my throne
    - 3. I will sit on the mount of the assembly
    - 4. I will ascend above the clouds
    - 5. I will be like the Most High
  - C. When he was cast out, he took one-third of the angelic realm
  - D. The names of Satan
    - 1. Satan – adversary
    - 2. Devil – slanderer
    - 3. Tempter
    - 4. Serpent/dragon
    - 5. Angel of light
- III. **The (3 primary) objectives of Satan**
  - A. To usurp God
  - B. To keep the unbeliever blind, lost, doubtful
  - C. To cause believers to become ineffective, useless, irrelevant, unproductive and powerless
- IV. **What Satan knows**
  - A. He is a defeated foe
  - B. His days are numbered
  - C. He knows the Bible
  - D. He doesn't know the future in detail
  - E. He doesn't know our heart
  - F. He doesn't know everything or can be everywhere
  - G. His power has limits

## V. The battle Satan brings

- A. Is a death match
- B. Satan has usurped humanity and now wants to destroy it
  - 1. Jesus said "Thief comes to steal, kill and destroy"
  - 2. Peter said "Satan is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour"
- C. The organizational structure
  - 1. Principalities – Region of influence and stronghold of Demon realm
  - 2. Powers – Influence of those who are disobedient to God's word
  - 3. Rulers of darkness – Demonically influenced people in authority
  - 4. Spiritual wickedness – where Demonic activity has gained a stronghold in a person's life

## VI. How the enemy attacks

- A. Deception
  - 1. Lies over truth
  - 2. Hooked and cooked
- B. Accusation
  - 1. Accuser of the brethren
  - 2. Assault, shame, guilt
- C. Temptation
  - 1. Exploit weakness
  - 2. Meet legitimate need in an illegitimate way
  - 3. Twist scripture
  - 4. Give up your integrity, future, reputation for a momentary thrill
- D. Distraction
  - 1. Taking your eyes off God
  - 2. Taking your focus off God's word
  - 3. Making other things "more important"
  - 4. Getting stuck on things that have no significance
  - 5. Powering your energy and resources that have no eternal value
- E. Affliction of the mind
  - 1. Spiritual depression
    - a. Loss of interest
    - b. Rise of apathy
  - 2. Spiritual anxiety
    - a. Fearing worst case
    - b. Believing the worst
- F. Burn-out fatigue
  - 1. Overwhelmed
  - 2. Problems don't stop

G. Indoctrination

1. False teaching
2. Doctrines of demons

VII. How we fight the good fight

A. Knowledge

1. Know your Savior
2. Know His Word
3. Know your enemy
4. Know what to do
5. Know how to respond

B. Grace

C. Truth

D. Love

E. Choose

**Fight The Good Fight  
For Greater Is He That Is In You  
Than He That Is In The World**