

UNDER THE UMBRELLA

Lesson 7 – Outline

- I. Satan's only power is deception.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11

- A. *Wiles* literally means “cunningness, craftiness, and deception.”
- B. Satan doesn't have the power or authority to force you to do anything.
- C. The problem is that he's a master liar, intimidator, and deceiver.
- D. When we don't know the truth about who we are in Christ and the power we've been given, then—in a very real sense—we are the ones who are giving Satan the power and authority to rule and dominate us.
- E. That's why the Bible says you have to stand against the wiles, deception, lies, and deceit of the devil.

- II. Since God had given dominion over the earth to man, He couldn't just step in and straighten out the mess (Gen. 1:28).

- A. As Creator and owner, He's always had the right and privilege, but outside of total judgment, He didn't have the authority to just come into the affairs of man and change things (Ps. 115:16).
- B. Even though mankind used that authority in a way contrary to what God desired, He would have been unjust and untrue to His own statements to come down here and do that.
- C. This is why God had to become a man.

D. Jesus—the Word made flesh, the God-Man—had to become a physical person so that He could have authority on this earth.

III. Since there was no person sinless, pure, and able to bring God’s righteousness into the earth, He had to come and save us Himself.

I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none...he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

A. God created the physical body for Jesus to inhabit by speaking words over a four-thousand-year period of time through anointed men.

B. Then those words entered into the womb of Mary, and that’s how Jesus was conceived (Luke 1:38 and John 1:14).

C. That’s why He had authority on earth to do what He did.

IV. God couldn’t get to Satan directly without violating His Word because He had given authority over the earth to people with physical human bodies.

A. Jesus said the reason He had authority to execute judgment was because He was the Son of Man.

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:26-

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B. When Jesus said that the Father had given Him authority to execute judgment because He was the Son of Man, He was making a direct reference to the fact that He had a physical body.

- C. He always had power as Creator, but He didn't have the authority to use that power until He took on flesh.
 - D. He limited His own authority and power by giving it to us, and God never breaks His Word.
- V. Jesus entered into the devil's kingdom and destroyed it.
- A. He took away all authority and power from Satan and reduced him to a zero with the rim knocked off.
 - B. If we yield to the devil, we're doing the same thing Adam and Eve did—we are yielding *our* human power and authority.
 - C. Satan can't do anything to you without your consent and cooperation.

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Lesson 7 – Discipleship Questions

1. Ephesians 6:10-11 reveals that we are to stand against what?
2. Who does John 4:24 say is a Spirit?
3. According to Psalm 115:16, the heavens belong to whom?
4. According to Ezekiel 22:30, had God found a man to stand in the gap before Him?
5. Isaiah 59:16 says there was no what?
6. Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that Jesus would be called what?
7. In Luke 1:38, Mary said, “Be it unto me according to...” what?
8. John 1:14 says that the Word was made what?
9. Where did He dwell?
10. What was He full of?
11. What title did Jesus use in John 5:26-27 to express His humanity?
12. According to Colossians 1:16-17, _____ were created by Him.
13. What does 1 Timothy 3:16 reveal God was manifest in?
14. According to 2 Corinthians 2:11, we don’t want whom to get an advantage of us?
15. What are we not ignorant of?

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Lesson 7 – Answer Key

1. The wiles of the devil.
2. God.
3. The Lord.
4. No.
5. Intercessor.
6. Immanuel.
7. Thy word.
8. Flesh.
9. Among us.
10. Grace and truth.
11. Son of Man.
12. All things.
13. The flesh.
14. Satan.
15. His (Satan's) devices.