

Listening Guide

I. The Doctrine of the Spirit World

[1] How would you state the answer presented in this paragraph in your own words?

[2] In a sentence or two, describe your honest response to the idea that good and evil spirits inhabit our world and influence our life.

[3] What have you been taught about angels? How does that fit with the description in this paragraph?

[4] Because we need to have faith to believe in what most of us have never (knowingly) seen, reading the Bible passages in the previous paragraph gives us an understanding of what God's Word says about angels. How did your impressions about angels change after reading these passages?

[5] The frequent biblical references to Satan indicate that he is a real being and is opposed to God's will. How convinced are you that Satan is a real being and what do you base your answer on?

[6] If not, read the two cited in this passage and confirm your belief in this important doctrinal point.

[7] Do you have any "safeguards" against Satan's relentless attacks?

[8] Read Ephesians 6:10-20 (especially verse 12) to see how God has made provision for our protection.

[9] In what two conditions do demons currently exist?

[10] What is our best defense against demonic domination?

[11] List the six activities Satan participates in. The more aware we are of his tactics, the better equipped we are to use God's armor against them. This list can serve as a prayer reminder.

[12] Some people have developed an obsession with Satan and demons, and others totally ignore their existence. What is your plan to maintain a balanced approach to your defense against their influence in your life?

[13] What do the Bible passages listed in the lesson transcript say to someone who believes they are hopelessly trapped by Satan's evil influence in their life?

[14] Many people are fascinated by, and some even worship Satan. Are you familiar enough with his tactics to explain the dangers of such fascination to someone you care about?

[15] Would a review of this lesson better equip you to converse with someone who is exploring satanic practices?

[16] List the specific “defenses” presented in this section and make them part of your regular life practices.

[17] Take time to read the Bible passages in the lesson transcript that support each of these “defenses.”

II. The Doctrine of the Future

[18] What two options does this paragraph present?

[19] Which option have you chosen?

[20] What advice did Jesus give His followers about His return?

[21] What did Jesus say would happen before He returns?

[22] But in spite of these events what did He still assure us about His return?

[23] How many major views of Christ's return do different Bible-believing Christians have?

[24] What is the difference between a "primary" and a "secondary" Christian doctrine?

[25] What do theologians call the thousand-year reign of Christ referred to in Revelation 20?

[26] According to the Postmillennial view

- When will the millennium occur?

- What has to happen before Christ returns?

- What happens when Christ returns?

[27] According to the Amillennial view

- When will the millennium occur?
- When do the persecutions described in Matthew and Revelation occur?
- What happens when Christ returns?

[28] According to the Premillennial view

- When will the millennium occur?
- When do the persecutions described in Matthew and Revelation occur?
- What happens when Christ returns?

- What happens at the end of the millennium?

III. Conclusion

[29] Review the definition of doctrine from Lesson One and discuss the three things we do with Bible truths.

Take a moment with each of the doctrines and listed and remind yourself what you believe about each.

[30] What was Jesus' command about what we do with doctrine?

Describe your plan to continue adding depth to your understanding of God's eternal truth.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

Satan and his demons labor feverishly to destroy any human, but especially one who is committed to his great enemy, our Lord Jesus Christ. What is your plan to guard yourself against his efforts to destroy you and your reputation as a Christian?