



WEEK 2. SATAN AND DEMONS
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Today we continue to look at some of the many things in our world that simply cannot be explained from a rational perspective. Could it be that there is something more going on? Maybe we are not alone on the planet. It's something that is invisible to the natural eye, but real nonetheless. Let's begin the journey to uncover the Supernatural.

Today we are going to talk about Satan and Demons.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT SATAN AND DEMONS ARE REAL

1 Peter 5:8-9, Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

The picture of Satan in the Bible is not figurative but literal.

Revelations 12:7-9, And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

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."

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.

He blinds our mind.

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.

He steals God's Word from you.

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.

He sets traps to entangle you.

2 Timothy 2:26, ...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

BATTLING THE DARKNESS IN OUR LIVES

We don't treat our enemy lightly.

John 10:10, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy

We don't flirt with darkness.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Let no one be found among you who...practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD...

We don't fight with our powers but with God's authority.

Matthew 10:1, He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

FINAL THOUGHTS

James 4:7-8, Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.