



Lesson 10: Choosing Sides Pt. 1 / Text: 1 John 4:1-6

Message Focus: Learning to walk in and defend the truth in a demonically influenced world.

Read 1 John 4:1-6. The subject matter discussed in these verses is foreign to most people, including many Christians. They talk of an ongoing conflict between God and rebellious angelic beings and those who follow them. It is important to lay a scriptural foundation regarding angels before we discuss these verses.

1. Who created the angels? (*Psalm 148:1-5 *vs.5*)

A.

2. How do we know God created the angelic beings before He created human beings? (*Job 38:1-7 *vs.7*)

A.

Why might these created beings have responded as they did?

A.

3. For what purposes did God create angelic beings? (*Psalm 103:20-21; Hebrews 1:5-6; Psalm 91:11-12*)

A.

4. It appears that some angels were created with greater capabilities/powers than others. At least three are mentioned in the Bible (*Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer*). The fact that, at least, some angels were created with free will is evidenced by Lucifer's intentions as described in Isaiah 14:12-14. What did/does he desire?

A.

In what ways is our rebellion, as humans, similar to Satan's?

A.

Even Christians can be tempted to rebel against God's authority. In what ways is this still true of you?

A.

5. How do we know Satan is the ring leader of all rebellious angels? What was prepared specifically for him/them? Why is this a fitting end for them? (*Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:9, 20:10*)

A.

6. Satan, in part, is responsible for deceiving people from believing in God, Jesus Christ, the Gospel, and the future judgment/punishment of all non Christians. What three examples does Peter use to drive home the certainty of future judgment for all unbelievers in 2 Peter 2:4-9?

A.

In your opinion, what is most striking about each of these 3 examples?

A.

Based on these examples, how seriously should we take our call to warn others about the judgment that is to come? Who specifically do you need to reach out to soon?

A.