

# Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of November 13, 2022 A.D.

## Who's Your Daddy?

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

### **Read Luke 10:17-18**

1. What classification of living creature best identifies the person of Satan? What was Satan doing in heaven? Why did Satan "fall like lightning" from heaven? When did Satan "fall from heaven"?

### **Read Luke 10:19-20**

2. In verse 19, to whom was Jesus directing his promise of supernatural protection? Does the literal meaning of verse 19 apply to any humans currently alive on planet earth? If so, why and how? If not, why not?
3. Who or what are "the spirits" to whom Jesus refers in verse 20? Are those "spirits" alive and active even now on planet earth? Who commands and directs the activities of those "spirits"? What is required for a human to have his or her "name written in heaven" and why should such a person "rejoice"?
4. What evidence do you see that confirms the reality and/or influence and/or power of "demons" and evil spirits at work in the daily affairs of the American culture?
5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "The church in America has been (and continues to become progressively more) pitifully inadequate in the spiritual warfare against Satan and his minions."

### **Read 1 John 2:15-17**

6. In the context of verse 15, please state the intended meaning of each of the following words and phrases: (a) Do not; (b) love; (c) the world; (d) anything; and (e) in the world.

7. In your opinion, please state the degree and/or extent to which the first sentence of verse 15 is obeyed by each of these segments of the American culture: (a) parents of minor children; (b) minor children; (c) adult Christians; and (d) minor children of Christian parents.
  
8. When it comes to obeying the first sentence of verse 15, which is more challenging for the typical American to consistently oppose and/or resist: (a) the pull of "the culture", (b) the pull of "our own personal desires", and/or (c) the pull of Satan?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

9. Who is "the god of this age"? Does the typical pagan (nonreligious person) recognize and acknowledge the person and/or authority of Satan? Does the typical Christian recognize and acknowledge the person of Satan? Please explain why Satan is recognized and acknowledged by Paul as being the "god of this age".
  
10. Does Satan have the ability to blind the eyes of people who profess to be Christians? If so, (a) how and (b) is such a blind person a citizen of heaven?

### **Read John 8:42-47**

11. Must a person love Jesus if that person is a child of God the Father? Must a child of God have a hunger and thirst to know and obey the truth as God proclaims that truth to be? Can a person "hear what God says" if that person does not read and seek to obey the teachings of the Bible?
  
12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Truth is an objective standard by which reality is to be determined. Truth is God's point of view on any subject."

**Consider:** Satan is the god of this age. While you are alive on earth, you are either a child of God or a child of Satan. Therefore, Paul cautions us: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?" (2 Corinthians 12:5) "You think about that." Amen.