

# Battle Between Good & Evil

## Without & Within

### I. The Authority of The Kingdom of God

Mark 1:21–28 (NIV®)

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because **he taught them as one who had authority**, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>25</sup> “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

#### A. Training Sessions

Matthew 14:15–17 (NIV®)

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**” <sup>17</sup> “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

#### B. Instructions On Good & Evil

Matthew 6:31–34 (NIV®)

<sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For **the pagans run after all these things**, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

<sup>33</sup> But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

#### C. Human Character Corrupted by Our Choice

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> But mark this: **There will be terrible times in the last days.** <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> **having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.**

### II. Good & Evil

#### A. Confusing Good & Evil (Intentionally)

Isaiah 5:20 (NIV®)

Woe **to those who call evil good and good evil**, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Proverbs 17:15 (NIV®)

Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent— the Lord detests them both.

## **B. Distinguish Good from Evil**

Hebrews 5:14 (NIV®)

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

## **C. Turn from Evil, Do Good**

1 Peter 3:10–12 (NIV®)

<sup>10</sup> For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. <sup>11</sup> He must **turn from evil and do good**; he must seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

## **D. Evil Inclinations**

Romans 7:21–25 (NIV®)

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

<sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God— through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

## **Proclamation**

God has uniquely blessed us — the best is yet to come.

The Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.

He is the sovereign Creator of all things.

Nothing is too difficult for Him; His love sustains us.

Jesus, His only Son, is our Savior, Lord, and King.

We live in a season of shaking. God is shaking the Earth.

He is restoring the Jewish people and purifying His Church.

If we look at the things which can be shaken, we will be filled with terror.

If we look at the eternal Kingdom of our Lord, we will be filled with anticipation.

Our determination as we gather today is to declare before one another and Almighty God:

**WE WILL NOT STOP.**

We are not satisfied. We are not distracted.

We are not weary in doing good. We are not discouraged.

We have our eyes on the cross and our hearts set on the prize.

We believe the One who has promised is faithful.

We believe the Holy Spirit is our Helper.

We believe that what we ask in Jesus’ name our Father provides.

We believe that the King of kings is returning to the Earth in all of His glory,

and we intend to be about His business until that moment in time.

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