

Session Two: Understanding the Enemy's Strategies

Review

† 1 Peter 5: 8-9

Three Key Command

- Be Self Controlled
- Be Alert
- Resist the Enemy

† The Christian View of Reality

The Description of Reality

GOD (Infinite Being)

Eternal, All Powerful, All Knowing,
Everywhere Present,
Holy Love, Faithful
The Living God of Truth

Creation (Finite Being)

The Fallen World

Universe
Natural Law
Mankind
Fallen Angels
Hell

The Un-fallen World

Good Angels
Spiritual Laws
Heaven
Glorified Believers

† Biblical Personhood

A Person
A Spirit Person
Designed by God to receive His love
in Worship, love and service.

† Foundational Truths Regarding God and Us

- God Made You
- God Made You For Himself
- God Made You And Designed You To Enjoy Him
- God Made You So He Could Pour Out His Love Into You
- God Made You So You Could Enjoy Him And His Love
- God Made You So He Could Enjoy You Enjoying His Love
- God Made You To Glorify Him As You Enjoyed Him

† The Enemy's Strategy

Your Enemy and His Plan for You

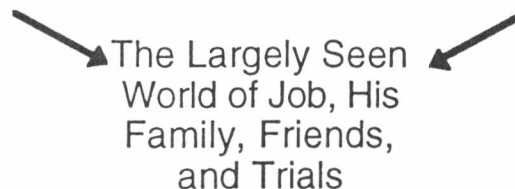
- ❑ Dry Up Your Power Sources
(Prayer, Bible, Growth)
- ❑ Distort the Truth:
 - Regarding God
 - Regarding the Bible
 - Regarding Yourself
 - Regarding the Church

† Kingdoms in Conflict (The Unseen War)

The "Worlds of Reality" Reflected in Job

The Largely Unseen
and Most Powerful
World of the Kingdom
of God and His Plan

The Largely Unseen
and Somewhat Powerful
World of the Kingdom of
Satan and His Plan



The Bible shows we can only understand Job and his trials by knowing how the "worlds" interrelate

This is the true condition for every believer. Ignorance of this truth makes one vulnerable to error and failure.

† True Christianity

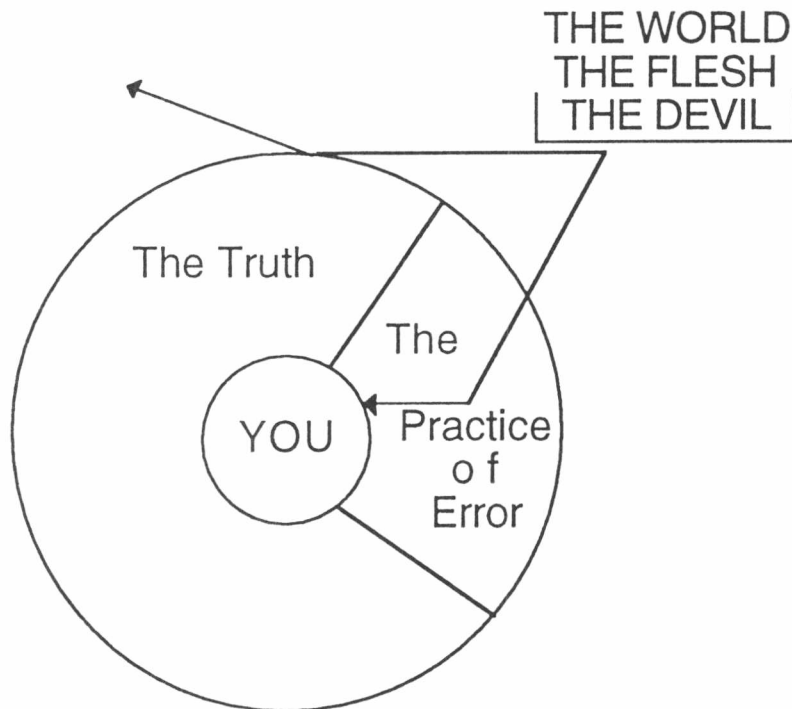
The Meaning of Christianity

- Christianity is a Person
(Therefore a Relationship)
- Christianity is a Revelation
(Therefore an Authority)
- Christianity is a Redemption
(Therefore a Dynamic)

† Important Propositions

- The Warfare Is Only A Very Small Part Of The Christian Life.
- The Key To The Christian Life is Not Getting Rid Of Demons -- It Is Giving Jesus Christ His Rightful Place.
- A Believer Cannot Be Possessed By Demons. However, There Can Be Some Inner Control Produced By Wicked Spirits.
- Wicked Spirits Are Fallen Angels. They Are Not Omniscient, Omnipotent, Nor Omnipresent.
- We Can Never Say "The Devil Made Me Do It."
- We Are In A Spiritual Battle. The Believer Is A Soldier, Has Armor, Weapons And Is Expected To Fight.

- † The Enemy Within, Without, and Above (The Flesh, The World, The Devil or The False Self, The False World, The False God)



- † How The Enemy Can And Does Harass Believers

□ **As Individuals**

King Saul -- 1 Sam 16:14; 18:10; 19:9

Job -- Job 1, 2

Peter -- Matt 16:22, 23; Luke 22:31

Paul -- 1 Cor 12:7; 1 Thes 2:18

□ **As Church Members**

Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor 5:11-13;

2 Cor 2:6-11; 2 Tim 2:25, 26

As Pastors

1 Tim 3:6,7

As a Church

2 Cor 2:6-11; Rev 2:10, 13, 24

As Children

(We do not know if they were believers)

Mark 7:24-30; 9:14-29

† What the Enemy Can do to Believers

- Act and speak through them, Matt 16:22,23
- Obtain a “place” (foothold) in them, Eph 4:27
- Fill his heart so he will lie, Acts 5:3
- Attacked physically, spiritually, materially
Job 1,2; 2 Cor 12:7
- Hindered, 1 Th 2:18
- Ensnared, 2 Tim 2:25, 26
- Devoured, 1 Peter 5:8
- “Sifted as wheat,” Luke 22:31
- Deceived, Rev 12:9, 10; 2 Cor 11:3
- Tempted, 1 Cor 7:5; 1 Th 3:5

† Giving the Enemy a Foothold in our Lives (Eph 4:27)

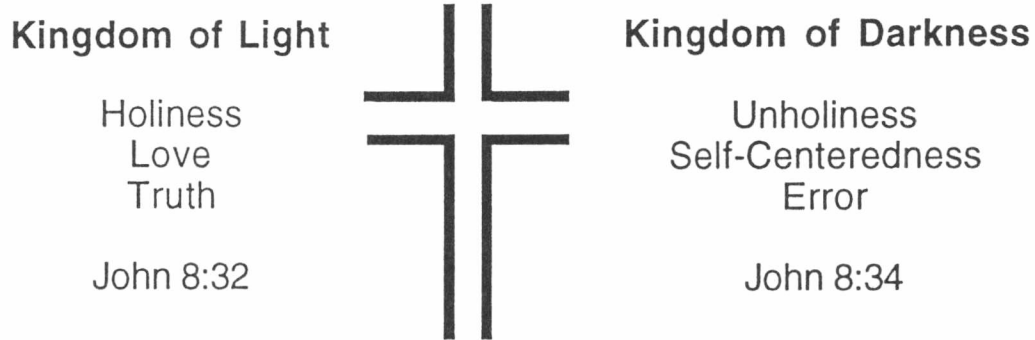
- Lying -- John 8:44; Acts 5:3
- Unforgiveness -- 2 Cor :6-11
- False Teaching -- 2 Cor 11:13-15
- Worldliness -- Eph 2:2,3; 1 John 2:15,16
 - Lust of the Flesh
 - Lust of the Eyes
 - Pride of Life
 - (See James 4:4)
- Sinful Anger -- Eph 4:27
- Pride -- 1 Tim 3:6
- Dishonesty -- 1 Tim 3:7
- Gossip -- 1 Tim 5:13-15
- Opposing Church Leaders -- 2 Tim 2:25, 26
- Habitual Sin -- John 3:8
- Unrighteous, Unloving Activity -- 1 John 3:10

† Sources of Problems (Sources of Practiced Error)

- Personal Disobedience
- Untaught
- Passive Indifference
- Denial Regarding Past
- Grudges / Negativism
- Mental Abuse

- Sexual Abuse
- Ritual Abuse
- Impact of Fallen World
- Circumstantial Influence
- Demonic Oppression
- Ancestral Influence

† Necessity of Daily Choices



† Understanding Error and Sin

