

Last week's Message Summary

"EVIL" • *Ephesians 6:10-12*

"A final word: Be strong with the Lord's mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms."

• **Unseen Enemies.** There are unseen spiritual persons in the world like fallen angels who are the enemies of God, good, and us. These evil persons are involved in all the great evils of the world: poverty, genocide, child prostitution, wars, corruption of governments and banks, of land, earth and sea. They defile the minds of people to stir up and amplify anger, hatred, addictions, lusts, laziness and arrogance. They steal people's right minds from them, and are the root cause of many afflictions such as cancer.

• **Unclean Spirits.** They are commonly called "unclean spirits" in the New Testament. Unclean means infection. We wash our hands to avoid getting a cold. We wash our food to avoid food poisoning. We clean wounds to avoid infections. Germs & unclean spirits are unseen.

• Jesus identified two sources of infection and affliction. One is "natural," needing healing. One is "supernatural," needing deliverance or casting out. Luke 9:1-2 *"One day Jesus called together his twelve apostles and gave them power and authority to cast out demons/unclean spirits and to heal all diseases."*

• **Jesus deliver me from the Evil One.**

In the Lord's Prayer, "deliver us from evil" actually means deliver us from "the Evil One." It is helpful to pray not only Jesus heal me but Jesus deliver me from the Evil One and unclean spirits.

• We say (aloud is best), *"If there is any presence or influence in my life that is not subject to Jesus, I say, 'Jesus, according to your precious life's blood shed to take away my sins and destroy the works of Satan, set me free now.'"*

Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil and he succeeded. • I John 3:8 *"The reason the Son of God came was to destroy the works of the Devil."* • Hebrews 2:14 *"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood— Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death."*

