

Session 12

How can I resist

evil



Where does evil come from?

- Triple alliance:
 - World—the enemy around
 - Flesh—the enemy within
 - Devil—the enemy above

- Scripture: The Bible presents a personal, spiritual being in active rebellion against God.
 - Old Testament (Isaiah 14; Job 1; 1 Chronicles 21:1)
 - Jesus (Luke 10:17–20)
 - Peter (1 Peter 5:8–11)
 - Paul (Ephesians 6:11–12)

- Tradition: Christians down through the ages have believed.

- Reason: It makes sense of the world we see around us.
 - Why do bad things happen?

Avoid two extremes: Disbelief vs unhealthy, excessive interest

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- The devil wants to destroy our lives. (John 10:10)
 - Doubt (Genesis 3:1, Matthew 4:3)
 - Temptation (Genesis 2:16–17)
 - Deception (Genesis 3:4)
 - Condemnation creates doubt

But, “there is... no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
(Romans 8:1)

- We are transferred from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of Jesus.
- We experience God’s love.
- It’s a process—we won’t be complete until Jesus returns.

“Be strong in the Lord.... Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:10–11)
