

Lesson 9: Sin, the Gospel, and the Law

A. Distractions and Temptations

1. What are some distractions Satan might use to divert your attention from your relationship with God?
2. Share a time when you were distracted from focusing on your relationship with God. How did God draw you back into a relationship with Him?
3. Some distractions are direct temptations to do evil. Matthew 4:1-11, 1 John 2:15-17
4. How do we become aware that we are being tempted to sin? Romans 3:20, Psalm 119:105, 1 John 3:4
5. What is the best course of action when we are tempted to do evil? James 4:7-8, Hebrews 12:1-2
6. What caution did the Apostle Paul give to those who might be careless about the temptations of Satan? 1 Corinthians 10:12
7. If we stumble and fall into sins of thought, word, or deed, what precious promise can we claim from the Word of God? 1 John 1:9

B. Spiritual attacks from the kingdom of darkness

1. Share a story in the Scriptures where someone came under a spiritual attack from the kingdom of darkness. Mark 5:1-5, Acts 13:4-8, etc.
2. What warning did the Apostle Peter give about spiritual attacks from Satan? 1 Peter 5:8
3. What special resource does God make available to protect us against spiritual attacks from the kingdom of darkness? Ephesians 6:10-18
4. Why is prayer to God also an important resource when we are attacked by the kingdom of darkness?

C. Strongholds of the enemy

1. Is anyone here aware of strongholds that Satan established in your immediate family or ancestors?
2. How did those strongholds impact your life?
3. What stronghold did Satan establish in the life of Samson? Judges 14:1-3, 16:1,4
4. How was the LORD finally able to break that stronghold of the enemy? Psalm 50:15
5. What message of encouragement did the Apostle Paul give to those who sense the enemy has established strongholds in their lives? 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
6. Are there some strongholds of the enemy that cannot be torn down?
7. What is your testimony about strongholds God has torn down in your life?