

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

The Cosmic Battle

Week of May 16, 2021 A.D.

Read Matthew 4:1-4

1. Please explain how Jesus can be (and is) the “Son of God”. Could Jesus have spoken to the stones and make the stones become bread? If not, why not? If so, why did Jesus not do so? Please explain your answers.
2. Refer to verse 4. Does every human need spiritual food (i.e., every word that comes from the mouth of God) to live spiritually? If a person does not read and digest the words of the Bible, is that person spiritually alive? How often (and how much) must a person read and digest the words of the Bible to remain (a) spiritually alive? and (b) spiritually healthy? Please explain your answers. Also, please describe the life-style and behavior of a spiritually healthy person.
3. Do you know any professing Christians who (a) are suffering from spiritual malnutrition? or (b) are spiritually dead? If so, (a) why do they allow their condition to exist? and (b) have you attempted to help them? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Read Matthew 4:8-11

4. Do these verses describe an actual historical event which occurred in physical time and space? Please explain the reasons for your answer. Also, please explain the implications of your answer for the eternal destiny of mankind.
5. The devil asked Jesus to worship him. Please analyze, critique, and discuss these statements: “Worship is declaring the greatness of someone or something. Worship is the act of giving up your own glory to make sure that everyone knows that the thing being worshiped is valuable to you. Worship is bowing down to lift up a person or thing.”
6. Does God expect every human to worship Him? Does God want every human to worship Him? Does God have the right to be worshiped by every human? Please explain your answers.

7. Does the devil expect every human to worship the devil? Does the devil want every human to worship the devil? Does the devil have the right to be worshiped by every human? Please explain your answers.

8. Did the devil then (and does the devil currently) have the authority to give “all the kingdoms of the world” to whomever the devil wants to give them? Please explain the reasons for (and the practical day-to-day implications of) your answer.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

9. Is the devil (i.e., Satan) the god of this age? If so, how did the devil become the god of this age? How (and why) does Satan blind the minds of all unbelievers? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Satan always operates in secret and shameful ways, uses deception, and distorts the word of God. Those people who follow Christ always set forth the truth plainly.”

Read Colossians 1:13-14

11. Are all humans who are alive on planet Earth living in a dark and evil world system that is under the authority and control of Satan? Are all of the inhabitants of Earth equally dominated by (and subjected to) the authority and control of Satan? Please explain the reasons for your answer.

Read 1 John 2:15-17

12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss the meaning and the implications of these verses as they relate and apply to the church in America today.

Consider: We are in a battle to expose the deceit of the culture and to live in obedience to Christ in a world that is in rebellion against Him. “You think about that.” Amen.