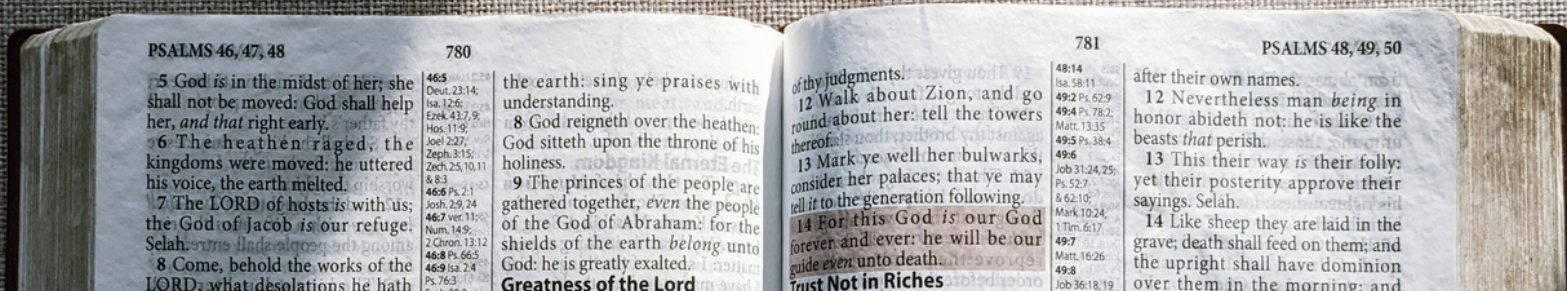


Sermon Weekly Devotions



On Earth is Not His Equal

Day 1: The Reality of Our Spiritual Enemy

The Bible does not allow us to ignore the existence of a spiritual adversary. This enemy is real, powerful, and actively at work in the world. While his methods may differ across cultures—sometimes overt and sometimes subtle—his intent is always to deceive and destroy. Recognizing his reality is the first step in understanding the spiritual battle we are engaged in. We are called to be sober-minded and watchful, not out of fear, but out of faith in the One who has already secured the victory. [35:04]

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. (Revelation 12:9 ESV)

Reflection: Where have you seen the enemy's work in your own life or in the world around you, perhaps in the form of deception, accusation, or division?

Day 2: The Overwhelming Power of Satan

Scripture describes our adversary as a formidable foe, a dragon whose power and might are beyond any human equal. He is a roaring lion, prowling and seeking someone to devour. His aim is to convince us that our sin, our shame, and our struggles are too great to be overcome. He seeks to paralyze us with fear and accusation, making us feel utterly powerless against his schemes. This recognition of his power is meant to drive us not to despair, but to a greater dependence on God. [40:05]

“Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook or press down his tongue with a cord?... No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me?... On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear.” (Job 41:1, 10, 33-34 ESV)

Reflection: In what specific area of your life does the enemy's power feel most overwhelming, and how does that feeling point to your need for a Savior?

Day 3: God's Sovereign Control Over the Enemy

Though Satan is powerful and terrifying, his power is not ultimate. He is not a free agent but operates under the sovereign control of our Almighty God. Like a prisoner of war, he may seem to have influence, but his leash is held by the Lord. God permits his activity, yet He also limits it and uses even the enemy's attacks for His ultimate purposes and glory. This truth can be a profound comfort when we face suffering and trials that we cannot understand. [43:55]

And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. (Job 1:12 ESV)

Reflection: How does the truth of God's ultimate control over the enemy change the way you view a current difficult circumstance in your life?

Day 4: The Disarming Victory of Jesus Christ

The central event of history is the cross of Jesus Christ, where Satan's ultimate defeat was secured. In what seemed like his moment of triumph, the enemy was actually disarmed. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus stripped Satan of his ultimate weapon—the power of accusation—and triumphed over him. The enemy's only remaining tools are lies and deception, for he has no legitimate claim over those who are in Christ. [49:33]

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. (Colossians 2:15 ESV)

Reflection: What lie is the enemy currently using to accuse you, and how does the finished work of Jesus on the cross speak a greater truth?

Day 5: The Overcoming Power of Jesus' Name

Our hope and strength do not lie in our own ability to resist the enemy, but in the powerful name of Jesus. This name, the "one little word" that can fell the enemy, is our sure defense. When we are overwhelmed by grief, shame, or temptation, we can speak His name aloud, clinging to the victory He has already won. We carry this name into the world, not in our own power, but in the authority granted to us by the One who has overcome. [57:18]

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Revelation 12:11 ESV)

Reflection: What is one practical way you can intentionally call upon the name of Jesus this week when you feel the pressure of the enemy's lies?