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Testing of your Faith



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Part 1

The Testing Of Your Faith



Video Series

Introduction

Throughout history, God had raised up people of vision to make his Word come alive. The Greek Bible was written in the language of common people; medieval monks painted their pages with silver and gold; the Reformers translated the Word into the common language; and today's preachers laboured to make the ancient text of Scripture as relevant as today's headlines. Yet the challenge is ever so daunting: "how are we to teach the written Word in a visual age?" And "how compelling is it to distribute literature when even the most remote bamboo hut boasts of a TV antenna or satellite dish?"

The single most influential media today is the Television. Therefore it should come as no surprise that biblical teaching are now couched in videos that bring the message of God in a familiar setting: the home. While it is true that God uses people to influence the world for Him, the videos serve as a powerful instrument in the hands of a well-trained individual, skillful enough to reinforce a sound biblical teaching without downplaying divine intervention through the human agent. It therefore serves as an awesome tool in the hands of your church recovering the abundant life in the kingdom.

In this video series you will find how these 4 video series are meant to stimulate the faith of your people, cause spiritual growth to the praise and worship of our God, Father, Son and Spirit. In reality the true essence of biblical theology is manifested in doxology.

Getting Started - 5 Easy Steps

Several basic ingredients are essential to any successful group study. Before you plan the first meeting, you should work through these fundamentals.

1. First, pray! Only God can change the hearts of men and prayer is your most powerful tool. As the leader of your group, this is your logical starting place.
2. Next, organise. Consider asking one or two others to share the leadership load by helping you plan, promote the series, distribute materials, etc.
3. Order the Course workbooks if the video series comes along with it. The video series is highly interactive, and the Course Workbook is essential for integrating the principles into daily life.

4. Encourage attendance.
5. Prepare to lead the discussions. In the following pages of this Leader's Guide, you will find a Session guide for each of the six-video sessions. Each one contains guidelines for the class, discussion questions. You can keep the Session Guide with you during your group time to help you lead each session with confidence.

Tips

1. *Cover the material.* Your main objective is to work through each video session and cover the discussion questions with your group in the allotted time. It is recommended that you view one session together each week in order for the rest of the materials to have their full effect.
2. *Let the Teacher teach.* Dr. Bruce Wilkinson is the teacher. Sit back and relax while he presents the materials. He has been studying and teaching for the last twenty years. Your experience is needed in facilitating his teaching and cultivating good conversations during the discussion time.
3. *Be yourself.* Be honest and open to your people. It is your openness and honesty that will influence how the group responds to you. The transparency of your group may be the crucial ingredient that triggers a breakthrough in their lives.
4. *Be prepared.* Hopefully the discussion questions will raise some interesting conversation in your group. However you can also lose focus during discussion time as people present opinions that may detract from the focus of the lesson, or may not represent Biblical teaching. A good way to keep things on track is to point the conversation back to a related point that is covered in the materials. That can only happen if you are familiar with the lessons and the materials. WorldTeach recommends that you as the leader view all of the videos sessions before beginning your series. Your familiarity with the series content will help you keep things headed in the desired direction at all times.

Format

1. View the video message (25-45 mins depending on length of video).
2. Group discussion on questions (30 mins).
3. Prayer support (15-35 mins).

Evaluation

Be sure to fill up the evaluation forms at the end of the video course.

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- I made a discernible change in my life as a result
- I have started reading the Bible more regularly as a result

What is the most important lesson you learn as a result of watching the video series? Why?

What are three most important topics facing Christians which you would like to see WorldTeach address in future videos?

Testing of Your Faith - 12 Part Video Series (next page)

There is no doubt that your life history has room for a discussion of tests and trials. But the real question is whether your theology has room for God's role in those tests. This video series will help you answer that all-important question!

Passing the Tests of Faith (Sessions 1&2)

Introduction: The Place of Faith in Relation to the Christian Life

1. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Heb 11:6
2. God tests our faith. James 1:2-4 - Goal is to make us mature, complete and lacking in nothing.

Between the coming of the test and the fruit of the test is what I choose to believe about God.

Beliefs of God

1. Believe that God tests every believer many times and in many ways.
We are never too old, too young or too spiritual to be tested.
1 Pet 1:6-9 - Every test is to produce maturity in faith.
2. Believe that God knows everything about your tests.
Mat 11:2,3 - John the Baptist was severely tested in his faith.
3. Believe that God is with you during the test.
Dan 3:15 - Daniel believed that God was present with them in their trials.
4. Believe that God is ultimately in control all the time.
Job 1:16-19 - Job's life was an example of the sovereignty of God.
5. Believe that God has unlimited power.
Num 11:21,22 - Moses' disbelief in God's provision.
Num 11:23 - God's word cannot and will not fail.
6. Believe that God expects us to pass the test.
Gen 22:1 - Tests are for us to believe in God and not in self. Abraham put God first before his own son Isaac. When we pass the test, God blesses vv.16 ff.
7. Believe that God has your ultimate good in the test.
Gen 50:19,20 - God's tests in the life of Joseph was for the good of him as well as for the good of the people of God.
Rom 8:28 - All things work to bring about God's purposes.
Rom 8:35-38 - Believe in the assurance that we are on God's side and nothing can separate us from his love.

Questions

1. How would you define faith?
2. Why are beliefs about God and what He does crucial to our passing the test?
3. What would happen to the people of God if by his good nature alone He does not test his children?
4. How would your children react to you if you test them in terms of their character and value systems?
5. When times testing seems unbearable, what are you most tempted to do?
6. Personally, what is the most consoling belief of God whenever you are tested?

Wong Responses to Tests of Faith - Session 3

Introduction

There are five wrong responses to tests that will short-circuit the power that God wants you to experience when you are tested. The fallacy arises when we think that faith is placed in faith itself and not faith in God through the Scriptures that matters. Thus God corrects our wrong concept of faith and through tests, increases it.

Deut 8:2,3,16 - God refines our motives by putting us through a time of tests so that we do not live according to our senses but on the Word of God. All these are meant for our good.

Examples of bad responses to the test of faith.

- (a) Ex 15:22-26 - In this episode, God tested them by bringing them to a place with bitter water. They murmured against Moses although through it all, God was not angry or judged them. All testing are bitter for the present.
- (b) Ex 16:1-7 - In another episode God again tested them through a period of hunger. Again they murmured against Moses. In reality they were murmuring against God although God was not angry or judged them. Purpose was to determine if they were to obey God's laws.
- (c) Ex 17:1-7 - In a similar episode with the first, the Israelite tested God to see if He was with them; for according to their understanding, as long as

God is in their midst, they would not be tested. Again God was not angry or judged them

(d) Num 11:1-5 - This time when the people complained, God was angry for they exaggerated the situation. Their response to the tests started with murmuring, continued with rebellion, culminating with faithlessness - leads to death.

(e) Num 13:32-14:4,10 - The final test came and that is to possess the land, none but 2 had the faith to possess the Promised Land. The multitude chose to believe lies: land devouring inhabitants; land inhabited by giants; and the people of God seemed like grasshoppers. Their response is to return to Egypt with a new leader. Although the tests were meant to increase their faith, it in turn hardened their hearts for they did not want to hear the truth anymore.

5 Wrong Responses to Tests of Faith

- 1 Compromise of faith - stopped believing in God that He is present.
- 2 Complain about the circumstances - see circumstances as separate from God.
- 3 Criticise people in charge - blame leadership.
- 4 Rebel against God in anger
- 5 Corrupt people's belief.

Conclusion

During the course of testing if murmuring, complaining and gossiping become the standard response, we will fail the test. It is the failure to see God's presence, purpose and providence at work in our lives. Then God will bring similar tests to strengthen us further, but when we fail the next time round, we end up wondering in the wilderness.

Question

1. Think of a situation when you were put to the test, how did you respond?
2. In the first three tests, God was not angry with the people, but was angry on the subsequent testing, what do you think is the main point in the narrative?
3. How does our response to our own testing affect the faith of other Christians, esp. those whom we know?
4. Why is murmuring such a deadly response to our faith?

Beliefs About the Tests of Faith - Session 4

Three vital beliefs about God will insure that regardless of the test, you will succeed in growing and benefiting from it.

1. God always teaches us before He tests us. God always teaches and prepares us beforehand so that we can believe in Him when testing arises. Ex 15-17 are God's teachings on His faithfulness. In Ex 19:4-6 - The people of God is to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, Ex 24:3. When they murmured after taking the covenant, God was angry and judged them, see Num11,14. The same goes with us.
2. God always takes our response personally. Remember not to tempt the Lord Ex 17:2, or to doubt His Word Ex 17:7. Consider Psalm 78 as your response to faith.
3. God will always judge those who rebel while in a test and bless those who believe. Num 14:23 – God's judgement on unbelief. Num14:24 – God's blessing on belief.

Question

1. Why is it important for God to instruct us before putting us to the test?
2. According to Ex 19:4-6, what is the vocation of the people of God and what does this involves?
3. Read Psalm 78 together, what truths do you find about God that will help you pass the test?
4. What is one area that God is testing you? What are some steps you can take to pass the test of faith?

The Anatomy of a Test of Faith - Session 5

In this session, you will learn the biblical truths about what happens when God sends a test of faith into you life.

James 1:2-4 - Since tests of faith are for my good and for God's glory, I can stop the test or continue in it.

1 Pet1:6 - I know I'm in a test when I'm grieved or distressed by someone or circumstances; when I'm impatient, irritated, angry, ticked off, or discouraged.

Steps in a test of faith.

1. Acknowledge that I am in a test that is made and tailored specially for me by God to increase my faith in Him. It is for my good and for His glory.
2. When I respond emotionally and too quickly, the test can become uncontrollable. I would then need to guard my emotions and focus on the test. Temptations and tests are similar except that the former is to cause me to sin and the latter is to increase my faith.
3. I need to recognize that when I react to my emotions, there is nothing wrong with my emotions; it is my faith that needs refining. Instead of focussing on my emotions and behavioral response, I need to evaluate on my beliefs of God as the first step. I need to ask “What belief in God is He testing me?” In Phil 4:11-13 Paul learnt the secret of handling tests of faith.

Work on what you **believe** and your **behavior** will follow.

Questions

1. Why is belief and behavior so closely intertwined?
2. What happens when you focus on the behavior without changing one’s beliefs?
3. In Phil 4:11-13, What is the secret that Paul has learned about coping with test?
4. How would you know if you have passed the test successfully?

The Anatomy of a Test of Faith - Session 6

When God allows a test of faith to come your way, how do you stand firm? This session teaches you how to be strong in a test.

Examples of faithful men:

1. Caleb and Joshua Num 13:30-14:10 - At the most crucial moment when the Israelites were at the threshold of possessing the Promised Land, only two stood up in faith among the majority. Caleb and Joshua responded in faith, did not think about themselves, looked to God as the Deliverer and gave the problem back to him. They were commended for their faith. The

other ten responded in fear, looked at themselves, looked at the circumstances, looked at the people and rebelled against God.

2. David 1 Sam 17:24-37 - In the battle between David & Goliath, David brought God into the picture, did not believe in himself or his capabilities, relied on God's past faithfulness and experienced victory.
3. Paul Acts 20:24 - Paul purposed in his mind to preach the gospel despite persecutions and circumstances for "none of these *worried* him." Motivation in passing the test is always for the glory of God and not for self-glory.

Pitfalls to Avoid

Matt 8:23-26 - Little faith brings fear. Testing of faith is always more than what you had experienced so that your faith can increased.

Promises to Claim

2 Tim 1:7 - God gave us a spirit of Power, Love and Sound mind; not a spirit of fear.

Question

1. Think of a situation when you were tested in an area of your life, what was the thought that occupied your mind most?
2. What can you learn from 1 Sam 17:24-37 about David's experience of faith?
3. Compare the responses between these two groups of people in Num13:30-14:10, what can you learn about the faith of Caleb and Joshua and about the lack of faith in the multitude?
4. Why does fear is a hindrance to faith?

When Faith begins to Fail - Session 7

Whenever we fail a test, we do not lose our faith overnight, but we do realise that it gets weaker and weaker. What positive steps should we take when we sense we are losing the test of faith or when our faith begins to slip away? Compare with James 1:2.

3 Steps to Pass the Tests of Faith.

Ps 78:7

- 1 Set your hope in God - Focus your future on the character of God and his promises.
- 2 Don't forget the works of God - Remember God's faithfulness in our lives. How many memories do I have of God's goodness and faithfulness in my life?
- 3 Keep His commandments - Walk in obedience. Since every test of faith is harder than the one before, do I see God's hand in a test of faith?

All 3 steps work together for the good of the person tested cf. James 1:2-4.

Ps 78:8 - Those who fail the test of faith are called rebellious and unfaithful. They did not believe in God and did not do what is commanded.

One important truth to remember when undergoing a test of faith is to believe that God wants to increase my faith by testing me. He does put us to test and not as some suggest the contrary. Always differentiate truths of God from lies through the Word of God.

Questions

1. What can you gather by now the important truth stated in Jas 1:2-4?
2. The three steps from Ps 78:7 have to deal with the past, present and future experiences of our lives, what is the link among them?
3. The Word of God is our greatest resource to build us up, what are some steps you can prepare and equip yourself in times of testing?
4. What are some common lies that Christians believe when they are going through testings?

How to Remember Never to Forget - Session 8

This session presents seven Scriptural tools every Christian should use to build his or her faith during a test:

1. **READ** the Bible daily.
Rom 10:17 – faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God.

If I do not know God from his Word, when testing comes, my faith can be corrupted or flawed. I am vulnerable to believe the wrong things or even lies about God.

2. **RECORD** in your personal journal. Keeping records of God's faithfulness can help me recall past experiences of faith.
3. **REPEAT** 10 recent works of God and give thanks. Doing it every morning and keeping a prayer journal when God answers.
4. **RETRACE** lives of great men of faith. It encourages us to know the faithfulness of God.
5. **RETAIN** the victory of tests of faith with memorial. Something that we own; a gift probably; or we may build or make - Josh 4:6 pile of stones. Good memorials to encourage, bad memorials to warn and challenge us to do better.
6. **RECONSIDER** the Lord's faithfulness through songs of faith.
7. **REHEARSE** the tests of faith with your family. Let them know your struggles and victories and the faithfulness of God through it all.

Questions

1. What are the benefits of maintaining a consistent bible reading program?
2. If you have to live your life over again, how would you like people to remember you in the area of your faith and its tests?
3. As a group, which great man of faith would you like to study together and be stimulated by his life?
4. If you were to be asked about a recent encounter about the reality of God in your life, what would you share about God and your faith?

Holding on to Hope - Session 9

The key to passing a test of your faith successfully is to remember the promises God has made about your future. There are 30,000 promises of God in the Bible. George Mueller took those promises and stood on them as life-standards.

When tested we need to remember the universal promises of God.

When we are in a test of faith, we tend to believe that the test will not end or we stop believing in God and start sinning.

Principles to draw from: Heb 6:11-18

1. Do not be sluggish v. 12.
2. Imitate those who through faith in God have passed – when we look at ourselves, we fail, because tests of faith are beyond what we have experienced v. 12.
3. When God makes a promise He keeps it vv. 14-16.
4. Promises are given to heirs. Therefore we can take God's promises for the future and bring them back to the present tests of faith v. 17. When in a test of faith - Hang on/persevere in present testings; hang on to past experiences of His faithfulness; and bring future promises to the present tests.
5. Be rooted in hope for it is the anchor of the soul vv. 18,19.
6. Understand that all tests of faith are linked with God's promises that are the basis of victory in times of testing.

Questions

1. Briefly explain the relation between God's promises and tests of faith? Why does God tie the two together?
2. In Heb 6:18, what is this hope that the writer is talking about?
3. Why is hope tied with testiness in Heb 6:19?
4. Why was the writer of Hebrews seem positive of their struggle in their Christian life, Heb 6:9-12? Does this apply to your current situation?

Claiming the Promises - Session 10

When our faith are severely tested, understand that there are several emotional reactions we face and the best way to claim victory is through the promises of God.

1. Persecution – Matt 5:11-12. When persecuted, be exceedingly glad because the promise of great reward awaits us in heaven. But the lie that most Christians believe is that it is not worth it.
2. Anxiety – Phil 4:6,7. Anxiety always beset us when we face severe testing. This is a natural human response. However the promise of victory is first tied to an action: do not be anxious, following which is to commit the test to God in prayer. The Promise of God is that He will fill our hearts and mind with peace during such times.
3. Worry – Matt 6:25-33. Another natural response is worry. Over worry will weary the faith of Christians. Remember that God knows everything we need. As we seek the Lord and his kingdom righteousness, confessing any known sins, we must learn to rest in God. God will provide for all our needs.
4. Coveting Heb 13:5. The feeling of insecurity and discontentment lies at the root of evil. Covetousness is a deep-rooted sin. It is a distrust of God and the feeling of wanting more in life means placing one's trust in material possessions. The latter is the root of idolatry. God promises his presence and will not leave us desolate.
5. Afraid – Josh 1:5-9. Fear tends to cloud our hearts from believing that God is with us in our trials. Claim the promise that God is with us and He will guide our ways so that I may be successful in all I do.

Questions

1. What is your most frequent emotional response when you are tested?
2. Would you say that emotional response is part of our humanity and there is nothing wrong with being emotional when tested? Why?
3. What do you think is the root of all our insecurities when we covet for what we do not possess?
4. Worry and anxiety are common human responses in a period of testing, what antidote does the Bible has to clear us from the ill effects of them?

The Character of God - Session 11

Faith is your responsibility while in a test; everything else is up to God. Learn five characteristics of God which deserve trust.

Always begin with the fact that God tests our hearts, 2 Thess 2:4. During tests of faith – knowing what to do leads to greater faith while the antithesis leads to weaker faith, and can consequently result in blaming God or leaving church. Therefore knowledge of God in our lives is proportional to our increase of faith.

In Ex 34:5ff. - God revealed His character to Moses:

- 1 Merciful – same word as “womb.” It has the idea of overwhelming compassion and a relationship of Father and son.
- 2 Gracious – It means pity, and gives us something free to undeserved persons. Gives something I do not have.
- 3 Long-suffering – Withholds His anger for a long time. The Children of Israel tested God 10 times before He unleashed his anger and judgement.
- 4 Abounding in goodness – It has the same meaning as loving kindness. It also means overwhelming loyalty, and never abandoning attitude. Covenant of God is a covenant of His goodness through His Word, oath, promise and culminating in Jesus.
- 5 Abounding in truth – It means faithfulness, firm, stable, strong, and dependable.

Question

1. Why is testing tied with God's character?
2. How would you react/respond to someone who tells you that since God is long suffering and merciful, I can do what I want and repent later?
3. God never tests his children. Comment on this statement.
4. What was Moses response when God revealed His character to Moses? What should be our appropriate response in a test when we come out with a clearer vision of God's character?

Seeking God's Wisdom - Session 12

An infinite resource of wisdom and guidance are yours while in a test:
God himself!
Learn how to learn from Him.

James 1:5-8 - Context of the prayer of wisdom is couched in times of testing. We need to recognize that the source of the test is God; consequently He is also the source of answers. He gives wisdom liberally – to all who need wisdom. He gives wisdom without reproach – not grudgingly, and is not too busy to respond. However we need to ask in faith and without doubting v.6. When we do not ask in faith and start to doubt God, we become double minded, confused and unstable in our ways.

Distinctions between tests temptations:

Temptations

1. Source - from self or the enemy and never from God (James 1:13).
2. Purpose - cause us to sin (James 1:15).
3. The lie - temptation is too overwhelming.
4. The truth - Our temptations are common (1 Cor 10:13).
5. God's promise - The way of escape (1 Cor 10:13).

Tests of Faith

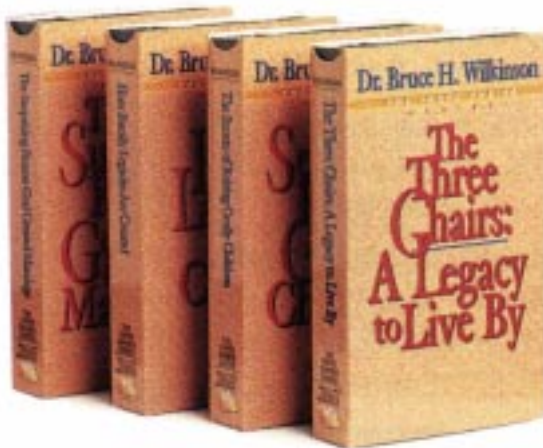
1. Source - from God (1 Pet 1: 6).
2. Purpose - to increase our faith "to be perfect, complete and lacking nothing" (James 1:4).
3. The lie - God is not here with me during the test. If God is with me He will not allow me to go through the test.
4. The truth - God tests our faith and He is present with us in testiness.
5. God's promise - Give us wisdom to handle the tests (James 1:2).

Questions

1. What are the differences between God's wisdom and human wisdom cf. Jas 3: 15-18?
2. When in a test how should one pray in order to know what to do and react Jas 1: 5-8?
3. What happens to us when we doubt?
4. In what ways have you been confused between temptations and testiness?

Part 2

The Three Chairs



The Three Chairs - A Four Part Video Series

Parenting - a blessing disguised as a challenge! Now more than ever, Christian parents want help with family living. Top billing on the need list? Passing on a genuine Christian faith to one's children. Especially when children know all of their parents' failures and inconsistencies. How can parents prevent spiritual cynicism in their children, and influence them to choose Christ over the world? In this series, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson first shows parents how to be godly themselves, and then how to have godly children.

The Three Chairs: A Legacy To Live By - Video 1

Answering the question of why godly parents have rebellious children, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson shows you that every home has three chairs of spiritual commitment. Where you sit will most likely determine the spirituality of your children, but first important principle is to assess your own spirituality follow by active steps towards a life of godliness.

Joshua 24:15 - Joshua's final words: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord".

First Chair	Second Chair	Third Chair
<p><u>Josh 24:17</u> Joshua Knew the Lord. Had the works of the Lord and dramatic answers to prayer.</p>	<p><u>Judges 1:7</u> The <u>Elders (2nd generation)</u> Knew the Lord. Did not have the works but knew about the works.</p>	<p><u>Judges 2:10</u> <u>Another generation (3rd)</u> Didn't know the Lord. Didn't know about the works.</p>
<p><u>Chair of Commitment</u> Love the Lord, sold out to God. Will have children who will come to know the Lord at young age. Commitment leaks over to their children.</p> <p><u>Abraham</u> Knew God and knew the works of God</p>	<p><u>Chair of Compromise</u> Grow up in "Christian" home. When they become Christian they will leach off their parent's commitment. Commitment not really their own. Take things for granted.</p> <p><u>Isaac</u> Compromising man</p>	<p><u>Chair of Conflict</u> Starts with compromise in the home will always turn to conflict. In constant tension within self. Unable to find self.</p> <p><u>Jacob</u> Filled with compromise then conflict. Wrestled with his parents, with himself and with God.</p>

<p><u>David</u> Inherited a physical kingdom after Saul's reign but built it into a spiritual kingdom.</p>	<p><u>Solomon</u> Started off with a spiritual kingdom from his father, brought it down to a physical kingdom.</p>	<p><u>Rehoboam</u> Took what was left (Judah with 2 tribes) and completely destroyed it.</p>
<p><u>People</u> Loves people and uses things. Position, power and possessions not important. God first, me second.</p>	<p><u>Possessions/Prosperity</u> Slides from people to possessions. Loves things and uses people. Job and status becomes everything. Accumulation of things, position, power is important. Me first, God second.</p>	<p><u>Purposelessness</u> Grows up in a home where parents put job/career first. Me first, me second.</p>
<p>Life of Convictions based on Scripture. Possess the works and maintains a vibrant and personal relationship with God.</p>	<p>Life of Beliefs based on parents' convictions and on Christian consensus. Possess not the works, only know about them. Entrap in a life of Christian obligations but possess not a vibrant and personal relationship with God.</p>	<p>When beliefs are passed on they become Opinion. Beliefs are passed on as religion. Possess not the works or have a vibrant and personal relationship with God.</p>
<p>Convictions = Beliefs + Works</p>	<p>Convictions when passed on without works turn into beliefs.</p>	<p>Beliefs without works when passed on turn into opinions.</p>
<p>Spiritual man. Hot. Whole Heart for God.</p>	<p>Carnal man. Luke-warm. Half Heart for God.</p>	<p>Natural man. Cold. No Heart for God.</p>

Dilemma: We cannot train up a child (Prov 22:6) unless we as parents sit in the chair of commitment.

Solution: As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. God loves everyone (Rev 3:19). Therefore be **zealous** and **repent**.

Questions

1. For the average Singapore Christian, what do you think are the struggles holding him/her from sitting in the chair of commitment?
2. How can we break free from the lure of possessions, wealth and status?
3. If you were to die today, what kind of a legacy would you like to leave behind to your children?
4. Having godly parents do not guarantee godly children. Discuss the validity of the statement.

How Family Legacies Are Created - Video 2

Given that parents should sit in the chair of commitment, how do they stay there? What choices and changes must take place for consistency in spiritual living? Dr. Wilkinson presents details on the chair of commitment living in this session.

Our lives are powerful examples to our children. They catch character and lifestyle from us. In order for them to build a life of convictions, they need to observe it from one most influential source: parents. Our children commit their lives to God when they see and experience first-hand God's dealings with their parents so that their beliefs become their own convictions. Remember that

Convictions = Beliefs plus Experience/works

Beliefs without Experience/works = Opinion

Most Christians who sit in the chair of compromise do not have the works to validate their beliefs. Scriptural principles do not seem to work in their daily lives. Often they compromise Biblical principles with "being real in the world" and "times have changed" excuses. They speak the right contents but live the wrong values. They sink into passivity (lukewarmness) and believe in the lie that one has to be broad-minded. Money becomes their god. Although deep within their lives they have a god-shape vacuum, they choose to fill it with riches, materialism, career, and status. Guilt and spiritual struggles seem to be their works they reaped. The root sin is unbelief. Scripture does not mean anything to them.

God's reaction to the chair of compromise believer:

Rev 3:16 He is angry - "I will spew you out of my mouth".

Rev 3:17 Fundamental problem is the obsession with money "I am rich and have become wealthy" cf. (Matt 6:24).

Rev 3:19,20 Eyes are blinded. God's love prevails and invitation given.

Questions

1. What telltale signs would you be able to observe when a child is rebelling against God and against you?
2. What happens to the faith of our child if as parents we hold on to a form of religion but denying godliness?
3. What are some principles for those sitting in the chair of compromise to shift and sit in the chair of commitment?
4. If you want your child to sit in the chair of commitment, what areas of your life must you surrender to God?

The Three Chairs: The Surprising Reason God Created Marriage - Video 3

A biblical translation of "train your children" is "love your spouse." It has been rightly pointed out that the key to godly children is a godly marriage. Dr. Wilkinson leads parents to a deeper understanding of their role as a couple in producing godly offspring.

In Mal 2:13-16 - When we live a life of marital infidelity, God is not pleased. He does not accept our worship and sacrifices, although we may seem penitent on the outside. God is the witness against our unkind, unfair, manipulative, cunning treatment toward our wives when in fact she is our companion and wife by covenant. Eve was created because God saw that it was not good for man to be alone (Gen 2:18). Spouse was for companionship and marriage was by covenant. God is the one who joins the marriage relationship (Mark 10:16). God's intention for the couple is to produce godly offspring.

There is a big difference between an offspring of first chair parents and from a second chair parents. A Christian offspring of second chair parents takes a long time to be committed. After conversion he carries with him all the baggage and hang-ups of ungodly living; thus is the result of ungodly heritage of his parents. On the contrary, a believer from first chair parents witnesses the

genuineness of the parents' faith, receiving a godly heritage from them. He is protected from the ways of the world and from Satan. What can we do to raise godly offspring:

1. Guard your spirit (your heart) Mal 2:15 - for out of it flow the issues of life (Prov 4:23)
2. Remain loyal to your spouse.

The compromising standards of second chair parents would be a major obstacle in raising godly children and most often their own relationships end in divorce. Divorce destroys the chances of godly offspring. God hates divorce (Mal 2:16).

Consequences of marital infidelity:

1 Pet 3:7 Prayers will be hindered.

1 Pet 3:12 Face of God is against those who do evil.

Heb 13:4 God will judge fornicators and adulterers. God will judge the husband and wife who divorce.

1 Thess 4:5,6 God will avenge fornicators and adulterers.

No marriage is beyond God's help.

Questions

1. What must you do if you were to obey the command to have godly offspring?
2. Is it too late if your child had already started to rebel against God to turn him into a committed Christian?
3. What are some reasons for the high rate of divorce in Singapore?
4. If you had a chance to live your life over again, what would you do differently in the area of parenting?
5. Guarding our hearts from the sin of adultery seems to be the key to marital fidelity, what ways can you suggest?

The Three Chairs: The Secrets of Raising Godly Children - Video 4

What is a parent? Part artist, surgeon and cheerleader! Let a seasoned parent, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson encourages you with tips and principles in bringing out the best in your child.

Josh 24:25 - First make up your minds to serve the Lord as a whole family. Purpose in your hearts as well. As long as we are parents regardless of which chair we are sitting, we must take the responsibility to nurture and guide our children in the paths of godliness. Remember there is a natural tendency to slide from godliness to godlessness.

Raising children is the single most difficult task - we never feel confident, and we don't always know what to do. Often we make mistakes, errors and blunders but by the grace of God, He can turn them into positive experiences towards a life of godliness:

Ps 78:4,5 - share with your children the works of God in your lives. The key is to help them experience the works of God while sitting in the chair of commitment.

Ps 78:6 - Result of the above will filter through to the third generation.

Ps 78:8 - We need to guard our hearts against the spirit of rebellion and unfaithfulness lest our children and grandchildren learn our ways.

Deut 4:9,10 - It all begins with me as the parent. I, as the parent must take ownership of my spirituality by remembering the testimonies of the reality of God and teaching them to our children and grandchildren. Raising godly children is not a single generation issue. My job as the parent is never completed because my life in a large part also influences the grandchildren's generation. Remember that we can't always control our children and grandchildren from straying; but whenever a problem arises, we must get involved.

How far does God hold us accountable?

Deut 21:18 - after we have done all even to the point of chastising them or when they are mature, we are not less accountable.

Deut 6:2 - We are to pass on to our children and grandchildren as long as we live.

Deut 6:7-9 - We pass on the fear of God, His statutes and commandments by the following:

1 Teach - need to talk, have agenda, using books, audio/video tapes etc.

A formal setting as there is a beginning and an end in the session.

- 2 Talk - continuous, and informal setting. Be available. Bedtime seems to be the most conducive time.
- 3 Bind them - indirect teaching, personal testimonies and values.
When do our children pick up from us?
- 4 Write them - keeping a journal on the faithfulness of God.
This influence continues despite your absence.

Questions

1. What practical ways can you impart habits of godliness to your children?
2. For the year 2000, what would you like to teach your children on formal Christian education or do you relegate the responsibility to Sunday School?
3. How far would you go to tell your children about your personal failures in life in the same way as you would tell them about your victories?
4. If today you are sent for a medium term attachment say about 3 months away from home by your office, in what ways would your daily presence influence or affect your children in the area of godly habits during your absence?

Part 3

Foundations Of Faith



Foundations of Faith

What are Foundations of Faith? They are superstructures that hold and support the main building. When the foundations are weak, the entire building can collapse any moment when under heavy loads and stresses. The reverse is however true, it can withstand even the heaviest forces that one musters against it without falling over. The same is true in the Christian life. When our foundations are weak we can be tossed and swayed by all winds of doctrine. Therefore strengthen yourself so that you may not be led astray into various and diverse doctrines in these last days.

The Bible - Part 1 - 26 mins.

An Overview of the Bible - It contains 66 books, written by more than 40 people over a span of 1,500 years and have one thing in common: all subjects are coherent without any contradictions. Amazing! It is unique in translation and is by far a most "sought after" book in that it was burned on many occasions and was outlawed in history. Christians were persecuted and many were killed for possessing the Bible for they rather risked losing their lives than to lose the Bible.

What then is the Bible? It claims to be the very words of God. It is in fact the revelation from God to men. Subjects are practical and most relevant in today's issues as well as for eternity. It records a specific way of life whereby we are to live as God's holy people within the community of faith. It is meant to be the yardstick for all of life's issues pertaining to godliness.

Bruce teaches on the progress of revelation (**2 Pet 1:21**). Prophecy as the speaking forth of the truths of God. God spoke through holy men cf. **1 Pet 1:10ff**. In **2 Tim 3:16** - All Scripture is given by God through inspiration; in the Greek it means "God - to breath". Echoes the creation of man esp. Adam. The Bible is "alive" - it gives life to the readers. **Heb 4:12** - The Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any 2 edged sword.

The thesis is that the Bible ought to be the source of all our ways, standards and living and is the main resource on which we build our foundations on.

Questions

1. Since the meaning of inspiration in the original means "God breathed", would you say that the Bible has an inherent power to breath life to everyone who reads and applies what is taught?

2. What does it mean by the phrase “God breathed”, cf. Gen 2:7b?
3. Since the Bible is the revelation of God and in it contains life, why does it take 1,500 years before it was completely compiled and given to men? Why does God not give us a manual rather than a record his past dealings with men?
4. What then is the role of the Holy Spirit when it comes to Bible reading?
5. Can man find real and fulfilled answers to the meaning of life apart from the Bible esp. in today’s culture when there are promising social sciences to aid us to live life to its fullest e.g. science, technology, new innovations, human potential movement, etc.?
6. If you were to teach your child on the importance of the Bible, what concrete steps would you take to instill the attitude in your child’s life?

The Bible - Part 2 - 26 mins.

What we believe will influence how we behave. What are the benefits in reading the Bible is what this part deals with. God wrote a book to tell us the answers to life’s issues. He is the author of life. He wants us to be happy and be blessed. Communication, relationship, business dealings are some of the subject matters that the Bible address.

According to **Josh 1:8** success is promised to the people who read, speak, meditate and comply with all that it says. In **Psalm 1:1,2** - Happy and blessed is the man who meditates and does the Law of the Lord. He is like a tree that bears fruit in season. All kinds of storms will not uproot it. Joy and peace are with them despite adverse circumstances. **2 Tim 3:16,17** - The end result of the man who holds true to the Scripture is one of completeness, lacking nothing and is thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Although the Bible contains the Words of Life, men can still read it and not discern life-changing truths. In **1 Cor 2:14**, the natural man would not be able to discern the truths of God. In **1 Cor 3:1,2**, the carnal men who are constantly quenching the Spirit will not be able to understand the truths of God as their ears are dull of hearing. God will not reveal new truths but on the contrary be silent to them. Until they have decided to obey God, then only will he reveal new truths. It is the Spiritual man who listens and obeys God. God is honoured and please to reveal himself further to such men **Jn 14:21**. In summary the Bible holds the key to life and those who obey it will be successful and prosperous.

Question

1. According to Jn 14:21, God loves those who obey him and will reveal himself to him. Does it mean that if you are not learning of God from his word, whether it takes the form of your Quiet time, Sunday Sermon, Bible study, etc. are you then not loving God and not obeying word?
2. How would you define success and prosperous in relation to men who obey God?
3. Why are carnal men not able to understand the Word of God?
4. Three types of men were mentioned in 1 Cor 2:14;15;3:3. Natural, Carnal and Spiritual. Briefly describe each of them and evaluate which type you belong.
5. In Psalms 1, meditation seems to be the key of success of the blessed man, briefly explain what meditation is and how it has influenced your life?

Sin - Part 1, 26 mins.

In the Old Testament, three words are used to describe the all-embracing term sin: iniquity, transgression and sin, cf. Lev 16:21. While the three words are synonyms, each carries a distinctive meaning. The word for **iniquities** (awon) refers to **crookedness**. It is used in cases when David was arranging a plan with Jonathan; and Absalom who was kept from seeing his father, they each argued that “if there is iniquity in me let him put me to death”. The argument they are making is one of being transparent, straightforward and not perverse. Occasionally the word is translated as guilt. In the Hebrew thought-world, both the act and its consequences are seen as one entity, thus guilt is rendered in place of iniquity. Used 231 times, the noun is often used religiously in the context of man and God cf. Ps 90:8.

Transgressions (pesa) refer to **overreaching** or **breach**. When applied in a political sphere, it means insurrection; applied to stewardship, it means a breakdown of trust or breach through fraud; applied to subordinates and superior, it means the subordinate has overstepped his boundaries thus damaging the relationship and becomes liable (Amos 1:3; cf. 1:6,9,11,13; 2:1,4,6). Theologically whoever transgresses against God not only rebels against him but also breaks off with him for he has taken what is uniquely God's. This is the core of what the Old Testament calls sin. Sin, while it involves acts, is at its base a relational failure.

Sin (hete) is **missing the mark**. It has its setting in a military target practice cf. Judg 20:16. Here it is used in a **moral** sense (Ps 19:2). Religiously coupled with the term failure, it becomes the all-embracing word for sin and is the most frequently translated word - almost 600 times. Missing the mark means failure to keep the law, but more so it refers to the failure of a person to person relationship (1 Sam 2:23; cf. Jer 16:10-12; 1 Kg 8:46). Thus the word sin like the word transgression is a relational term.

The definition of sin. Even Jesus was tempted to sin. Adam and Eve was tempted to sin. A quick overview of sin and its effects. What then is sin? 522 times translated in Hebrew means to miss the mark. In Greek the same meaning is implied: Missing the target. It is a willful choice to miss the target while hitting another. Application is to miss the target of behaviour. I do not want to abide by God's target. Another Hebrew meaning is to miss the way or to rebel. In the Bible sin is not between man and man, but fundamentally God and man. I will not do it your way is the ethos. Behind sin is the issue of rebellion.

In **Rom 3:10-12** everyone has purposefully wandered off the way. In **Ex 20:7ff**. We should not take the name of the Lord's name in vain. Not swearing in the name of the Lord. In **Mat 5:28**, we must not commit adultery in the heart. In **Mat 5:44**, we must love your enemies. In **Mat 5:48**, we are commanded to follow the Father. In summary it is I who chooses to sin and rebel willfully against the Almighty God and therefore will not be able to stand before Him. Consequently I must admit that it is because of my own willful way that I am separated from God.

Questions

1. There are basically two definitions that Bruce expounded: transgression - missing the target and sin - to miss the way. Are they related and if so how?
2. How is temptation different from sin?
3. If according to Bruce, no matter how long a person may have been walking with the Lord, the answer to the question of the degree of sinfulness is always one of maximum sinfulness, how then would we be able to walk in perfection as what Jesus expects?
4. Would you agree with Bruce that everyone including you are guilty of willfully disobeying God by erasing the standards He has set for you and me?

Sin - Part 2 - 26 mins

How does God feel about me when I sinned? **Rom 1:18** - Wrath - extreme anger. When I sin more and more, do I accumulate more of God's anger? **Rom 2:5** - storing up wrath for myself. Greek word - means to bank it as a deposit. What will the wrath of God look like for one who sins? Vengeance - **2 Thess 1:7,8** - retribution and to pay back for the evil for all that I had done. What will the vengeance look like? Punishment by eternal destruction. **Rom 6:23** - wages of sin is death. It uses the concept of work by means of wages. Death means - to be separated. Physical death means physical separation from the body. Spiritual death - separation of God. Eternal death penalty - sends us to hell and thereby separated from God eternally.

In **Rev 20:10** - Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and tormented day and night. In **Rev 20:11,12** - Great White Throne Judgment - dead are judged by their works. All that we had done will be recorded in the books. The phrase "According to" means in proportion to what I had done. This is the second death.

Mat 25:31,32 - Hell prepared for those who are separated from God.

Questions

1. If sin is such a detestable thing that God abhors, why do you think that generally speaking Christians are lax with their lives?
2. How would you teach the subject of sin to a new Christian?
3. If God is good and kind, can he not forgive men for their sins, since no one is perfect?
4. I am not bad, although occasionally I may tell a lie or two, but I can't be compared to someone like Saddam Hussein who kills by the thousands. I don't even kill an ant much less a human being. Surely God can't be so merciless as to throw me into hell for such trivial things? Discuss.
5. If today there were an escape for your penalty and the condition is for you to follow the Way wholeheartedly, would you be willing to swallow the bitter pill in order to escape the eternal punishment?
6. In 2 Thess 1:8, vengeance is exacted on what two categories of people?

SalvationPart 1 - 23 mins.

Introduction

Time frame vs. eternity. When you ask a person “Where do you go when you die?” the most common answer is “I am not quite sure but I am not a bad person.”

Destiny of Angels

Eternal destiny of Angels - In the beginning God the Trinity was at the beginning. He created the angels but they rebelled and wanted a new leader. It was a huge rebellion. In **2 Pet 2:4** some angels were cast into hell cf. **Jude 1:6**. Previously angels had a free will before they rebelled but subsequently after their rebellion they were punished. While some were cast into hell, another group of angels was cast into earth.

Destiny of Man

After the fall of angels God created man. Adam was given free will. In **Gen 2:16,17**, a specific command was given and contravening it resulted in death. However men who disobey were chased out of the Garden of Eden and though they did not die immediately or was he banished to hell as some angels were, they will eventually be banished there forever.

Mat 25:41 - Cast into the lake of fire.

Mat 13:41 ff. - same as above.

Solution to Man's problem

Lev 1:1-3 - God's offer of atonement for sins was instituted. It will be accepted when we offer it willingly. The meaning of atonement is to cover but does not in anyway means forgiveness of sin.

Questions

1. Why do you think that men were not instantaneously cast into the lake of fire/hell as were the angels but were cast outside the Garden of Eden?
2. What do you understand by the phrase “to atone”?
3. In Gen 2:16,17 - God's warning to Adam is to refrain from eating the forbidden fruit by which if he did, he shall surely die, what do you understand from the word death and why did they not die immediately?
4. “Though I am not perfect, but I am certainly not a criminal, surely there is some ray of hope for me when I die, isn't there?” Discuss

Salvation - Part 2 - 25 mins.

Plan of Salvation

Rom 3:23 - God's plan of salvation predicated on his mercy and love because all men are utterly sinful.

Agent of the plan of salvation

Isa 53:4-6 - The Suffering Servant was bruised and crushed for our iniquities

Isa 53:10 - God was pleased to bruise the Suffering Servant for the sake of the world.

Mark 10:45 - Jesus is the Servant who gave his life as a ransom for many

Jn 10:11;17,18 - Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jn 12:27 - Jesus came to die for the sins of the world.

In the Old Testament, the people of God had to sacrifice a lamb for the atonement of their own sins. The only sacrifice perfect enough is the Son of God.

Effects of Salvation

By the power of the Resurrection - Jesus' sacrifice is vicarious and efficacious.

Rom 5:8-9 - Saved from wrath through Jesus

Response to the Offer of Salvation - Jn 3:16-18; cf. 3:36 - Believe - change my mind

Do you believe?

Questions

1. What is the main reason for the coming of Jesus Christ to earth?
2. If you had an only child who is willing to sacrifice himself/herself to save another life, as the parents, would you stop him/her from doing so?
3. How would you feel if after the sacrifice of your child, the beneficiary spurn your child's sacrifice and start to curse you as the parents?
4. What would you think is an appropriate response to the offer of salvation?
5. How effective is the death of Jesus for your penalty of sin?

Why Jesus Said "I'll Be Back" - Part 1 - 25 mins.

Definition of Second Coming?

Acts 1:9-11 - He will come in the same manner as he went up to heaven.

Main contents of first coming are so beautifully written in the Apostle's Creed.

Signs of the Second Coming?

Zech 14:1-4,8 - Second Coming of Christ occurring in the Mount of Olives.

Mat 23:37-39 - Jesus will come on the day when Israel acknowledges his Messiahship.

Mat 24:2,3;24:30 - Visible and Jesus is coming in glory to be seen by all.

2 Thess 1:8 - Angels will be coming with Jesus to exact vengeance on those who do not know God and those who did not obey him.

Questions

1. Why is there a need for Jesus to come a second time?
2. What would be expected of the subjects when the king who has gone on for a long trip returns?
3. How does the return of Jesus excite you?
4. In 2 Thess 1:8, what 2 groups of people will Jesus exact vengeance on? Have you obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ even though you may have believed?

Why Jesus Said "I'll Be Back" - Part 2 - 26 mins

Are you Ready?

Mat 25:31-34,41,46 - Jesus sits on his throne of glory and he will separate the sheep from the goats. Sheep will enter the kingdom while the goats will enter into eternal damnation - everlasting hell. The Wicked will be judged and their destiny is eternal damnation.

Mat 16:27 - The Righteous will be rewarded according to their works. Every individual will be judged on the basis of he or she had done with his/her life. A time of reward for the godly and righteous.

Mat 19:27-30 - When will we be rewarded? At the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Mat 24:36,37,42,44; 25:13 - When will Jesus come? No one knows!

Rev 22:7,12,20; 17 - Jesus is coming soon and will come suddenly and he will reward us according to our works. Are you ready? Have you accepted his gift of salvation when Jesus in his first coming came as the Saviour of the world? If not, then what is your response to his invitation?

Questions

1. What will Jesus do when he comes again?
2. What will await those who have served God faithfully?

3. Since Jesus used the metaphor of sheep and goats which in appearance looked much alike and sometimes difficult to distinguish the difference, what then is the yardstick of reference that Jesus would use in the separation process?
4. How can one be ready and prepared when Jesus comes? Will you be when he comes?

When I Die, What Happens Next? - Part 1 - 26 mins

Physical Death

Gen 2:16 - Adam and Eve did not experience physical death when they ate of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil cf. Gen 3:19;24. Two concepts of death were introduced: physical death and spiritual death (separation from God).

Mat 10:28 - Object of fear in the One who can destroy both body and soul.

Spiritual Death

Rev 20:6 - Meaning of Second Death cf. Rev 20:14,15; 21:8 is to be cast into the lake of fire. Physical death is the separation of body and soul.

Events after Physical Death.

Heb 9:27 - All men will die physically but after that is the judgment. What is the judgment about?

Eternal Destiny.

Luke 23:39-43 - Today you will be with me in Paradise.

2 Cor 5:6-8 cf. Lk 16:19-26;27-31 - Spiritual death brings torment and there is no second chance for a person who had already resided in the lake of fire.

Your Response

Jn 3:15-17 - Jesus came to deliver us from eternal damnation. Will you believe?

Questions

1. Is there life after death?
2. What is the difference between reincarnation and the resurrection?
3. Does eternal separation from God consistent with the mercies and grace of God?
4. How should we conduct ourselves in view of the message?

When I Die, What Happens Next? - Part 2 - 25 mins

Fact of the Resurrection

Jn 5:28-29 cf. Dan 12:2 - Bodies will shine. John's passage seem to refer to two distinct places: life of eternity and life of condemnation.

Sequence of the Resurrection

1 Thess 4:13-17 - Those who had died will resurrect when he Jesus returns.

Form of the Resurrection

1 Cor 15:35, 42-44;49 - Bodily. After the bodily resurrection, we become immortals.

Events after the Resurrection

2 Cor 5:9-10 - Bema seat judgment is administered to those who had believed and the measure of judgment is based on works.

Rev 20:11-12 - Those who are in Sheol/Hades will be judged by what they had done in the books - according to their works. Both Sheol and Hades and those whose name are not written in the Book of Life will be thrown into the Lake of Fire. This judgment is final and the decision will not be reversed.

Rev 14:9-11 - Those who worshipped the beast will be cast into the Lake of Fire and will be tormented day and night.

Rev 21:1-4 - The Great Eschatological Banquet

Lk 9:23-26 - Your Response?

Questions

1. Who will participate in the bodily resurrection?
2. How will God judge believers in the Bema Seat Judgment?
3. For those whose names are not written in the Book of Life, where will they go after the Great White Throne Judgment and how long will it last?
4. Think for a moment the names of those who have not believed in the Great Salvation of Jesus. Would you commit to behold their names to God, praying for his mercy each time as your group meets.
5. According to Lk 9:23-26, how then can you prepare yourselves for the Bema Seat of Christ judgment?

Angels: God's superbeings - Part 1 - 32 mins

Overview

Angels are God's Superbeings and can be group as Demons, Satan and Angels.

Evidence on the presence of Angels

2 Kgs 6:13-17 - Chariots of fire and horses. Angels are invisible beings.
Lk1:26-29; 2:9-14; Mat 2:13-14; 4:11; 26:51-53; 28:2 - Angel came in person and in a dream. Came as messengers of the gospel. Ministered to Jesus. Angels are strong beings and some are stronger than others.

Acts 12:5-11 - don't pray to Angels but to God. His mission was to rescue Peter.

Acts 12:5-11 - Struck king Herod. They are agents of God's wrath.

Num 22:22-32 - Story of Balaam's donkey.

Questions

1. Are there really angels in this world?
2. Briefly describe the role of angels in the following passages: 2 Kgs 6:13-17; Lk1:26-29; 2:9-14; Mat 2:13-14; 4:11; 26:51-53; 28:2; Acts 12:5-11; Acts 12:5-11.
3. In the story of Num 22:22-32, whose ways are more righteous, Balaam or his donkey? Discuss.
4. The presence of Angels is a first century phenomenon, there are no angels in this scientific age in the twentieth century. Discuss this statement.

Angels God's Superbeings - Part 2 - 31 mins

Introduction

Assigned task of the angels is to protect the body of believers.

Existence of Guardian Angels

Mat 18:10 - Each children has their angels protecting them

Dan 7:9-10 - How many angels are there?

Task of Angels

Heb 1:13-14 - All are ministering spirits who can take the form of human beings. The word "Ministering" as used in the OT refers to priests who mediated between God and man; likewise angels minister on God's behalf. They lived in heaven and are sent forth by God. Minister only to people who have inherited salvation. The word "minister" in the Greek means deacons.

Thus angels are sent forth as deacons cf. Acts 6:2-4.

Eph 4:11-13 - To equip you for the work of ministry. Angelic work includes the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.

Dan 10:2-3,10-14,20 cf. 12:1

Rev 22:8,9 - Angel is our fellow servant who worships God.

Heb 13:1-2 - Entertain angels

Questions

1. What are some tasks of angels?
2. What is meant by the word “ministering” when applied to angels? Name some specific examples.
3. According to Bruce Wilkinson, do all believers have Guardian Angels? Do you believe that you have at least a Guardian Angel?
4. What encouragement and comfort do you have over the thought that you are being protected by God through his heavenly angels?

Satan Truth Revealed about the Liar - Part 1 - 35 mins

Introduction

Every writer of the NT speaks about Satan. What is Satan’s agenda in terms of timeframe: Past, present and future?

Origin of Satan and Cause of his Downfall

Ezek 28:12-17 - Satan who was an angel rebelled against God. Why? Because he was violent in his ways. He was not influenced by any circumstances that tempted him to sin against God. He chose to sin against God within himself totally. Why did Satan sin against God? He wanted more glory and coveted more splendour for himself even that which belongs to God

Isa 14:12 -14 - Pride that caused his downfall. Coveted what God possesses. Wanted to be more than even God himself cf. 1Tim 3:6 - Pride. He wanted to bring along with him other angels to rebel against God. He was cast to the earth. Now a new being was created in the image of God. Angels lost their will to choose after their rebellion.

Ways of Satan - Strategies Satan uses

Gen 3:1-5 - Liar, murderer, deceiver, using trickery, usurping the throne of God, independence spirit - knowledge of good and evil. Root of wanting worship.

How should we react - Read the word and live and pray under the will of God.

Mat 4:8-9 - Arrogance of Satan in possessing the lust of worship

Rev 13:3-4,8 - Majority of the world worships Satan.

Names of Satan

Enemy, Dragon, Ruler of the power of darkness, Serpent, Deceiver, Devil, Devouring Lion.

Defenses against Satan

Eph 4:26-27 - Don't let Satan have a foothold on our lives by allowing the enemy to stand in an area of my life when I sinned frequently.

2 Cor 2:11 - take more than a share; take advantage of us.

Eph 6:11 - Use the whole armour of God to stand against the wiles of the Devil - his methods and schemes.

2 Tim 2:24-26 - Satan snares the believer. Therefore guard against him.

1 Pet 5:8 - Take heed against the devouring Lion seeking to make destruction of our lives.

Question

1. What is the prime sin of Satan?
2. Briefly discuss some of the strategies Satan uses to snare humanity and in particular Christians. The names of Satan are descriptive of his ways too.
3. How then do we overcome the wiles of Satan?
4. As a Christian, what do we have as our resources to fight against Satan?

Satan Truth Revealed about the Liar - Part 2 - 38 mins

Influences of Satan

1 Jn 5:19 - Whole world under the sway of the Wicked One.

Jn 8:44 - There are people who belong to Satan whose will they do - liar, and murderer. It is a worldwide phenomena.

Motive of Satan

2 Cor 4:3-4,6 - Motive of Satan is to blind the minds of people so that they can't turn to the gospel and be saved. Satan blinds the minds of the people. On the contrary God seeks to enlighten people so that they can be saved.

Mat 13:19 - Satan snatches the word of God away so as to prevent them from believing.

Acts 5:3 - Satan filled the heart of Ananias.

Rev 12:9 - The whole world is the field of the Devil.

Eph 2:1-3 - Satan works inside the person

1 Jn 3:8 - Whoever sins is of the Devil. But Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil

Heb 2:14,15 - Jesus by dying on the cross, destroyed Satan who had the power of death and it is the power of death that holds all men captive to the thought of death. Satan who was responsible for the death of Jesus was robbed of that power as Jesus laid up his life willingly, condemning Satan along with his power of death.

Col 1:13,14 - Death thus effecting our redemption. Buying us back.

Col 2:13-14,15 - Vicarious and effectual death of Jesus Christ.

Phil 2:8-9 - However Satan is still alive and living but even he will have to acknowledge the sovereignty and Lordship of Jesus.

Your allegiance - Jesus or Satan? Sons of the Devil or the sons of the Light?

Questions

1. According to Heb 2:14,15, how was Satan destroyed by the death of Jesus?
2. According to Col 2:13-15, how effective is the death of Jesus in the work of redemption?
3. In 1 Jn 3:8,9 what do you understand of the phrase "whoever had been born of God does not sin"?
4. In Mat 13:19, how can we prevent Satan from snatching the word of God sown in the hearts of men?

Demons - Angels Gone Bad - Part 1 - 48 mins

Power of demons

Mat 8:28-34 - Demons are capable of possessing people. They can speak through them. They know a lot of things esp. the identity of Jesus. Although demons possess supernatural power, they are subjected to the authority of God for at the command of Jesus he sent the demons to the swine.

Mat 9:32-34; 12:22 - Demons who possess a man can make him dumb. Only by the power of Jesus was the dumb man healed.

Mat 17:14-21 - Some demons are stronger than others.

2 Pet 2:4 - Angels who sinned are cast in hell cf. Jude 6.

Rev 12:7-9 - Satan and his angels were cast into earth as well although some were cast into hell. Demons are sinning angels; they are not the spirits of people who had died; they are not offspring of wicked angels who had sex with a human being; they are not people at the pre-Adamic race. They are spirits who can manifest in human form.

Rev 9:2-10,22 - Demons want worship from men.

1 Tim 4:1 - Demons have doctrines and teachings. Doctrine of Satan is followed by demons. Men are snared by them. What are their doctrines?

Deut 18:9-12 - Practice of human sacrifice, witchcraft, spells, medium, soothsayers, diviners, spiritist or calling spirit from the dead, palm reading, occult, fortune telling. All these are demon worship. Includes magic - real power, back magic, and spells. Satan is the prince of darkness and has the power of death. They are opposed to Jesus and to the teachings of Jesus.

Resources in overcoming Satan

Deut 18:15,18-19 - Remedy - a prophet will come and teach the words of God.

Cf. Jn 8:25-26,28 - cf. 2 Tim 3:16 - Revelation of God, the Bible.

Consequences of demonic influence

Why did God judge the nation of Israel and destroyed them? **2 Kgs 17:9-19** - idolatry and demon worship.

Acts 19:17-20 - Must cleanse ourselves of the occult or else we will never be free.

Worshipping God and worshipping Satan - a choice.

Questions

1. What powers do demons possess?
2. What is the damage or consequences of worship demon?
3. What is the modern equivalent of Satanic worship?
4. Why should one not watch occult movies? What are modern equivalent of modern horror stuff?
5. What had God provided to overcome Satan and his demons?

Demons - Angels Gone Bad - Part 2 - 37 mins

Screen the last commercial to all participants.

Victory over Satan

Eph 6:10-13 - Be strong in the power of his might. Put on the armour of God which is able to stand against the schemes of the Devil. Without putting on the armour of God, we fight a losing battle. For we wrestle not against human beings but against powers and rulers of the power of this age. Only God has the power to defeat the enemy.

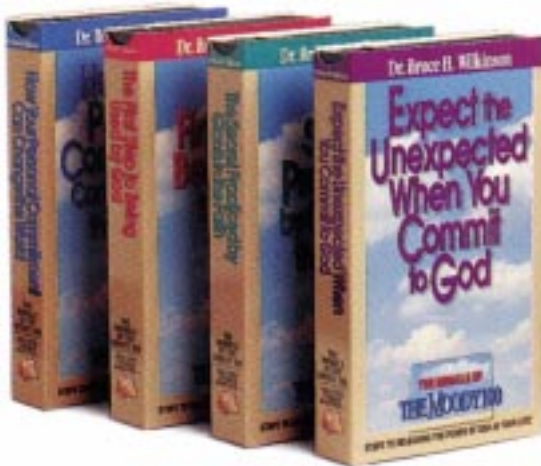
1. Avoid completely occult influences.
2. **Eph 4:27** - Don't give place to the Devil. How? When we harbour a particular sin v. 26. OR when we allow our anger to fester so as to sin. **Jas 3:14-16** - When we possess selfish ambition and sensuality, it is demonic. We are therefore not immune to the influence to Satan. Other sins are Unforgiveness, drunkenness, immorality, adultery and severe violence.
3. **Jas 4:6-7** - Humble, submit to God and resist the Devil.
4. **Mat 4:3** - Memorize the word of God. Say the word of God aloud to Satan.
5. **1 Cor 10:13** - Temptation is within our ability to withstand. God's faithfulness.
6. **Rev 12:10-11** - We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by our testimonies. We must not love our lives which has the idea of forfeiting one's ownership of oneself, willing to die and to engage in the holy war.
7. **Rom 8:37-39** - Assurance of God's love.

Questions

1. What are the resources available for Christians in overcoming the Evil One?
2. On what basis do you think that Paul was so confident that nothing in this world or the next can separate his God's love from believers, Rom 8:37-39?
3. In Rev 12:10-11, John gives three ways in which we can overcome the enemy, how do they relate one to another?
4. In Jas 3:14-16 and 4:6,7, how do the works of the flesh cooperate with demonic influences and how can we make the devil resist us?

Part 4

Miracle of the Moody 100



Miracle of Moody 100 - Four Parts Video

The First Step to Being Used by God - Video 1 - 32 mins.

This first step to being used by God is always consistent with all the great men of God in history and that is to depart from iniquity and to live a life of consecration and purity, 2 Tim 2:14-21.

No amount of study of Scripture or prayer can accomplish this. It is my actions, habits and motivation that must change in order for God to use me mightily. The major hindrance is the lie that it is God's responsibility to fix our wrongdoings and sin.

In 2 Chron 7:14 – it is clear that revival is our responsibility and we are required to fulfill four conditions:

- 1 Humble ourselves - a command that everyone and anyone can do.
- 2 Pray – a command which everyone and anyone can do
- 3 Seek God's face – chase God personally, involves focus and diligence.
- 4 Repent from our wicked ways – hindered by unbelief that these requirements are for us to do.

The main point here is to cleanse oneself from sin following which the Spirit of God will have the freedom to act in our lives.

Questions

1. When we harbour unconfessed sins in our lives, why is God unable to use us as mightily as He uses other great men and women of faith?
2. According to 2 Tim 2:14-21, what is the one thing that separates vessels of dishonour and honour which the latter is used by God for every good work? What are we to avoid and on the reverse what are we to pursue after (v. 22)?
3. In 2 Chron 7:14, how is the role of the people of God as a community connected with the idea of a great revival?

4. What would you need to do to come to terms with the issue of cleansing in your life?

Secrets Practiced by the Giants of Faith - Video 2 - 38 mins.

In the first video, Dr. Wilkinson dealt with the issue of cleansing and in this next video he deals with the area of availability, "use me, send me."

Matt 16:24 - Denying self and giving of oneself in total submission to God without conditions attached.

Luke 14:26-33 - The readiness to forsake all even leaving loved ones for the sake of Jesus and the willingness to bear the cross are pre-requisites for unconditional service unto the Lord. Possessions are included for we can never serve God and mammon alongside each other.

John 12:24-28 - The one willing to die to self, to hate oneself and to follow Jesus wherever he leads will receive honour by God the Father. Although the conditions seem frightening, we cannot see them as sacrifice but as blessings for eternal life since Jesus has gone the same route before us. However the main hindrance to following Jesus is unconfessed sin and self.

Phil 3:7-10 - The antidote for a fully surrendered life is to count all things as worthless compared with the richness of knowing Jesus. It is an attitude and it involves mental digestion of the thought of Jesus compared with possessions, wealth, status, degrees, etc. We are to make this thought a reality in our lives and if ever I am to be consumed by any passion, it would be knowing Jesus. If we sought God above all things, we will have no trouble knowing Him.

Questions

1. What is it that make Christians so afraid to take up their cross, deny themselves and follow Jesus?
2. Is not following Christ a big sacrifice, after all I am to leave loved ones and to renounce all that I possess, how can we then say that it is a blessing?
Discuss
3. Paul had it all going for him and in today's terms would probably be the Professor of both Old and New Testament (and many more) and probably sits on various boards, why was he able to give them all up for Jesus when he had everything going for him?

4. If God were to use me as mightily as he used Paul, what must I do or think in order for it to become a reality in my life?

How Your Personal Commitment Can Change The World - Video 3 - 35 mins.

After you have done all the above, that is to cleanse oneself from known sins, and to commit our lives to follow wherever Jesus leads, the next area we need to consider seriously is the agenda of God and our role in fulfilling it:

Acts 20:19-21 - First we need to realise three steps:

1. Realise the Great Commission
2. Know my role in fulfilling it
3. Know the heartbeat of God - that none should die

There is no need for any further call for me to go because:

1. John 4:35 - The field is white for harvest.
2. Rom 10:14 - The Great Commission has already been given and our response is to preach the gospel wherever we are sent.
3. 2 Pet 3:9 - God's heart is for everyone to repent and thus be saved.

We accomplish all these through prayer.

Questions

1. According to Mat 28:18-20, define the Great Commission.
2. What is our role in fulfilling the Great Commission?
3. Much of evangelistic efforts today are focussed on conversion alone, supposing that getting into heaven is all one is concerned about, why is such an attitude an inadequate respond to the Great Commission?

4. If we were to make disciples, what areas of our lives need to be reordered so that the Great Commission occupies a major area in my life?

Expect The Unexpected When You Commit To The Lord - Video 4 - 34 mins.

We need to focus always on God and not on the task. Theology without doxology is merely empty study, for true theology manifest itself in doxology. Use this video as a time of worship as a community together and as a time to seal their commitment.

Questions

1. Would you commit to cleanse yourself from personal sins?
2. Would you be willing to take up your cross and follow Him?
3. Would you be willing to submit your life to God, always yielding to Him in all that you do, say and think?
4. Would you be willing to make disciples and go wherever God wants you to?

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