

WHO IS OUR ENEMY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER

Question #1 - How did Satan become Satan and what is this war all about? Genesis 1-3; Ezekiel 28:11-19

- Isaiah 34:11 → the land is formless and void *as a result of divine judgment*.
- Jeremiah 4:23 → the land is formless and void *as a result of divine judgment*.

Answer #1 - Satan has slandered God's character and goodness, has challenged God to prove otherwise and is out to prove himself right! Genesis 3:1-6, 14-15

Question #2 - Why did Satan participate in crucifying Jesus?
1 Corinthians 2:6-8

- Romans 16:25
- Ephesians 1:7-9
- Ephesians 3:8-11

Answer #2 - Satan was lured in by his own hatred to demonstrate God's goodness!! Colossians 2:13-15

Question #3 - So what is all of this ongoing war that we still experience? Revelation 12:7-12

Answer #3 - The war is ongoing because Satan, at his core, is a madman, causing as much destruction as possible before his time is up.

Question #4 - So how is Satan trying to destroy us now?

Answer #4a - He uses accusations against us to keep us from God! Zechariah 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Answer #4b - He uses accusations against God to keep us from God!!

Answer #4c - He enslaves us to our wants and renders us ineffective.

- John 8:34
- Galatians 4:9
- Colossians 2:8

Study Questions for January 24

1. Read 2 Corinthians 2:11. What do you think Satan's "schemes" (Greek word is "methodia") are and how aware of them are we?
2. Read Ephesians 6:13-17. If each piece of armor represents a virtue ("truth", "righteousness", "peace", "faith", etc...) what is the equal and opposite attack that corresponds with each piece of armor? What do those look like in real life?
3. Read Revelation 13. What tactics will Satan use in the future to control the world? How might these tactics be showing up today in everyday life?
4. If you were Satan, how would you attack you? What would you target, how would you set you up, etc...? How will this point of reflection help you in the future?