



Message Two: Satan and Demons *Pastor Mike Chapman*

There is a war going on! God declared in Genesis 3:15, "I'm declaring war!" (Msg) It is a battle against Satan. It is invisible in its essence, but not in its consequences. It is a battle for the hearts of men and women.

Today, we will take a closer look at who our enemy is, what he is up to, and how we overcome him.

THE ORIGIN OF SATAN AND DEMONS

Angels were **created** by God as spirit beings to serve his purposes.

Nehemiah 9:6, You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their angels...and the angels of heaven bow down to You. (NLT)

There was a **rebellion** in the supernatural realm among the angels.

Revelation 12:4-9, Then another Sign alongside the first: a huge and fiery Dragon...With one flick of its tail it knocked a third of the Stars from the sky and dumped them on earth...War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his Angels fought the Dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, but were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven...The great Dragon—ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray—thrown

out, and all his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. (Msg)

THE BATTLE COMES TO PLANET EARTH

Satan leads humanity in **rebellion** against God.

Genesis 3:4-5, "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God." (NLT)

Paradise is lost and a new regime is ushered in—a **counterfeit kingdom**.

THE TACTICS OF DEMONIC FORCES

2 Corinthians 2:11, "For we are not unaware of his schemes. (NIV)

Deception

John 8:44, "Satan has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. (NLT)

Revelation 12:9, "He is the one who has fooled the whole world. (NLV)

Distraction

Matthew 13:19, "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. (NIV)

Destruction

1 Peter 5:8, *Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* (NIV)

OVERCOMING DEMONIC FORCES

We do not fight **for** victory but **from** victory.

Colossians 2:15, *Jesus stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the cross.*
(Msg)

1 John 4:4, *You belong to God and have defeated them; because God's Spirit, who is in you, is greater than the devil, who is in the world.* (NCV)

The key to overcoming is to **stand firm**.

Ephesians 6:13, *You need to put on God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing. So stand strong.* (CEV)

James 4:7, *Resist the Devil and he will flee from you.*
(NIV)

Four key weapons:

Faith

Ephesians 6:16, *Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one.* (NIV)

Word of God

Ephesians 6:17, *Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.* (NIV)

Praying in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:18, Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. (NCV)

Praise

Psalm 149:6-9, *May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands...to carry out the sentence written against them (God's enemies).* (NIV)