Unseen Enemy

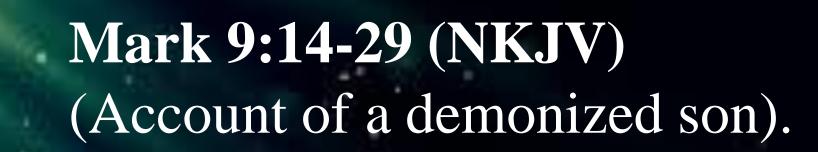
Week 1

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NKJV)

²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

I. We are at war with an unseen force. Ephesians 6:10-12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.



II. Our Enemy – Forces of Evil

A. Hierarchy:

Daniel 10:2-21

B. Where did they originate?

Revelation 12:7-9 (ESV)

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

B. Where did they originate?

⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

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Genesis 6:1-4 (ESV)

- When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,
- ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.

B. Where did they originate?

- Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."
- ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

C. Satan's Goal:

1. To usurp God's throne

Isaiah 14:12-15 (NKJV)

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

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- ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'
- 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

C. Satan's Goal:

2. To steal, kill and destroy.

John 10:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly

D. They were disrobed at the time of the fall and need a body to accomplish their goal.

Ezekiel 28:11-15 (ESV)

- 11 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me:
- "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.

14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

D. They were disrobed at the time of the fall and need a body to accomplish their goal.

Matthew 12:43-45 (ESV)

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.

- 44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.
- Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

IV. Jesus often encountered demonized people.

Matthew 8:28-34

Mark 1:34 (NASB)

And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

IV. Jesus often encountered demonized people.

Mark 16:9 (NASB)

⁹ [Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

V. Jesus commissioned His disciples to cast out demons

Mark 3:13-15 (NASB)

- And He *went up on the mountain and *summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.
- ¹⁴ And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He *could* send them out to preach,
- and to have authority to cast out the demons.

Luke 11:14 (NLT2)

One day Jesus cast out a demon from a man who couldn't speak, and when the demon was gone, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed,

Mark 5:1-20 Demoniac of Gadarene

Luke 13:10-13 (NASB)

And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

- When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness."
- And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and *began* glorifying God.

Mark 9:14-29 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.
¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

