

Genesis 3:1-13

- I. Ignorance & Deception
 - a. Loss of Identity
 - i. In vs 4-5, Eve begins to lose the true identity God had given her to the serpent's deceptive idea of gaining knowledge and power by disregarding God's command.
 - b. Loss of Trust
 - i. In vs 4 Satan calls into question God's goodness. "If God were truly good and trust worthy then he would want you to eat from this tree and gain understanding."
- II. The Wall
 - a. Unrepentance
 - i. In vs. 10-11, we see the wall go up between man and God through an unrepentant heart
 - b. Unforgiveness
 - i. In vs. 12, we see the wall go up between each other through unforgiveness

Ephesians 6:10-12

- III. The Battle
 - a. Who is our enemy?
 - b. Possession
 - i. **Mark 9:17-29**
 1. We have authority in the name of Jesus
 2. Prayer & Faith are necessary
 - ii. *Possession vs. Oppression:*

A person who has given their life to Christ to receive salvation cannot be possessed by a demon. Your body, mind, and spirit are God's property now. The demonic cannot dwell alongside the Holy Spirit within a person. However, you can be *oppressed*; meaning that demonic spirits can torment you from the outside and try to bring you down, but they cannot possess you. You have the authority in Jesus' name to silence them.
 - c. Your role
 - i. **Luke 10:17-20** - Two key points in this passage are:
 1. Do *not* fear the demonic, but have a healthy understanding of it.
 2. Do *not* be overly fascinated with the demonic or with your authority through Christ to cast out demons.