

Part 1 - Pulling Back the Veil

This week's message, "Pulling Back The Veil," delves into the concept of spiritual warfare by using the story of Job. Pastor Jamie emphasizes the importance of recognizing the reality of a spiritual enemy like Satan while not letting him overshadow Jesus in our lives. This teaching touches on key biblical passages, such as Genesis 3, to reveal the enemy's tactics and motivations. Pastor Jamie underscores the need for believers to understand the ongoing battle, put on the armor of God, and stand firm in faith with the assurance that Jesus has already conquered the enemy.

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Genesis 3:1-4

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Job 1:6-12

6 One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. 7 The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." 9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. 10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." 12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Isaiah 14:12-15

12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." 15 But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. created till wickedness was found in you.

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Ezekiel 28:11-15

11 The word of the LORD came to me: 12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: " 'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Message notes:

As a believer, you're in a _____.

One of the characteristics of the enemy is that he is the _____.

The word Satan (*satanos*) means _____.
Satan is the adversary of God.

The conflict that started in the heart of Satan began with _____ and rebellion.

God wants to overturn everything the enemy has done, evil, to bring good out of it—it's called _____.

_____ is that hopeless dark place where we have the ability to see in everything. It's a demonic stronghold.

God is proving that His children _____ not just His blessings.

Our prayer will be: "Lord, teach us how to _____ so that we can win."

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie mentions that reading the book of Job before Genesis can provide a deeper understanding of the Old Testament, since it teaches us about the spiritual battle we are in. How can understanding the story of Job provide a deeper insight into spiritual warfare?
2. In the video, Pastor Jamie uses Genesis 3 as an example where the serpent questions God's command and tempts Eve. This reveals the enemy's tactics to create doubt and deception. How can you strengthen your faith and relationship with God to withstand these tactics in your own life?
3. Pastor Jamie emphasized the importance of understanding the invisible war but warns against making the enemy a bigger deal than Jesus. Why is it important to strike a balance between not ignoring spiritual warfare and not obsessing over it?
4. The video shows that the ongoing conflict between God and Satan is part of spiritual warfare but also highlights how God eventually brings redemption and good out of evil. Can you think of any examples from your own life or from the Bible where God has brought good out of difficult situations?
5. As Pastor Jamie spoke about the dangers of cynicism, in what ways have you experienced cynicism creeping into your life? In what forms did cynicism try to hide in your life?

Ministry Time:

Pray for those who are struggling with cynicism currently.

Pray for anyone who has been feeling isolated from God or from other believers.

In *JOB: My Ugly Priest*:

Throughout this series, you'll find themes from the message in Pastor Jamie's book. These are good places to read following this section of teaching.

Pulling back the veil - Chapter 1: Job the Man

Cynicism - Chapter 2: The Challenge