

Not Today, Satan!

Week 1

Not Today, Satan: The Real Battle of Spiritual Warfare

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:12-14

Introduction: The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

Reference *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis (1942)

Lewis's insight: Two errors concerning the devil:

- Believing too little (disbelieving his existence)
- Believing too much (being obsessed)

Keith Green's song "No One Believes in Me Any More" as a reflection of society's apathy

Historical and Contextual Background

WWII as a backdrop of chaos and evil

Why did Lewis focus on spiritual warfare during such chaos?

Key question: What is real life? What should be our primary focus?

The Enemy and Spiritual Warfare

The devil as a fallen angel, not equal with God

Clarification: Satan is not omnipresent, omnipotent, or omniscient

Our personal spiritual battle:

- Distractions, delays, confusion, and torment

Biblical reminder: 1 Peter 5:8

The Universality of Belief in the Spiritual Realm

6,000 years of human history across cultures affirm the reality of spiritual entities

Modern society's denial vs. historical belief

Does denying unseen things make them unreal?

The Shift Towards Naturalism and Materialism

Aristotle and the laws of nature

Enlightenment and the decline of spiritual acknowledgment

Darwin and the false dichotomy: Creation vs. chance

The danger: dismissing what we can't see or measure

The Limitations of Human Perception

Our senses perceive only a fraction of reality

Examples:

- Colors (Red, Blue, Green; dogs see differently)
- Dimensions (3D vs. String Theory's 10+ dimensions)
- Technological advances (microscopes, telescopes, AI)

Reality extends beyond perception

The Question of Reality and What's Happening

“What’s really happening when what’s happening is happening?”

The unseen realm’s influence on our lives

Biblical Examples of Spiritual Warfare and Perspective

Daniel 10:1-21 – Delays in answers and spiritual warfare

2 Kings 6:15-17 – Elisha’s prayer for spiritual sight:

- “Open his eyes, Lord, so he may see.”
- Reminder: God's army surrounds us

Focus on Eternal and Spiritual Realities

2 Corinthians 4:18 – Fix eyes on the unseen, eternal

Recognize the spiritual realm’s ongoing activity

Call to Action & Prayer

1. Pray: “God, please open our eyes”
2. Pray: “Help us fix our eyes in a distracted world”
3. Invitation for salvation and deeper spiritual awareness

Summary:

The battle is real and ongoing. We are surrounded by spiritual influences, both good and evil. Awareness, vigilance, and faith are our weapons. Let’s not underestimate the unseen battles, but trust in God's victorious power.