

**Sermon Title: The Battle of Demons**

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-12**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to understand the basic strategies of demons.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 5 ways in which the battle of demons is real.**

**Introduction: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22**

Demons are those angelic beings who were fully carried away with Satan's apostasy. The practice of idolatry, magic and witchcraft were related to demonic forces in Scripture.

**Deuteronomy 32:17** They sacrificed to demons, not to God, *To gods* they did not know, *To new gods*, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.

**Psalms 96:5** For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

Prohibited by God for His people.

**Deuteronomy 18:10-14** "There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, **11** "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. **12** "For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. **13** "You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. **14** "For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

**1 Samuel 15:23** For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king."

- I. The **problem** of opposition is real.
- II. The **power** of occupation is real.
- III. The **program** of obsession is real.
- IV. The **pressure** of oppression is real.
- V. The **potential** of overcomers is real.

I. The **problem** of opposition is real. (**Revelation 12:1-7**)

- A. The opposition against **God**.
- B. The opposition against **Israel**. Vv.1-4a
- C. The opposition against **Christ**. V.4b
- D. The opposition against **Saints**. Vv.5-6 (**1 Peter 5:8-9**)
- E. The opposition against **Angels**. Vv.7-8
- F. The opposition against the world. Vv.9-12

II. The **power** of occupation is real.

**Matthew 4:24** Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

**Matthew 8:28-34** When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. **29** And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" **30** Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. **31** So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." **32** And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. **33** Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*. **34** And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region.

**Genesis 6:1-4** Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, **2** that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. **3** And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." **4** There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

“For where God built a church, there the devil would also build a church.” – Martin Luther

### III. The **program** of obsession is real.

**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

**Romans 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**Acts 5:16** Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

**Leviticus 20:6** `And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.

“The devil seduces us at first by all the allurements of sin in order thereafter to plunge us into despair. He pampers up the flesh that he may be and by prostrate the Spirit.” – Martin Luther

“Consider that the devil does not sleep, but seeks our ruin in a thousand ways.” – Angela Merici

“The devil loves to fish in troubled waters.” – John Trapp

### IV. The **pressure** of oppression is real.

Saul, Peter (**Acts 19:11-20**)

**Revelation 12:13-17** Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*. **14** But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. **15** So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. **16** But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. **17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 12:6-9** For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me. **7** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**1 Corinthians 5:4-5** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **5** deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 5:12-13** For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? **13** But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

## V. The potential of overcomers is real.

A. The overcomers win by sacrifice.

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13** Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

**Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

B. The overcomers win by surrendering.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-6** 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, **6** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

**Galatians 5:24-26** And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**1 Timothy 1:5-7** Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, **6** from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, **7** desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

C. The overcomers win by submission.

**James 4:7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

D. The overcomers win by styling. (**Ephesians 6:10-11, 13**)

**Jude 1:6** And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;