

Jack Hibbs: The Truth About Satan Every Christian Must Know

Why should Christians study Satan and the demonic realm when our focus belongs on Jesus Christ?

It is a reasonable concern. Teachings about spiritual warfare can become sensational, giving the enemy more attention and power than Scripture does. Yet completely ignoring the subject leaves us unprepared to recognize how temptation, deception and condemnation operate.

Pastor Jack Hibbs addressed both dangers in a recent message examining Satan and his demons.

“Spiritual powers are real,” Hibbs said. “But we need to understand them in a balanced way.”

Know the Enemy's Limitations

Understanding spiritual warfare begins with recognizing that Satan is neither equal nor opposite to God. He is created, limited and defeated.

“God is sovereign. The devil's not sovereign,” Hibbs said. “And the devil has no Bible. You've got the Bible.”

Hibbs also rejected the claim that Satan can read our minds. Instead, he said the enemy has studied human behavior throughout history and knows how to exploit predictable weaknesses.



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According to Hibbs, Satan often works by introducing temptations that appeal to our pride, desires and flesh. He compared those temptations to packages left on the porch of a home. The enemy can deliver them, but we decide whether to open the door and bring them inside.

“When we sin is when we open the door and we pick it up and bring it in,” Hibbs said.

That distinction keeps us from blaming every failure on Satan. The enemy tempts, but we remain responsible for bringing our thoughts into obedience to Christ.

The Gospel Pushes Back Darkness

Studying the enemy should never produce fear or fascination. It should lead to discernment, resistance and confidence in Jesus.

Hibbs pointed to Luke 10, where Christ’s disciples returned after proclaiming the gospel and witnessing God’s power. Jesus told them He saw Satan fall like lightning.

“When the gospel’s proclaimed, Satan gets tripped up and stumbles and falls,” Hibbs said.

We do not study darkness to glorify it. We study what Scripture says so we can recognize deception, reject temptation and stand firmly in Christ’s victory.

Christians should know the enemy’s tactics for the same reason soldiers study an opponent: not to admire him, but to resist him and complete the mission they have been given.

To hear Pastor Jack Hibbs’ full message, [click here](#).

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