**THE ENEMIES OF GOD**

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**Genesis 3:1** "Yea, hath God said ...?"
Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

**Explain why satan is God's enemy.**

**Genesis 3:4**
Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

**Why is lying a tool of the devil?**

**Numbers 10:9, 35**
9 "When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies."
35 So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."

**Explain how our enemies today are God's enemies.**

**Numbers 32:21**
and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him,

**What was happening to God's enemies?**

**Deuteronomy 20:1**
"When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.

**What will happen with God with them?**

**Deuteronomy 28:1, 7**
1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.
7 "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

**Why can they defeat their enemies?**

**II Samuel 12:12-14**
12. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. 13. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 14. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

**Even with David repentant, will the world treat us this way?**
II Chronicles 20:15
And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.

How does God handle His enemies?

II Chronicles 20:21-22
21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever.” 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

What was the action of David's soldiers?

Psalm 58:3
The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

Psalm 66:3
“Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee,”

What causes enemies to submit themselves?

Psalms 68:1-2
1 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

What will the enemies do?

Psalm 91
No area of the life left exposed to the devil: giving him no foothold.

What was the desire expressed?

Psalms 149:5-9
5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

What was being pleaded for the enemies?

Isaiah 51:7
Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, you people in whose heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults.

Do we face this situation today?

Isaiah 59:19
So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

Can we pray for God's help in this way today?

Malachi 4:3
"And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."

How can the wicked be trampled?
Matthew 4:3, 6
3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:
‘He shall give His angels charge over you,
’and,
‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest
you dash your foot against a stone.’

Why is Satan tempting Jesus?

Matthew 12:30
Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters

How does not be against God?

Matthew 13:38-43
38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

In the parable of the sower, is satan the enemy?

Luke 9:62 “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back (into the world), is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Is this falling from grace?

John 8:44
The Bible uses several metaphors to describe the “fight of faith” (1 Timothy 6:12) that the believer must wage against the evil one.

What are Satan's own resources?

John 15:18-19 “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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Romans 5:6-10
You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him! For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! And whether they themselves realize this is absolutely irrelevant. The question those who would call themselves Christians must today begin asking themselves is: Why aren’t these so-called “ministers” of Jesus Christ as ready to defend God’s honor and to protect the glory that is due to Him and His Christ alone?

How do we move from being enemies of God?

II Corinthians 2:11
lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

What are Satan's devices?

II Corinthians 10:3-5
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

How do we bring thoughts into captivity?

II Corinthians 11:3
But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

What would corrupt our mind?

Ephesians 6:11-17 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

What does it mean to "resist the devil"? How can this be done?
Colossians 1:21
And you that were sometime alienated, and enemies in your minds by wicked works,”

Who are those described here?

1 Thessalonians 2:18
Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

How can Satan hinder Paul and us?

2 Timothy 4:18
And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

Explain Paul's excitement?

Hebrews 4:12
For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

What holds us back from sharing the Gospel?

James 4:1-4
1. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2. Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God

Who is an enemy of God?

James 4:7 "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

How do we resist the devil?

1 Peter 5:6-9
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour. whom resist steadfast in the faith ...

What are we to do toward God?

1 John 2:15-17
Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Who abides forever and how?

1 John 5:4-5
4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

How do we overcome?

Revelation 2:16
Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

What is God's weapon?

What would you tell others about the enemies of God and how they can resist him?