

Our new series begins THIS SABBATH, Oct 26, right after church! There will be a mini potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Come and learn what the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy says about understanding our enemy, and how to battle against him in these closing scenes of earth's history. Invite a friend!

## Know Your Enemy 👺

Part 1 Establish the foundation

Why are we here? Let's let Jesus tell us, Matt 24.4

In this Bible study series, we want to reveal

and pull back the curtain on our Enemy's strategies, tactics, plans and his MO that he uses in **real time** to *deceive* us, and counter the work of God's remnant church.

We'll use the Bible, the Spirit of prophecy, and men and women's testimony who have direct knowledge and experience with these things.

The ultimate purpose is so **you** won't be deceived. You'll see it coming a mile away, and say "no thanks". I follow the Lamb.

First we have to lay a foundation for this study. And nothing is more foundational than understanding and believing the truth that we do indeed have an external, powerful, cunning Enemy that's out to destroy us. A real enemy.

Who here believes this to be true? You are apparently, and sadly, in the minority in this country.

■ ○ Is Satan real or just a methpor of evil?



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## Most American Christians Do Not Believe that Satan or the Holy Spirit Exist

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https://www.barna.com/research/most -american-christians-do-not-believe-that-satan -or-the-holy-spirit-exist/

40% agreed strongly with the statement "Satan is not a living being but is a symbol of evil" 20% somewhat agreed with it. This survey includes pastors.

This is actually the biggest mass deception in

the history of the world. Satan has convinced most Christians that he isn't even real. And if Christians who have the Bible are fooled, what does that say about the rest of society?

## Here's the truth

- ■ Rev 12.9 to Gen 3 the Great Controversy begins

We do not understand as we should the great conflict going on between invisible agencies, the controversy between loyal and disloyal angels. Over every man, good and evil angels strive. This is no make believe conflict. It is not mimic battles in which we are engaged. We have to meet most powerful adversaries, and it rests with us to determine which shall win. 3Testimonies for the Church 7:213.

Could human beings know the number of the evil angels, could they know their devices and their activity, there would be far less pride and frivolity. Satan is the prince of demons. The evil angels over whom he rules do his bidding. Through them he multiplies his agencies.... He instigates all the evil that exists in our world. 4SDA Bible Commentary 6:1119.

- Why do you think most Christians believe this? Rev 12.9, 2 Cor 4.3-4, Jer 9.6, Matt 13.25, Matt 25.5, Rom 13.11

Can holy angels appear in human form? Heb 13.2, Matt 28.2 "angel"

Mark 16:5 KJV

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

If that's true, cannot evil angels appear as humans?

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 KJV
[13] For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. [14] And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Matthew 7:15-16 KJV

[15] Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. [16] Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?