

SILVER DAWNS BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to attend this year's SILVER DAWNS BIBLE STUDY. For many years, Pastor Mike Coppersmith has taught this Bible Study on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. during the months of November through March. We have a large and energetic group attending each week. The Bible Study is fascinating, the discussion is stimulating, the lessons are very practical, the refreshments are good, and the impact on your faith is powerful!

This year's study is entitled "THE PARABLES OF JESUS" and will look at *Life Lessons from the Lips of Jesus* found in the New Testament Gospels. Here are some of the titles of the studies Pastor Mike has prepared:

The Seed and the Soil
 The Work of the Enemy
 The People of the Kingdom
 The Workers in the Vineyard
 Consummation of the King

Lost and Found
 Two Men Visited Church
 The Shrewd Manager
 The Tale of Two Sons
 On Not Giving Up

The Rich Fool
 The Good Samaritan
 On Being Thankful
 The Ten Virgins
 Lessons of the Lamp

Pastor Mike's Silver Dawns Bible Study meets on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and meets in the Fellowship Center each Friday through March with the exception of the Friday after Thanksgiving and the Fridays after Christmas Day and New Years Day. This class is designed in such a way that you can start anytime and attend for whatever weeks you are able to do so. Join us as we learn these *Life-Changing Lessons from the Lips of Jesus!*

OUR TERRIBLE ENEMY

Realizing the Enemy We are Up Against
Ephesians 6:10-12
November 23, 2008
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INTRODUCTION

In Your Bible:
Ephesians 6:10-12

1 John 3:8

The reason the Son of God appeared was to **destroy the devil's work.**

Revelation 12:12

Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! **He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.**

I. OUR _____ ENEMY (v. 12)

"rulers...authorities...powers...forces"

But Remember:

- 1) God is ALL _____ - The Devil is Not!
- 2) God is ALL _____ - The Devil is Not!
- 3) God is ALL _____ - The Devil is Not!

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be self-controlled and alert . Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 John 4:4 (NLT)

...the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

II. OUR _____ ENEMY (v. 12)

“...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...”

1) “Rulers” - EVIL _____ over _____

2) “Authorities” - EVIL _____ over _____

3) “Powers” - EVIL _____ over _____

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

1 Timothy 4:5

For we know it is made holy by the **word of God** and **prayer**.

III. OUR _____ ENEMY (v. 11)

“...against the devil’s schemes...”

John 8:44

When **he lies**, he speaks his native language, for he is **a liar** and **the father of lies**.

John 17:15-17 (GN)

I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. 16 Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. 17 Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; **your word is truth**.

IV. WE MAY FACE A TERRIBLE ENEMY, BUT WE HAVE A TRIUMPHANT SAVIOR!

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross**.

Mark 14:29

Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

James 4:7-8a

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.

CONCLUSION