

Bible Sunday Sermon

9-14-2025

Sermon Title:

The Unseen World: Understanding the Battle
Between Good and Evil

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, open our eyes to see what is unseen, and open our hearts to understand Your Word. Teach us today about the spiritual realities that surround us—the forces of good and evil—and how we can walk in Your truth and victory through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal Testimony:

“I believe the Lord truly blessed me with this sermon. I was inspired by my sister-in-law, Tonya, and as I reflected on Charlie Kirk and the reality that both good and evil are at work in this world, this message came to life. I pray it encourages you—enjoy!”

1 of 3 – The Reality of the Unseen World

Introduction

We live in two worlds at once—the physical world we can touch, see, and measure, and the unseen spiritual world that is just as real, perhaps even more real. The Apostle Paul writes:

Ephesians 6:12 NIV

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

This verse teaches us that behind every conflict, temptation, and attack is a spiritual dimension. The unseen realm is not empty—it is filled with both the presence of God and His angels, as well as fallen angels—what we call demons.

Where Evil Came From

The Bible tells us that God created everything good (Genesis 1:31).

Genesis 1:31 NIV

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning-the sixth day.

Evil did not originate with God. Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:12-17 describe the fall of Lucifer, the “morning star,” who became Satan when pride filled his heart and he tried to exalt himself above God.

Isaiah 14:12-15 NIV

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! [13] You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit

enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. [14] I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." [15] But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Ezekiel 28:12-15 NIV

"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. [13] You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. [14] You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. [15] You were blameless in your

ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Satan was cast out of heaven, and Revelation 12:4 tells us that a third of the angels followed him—these became the demonic hosts. These beings are not imaginary—they are organized, active, and at work in the world today.

Revelation 12:4 NIV

Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

Genesis 6 and the Origin of Some Demons

Genesis 6:1-4 describes a mysterious event:

Genesis 6:1-6 NIV

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, [2] the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. [3] Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years." [4] The Nephilim were on the earth in those days-and also afterward-when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. [5] The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. [6] The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

Many Bible scholars believe “sons of God” refers to fallen angels who took human women, producing offspring called Nephilim—giants and men of renown. **Jude 6** NIV tells us some of these angels are now ***“kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment.”*** This hybrid rebellion was part of Satan’s plan to corrupt humanity and prevent the coming of the Messiah.

Transition

So, the unseen world is populated by angels who serve God, demons who rebel against Him, and spiritual realities that affect our daily lives. But God is still in control. Now, let’s look at how good and evil operate in that unseen realm and how we are affected.

2 of 3 – How Good and Evil Operate in the Unseen Realm

The Kingdom of God at Work

God's kingdom is active in the unseen world.

Hebrews 1:14 NIV tells us that angels are ***“ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.”*** Angels can protect, deliver messages, and even fight spiritual battles on behalf of believers. In Daniel 10, Daniel prays for 21 days until an angel arrives and explains that he was delayed by a “prince of Persia”—a demonic power—until Michael the archangel came to help.

This shows us that prayer moves things in the unseen realm. When you pray, you are partnering with God's kingdom to push back the darkness.

The Kingdom of Darkness at Work

Demons seek to oppose God's plans and harm humanity. Jesus described Satan as:

John 10:10 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Demons tempt, deceive, accuse, and attempt to gain influence over people. Some of their tactics include:

- Temptation (Genesis 3 – the serpent tempting Eve)
- Oppression (Luke 13:16 – a woman bound by a spirit of infirmity)
- Possession (Mark 5 – the man with a legion of demons)

Not every problem is caused by demons, but Scripture is clear—they are real and active.

How Humans Are Affected

Humans are often unaware of spiritual battles, which makes them vulnerable. Paul warns us:

2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

But believers are not helpless. We are given the armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-17)—truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. These are spiritual weapons for spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:13-17 NIV

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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Now that we understand the battlefield, let's talk about how to live victoriously in light of this unseen war.

3 of 3 – Living in Victory Over the Unseen World

Our Position in Christ

As believers, we are not fighting for victory—we are fighting from victory. Jesus has already won. Colossians 2:15 declares:

Colossians 2:15 NIV

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Because of Christ, we have authority over the enemy (Luke 10:19). We don't need to live in fear—we need to live in faith.

Luke 10:19 NIV

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Practical Steps for Believers

1. Stay Alert – 1 Peter 5:8 warns us to “be alert and of sober mind” because the devil prowls like a roaring lion.

2. Resist the Devil – **James 4:7** NIV says, **“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”**

3. Renew Your Mind – Romans 12:2 reminds us to be transformed by renewing our minds with God’s Word.

Romans 12:2 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

4. Pray Continually – Prayer is your line of communication and power in the spiritual realm.

5. Walk in Holiness – Darkness loses its grip when we walk in the light (1 John 1:7).

1 John 1:7 NIV

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

The Hope of the Future

Evil will not reign forever. Revelation 20 tells us that Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire, and God will make all things new. For the believer, the unseen world will one day be fully revealed, and we will see Jesus face to face.

Closing Challenge

The unseen world is real. Angels, demons, good, evil, heaven, and hell—they are not fairy tales but eternal realities. The question is: Whose side are you on? Are you living surrendered to Christ or open to the enemy's influence?

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for revealing the truth about the unseen world. Strengthen us to put on the full armor of God and stand firm. Protect our families, guide our steps, and let us walk in victory through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.