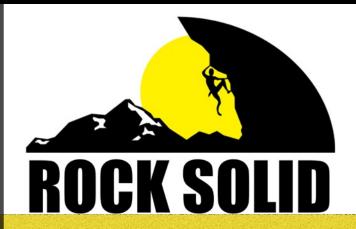
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BIBLE STUDY 6

Who is the DEVIL? How do we come against EVIL?

KEY BIBLE VERSE:

Ephesians 6:12 — "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*"

Who is the DEVIL? Where did he come from?

Ezekiel 28 & Isaiah 14 — These two Bible passages teach about "Lucifer" (originally a powerful angel, who's name meant "morning star"). Lucifer rebelled against God, through pride, and was cast out of heaven, and renamed "Satan" or "adversary." <u>Article on christianity.com</u>
Luke 10:18 And He (Jesus) said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

What does the Bible teach us about SATAN & EVIL?

Matthew 4:1 [Even Jesus was tempted. It's not a sin to be tempted.] "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." . . .

Matthew 4:10 [Jesus Resisted Temptation with God's Word] "Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." Mark 4:15 "And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts."

1 Peter 5:8 [The devil is our adversary, or enemy] "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

I Timothy 3:6 [Bible verse about "condemnation" from the devil]

James 4:7-8 [We need to resist the devil] "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Why would a loving God allow EVIL & SUFFERING?

Evil and suffering are a result of SIN and the FALL OF MAN. God has given people a FREE WILL to do good or evil. Sin and evil are very grievous to the heart of God. It's important to understand that GOD and the DEVIL are not equal-but-opposite powers; God has no rival, and no equal, and He has a plan. In the end, SATAN will be bound for 1000 years, then released for a short time on the earth, and finally cast into the Lake of Fire (see Revelation 20).

BIG BIBLE WORDS OF THE WEEK:

SATAN, LUCIFER, TEMPTATION, RESIST, ARMOR OF GOD

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(Armor of God Song) "I've got my feet shod, with the preparation of peace. I've got my sword of the spirit. My shield of faith. I've got my breastplate of righteous. My helmet of salvation. And I gird my loins with truth. . . Praying always." (See video for tune.)

Ephesians 6:11-18 — THE ARMOR OF GOD

- 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
- 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
- 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Righteousness
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Also, here's an Old Testament reference to the armor of God — Isaiah 59:16-19

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