

JESUS ANSWERS THE

BIG
QUESTIONS



WHO'S THE ENEMY

Ezra Faced the opposition when
he rebuilt the Temple

Now Nehemiah faces His
opposition at the rebuilding of
the Walls.

Are you surprised?

1. When you re-established your relationship with God.

2. When you began to rebuild your relationship with the Body of Christ?”

Did you think you'd have no

The 3 Questions are,

1. "Who's your Enemy?"

***2. "How do they Oppose
you?"***

3. "How do we fight them?"

Beware of misdirected blame.

Ephesians 6:10-12¹⁰

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹***Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*** ¹²***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.***

Beware of misdirected activity

2 Corinthians 10:3-5₃

For though we live in the world, **we do not wage war as the world does.** ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

How do they Oppose you.

1. Distract my focus from the Lord with lies.
2. Cause me to act in an inappropriate way and therefore sin and chain myself with some demonic foothold.

How does he attack ?

Eve: Faced the devils activity.

Eve was tempted in these three ways

Gen 3:6

The tree was good for food, (Flesh)

it was pleasant to the eyes and was (Eyes)

desired to make one wise, she took it ate it and gave it to her husband. (Pride)

The Temptations of Jesus Showed the same

Matthew 4:3-11

Lust of the Flesh, (turn the stones to bread)

Pride of Life (Throw yourself down cause your so important to God he'll get his angels hurting yourself.)

and Lust of the Eyes (Look at all the kingdoms and their glory, you can have it all.)

Nehemiah: (Wordwise)

Sanballat , Tobiah and Geshem

The Devil (Pride),

The Flesh (Lust of Flesh)

and The World (Lust of the
Eyes)

Living in a Fallen World

The World. (Lust of the eyes)

The Flesh, (Lust of the Flesh)

The Devil, (The Pride of Life)

1 John 2:15-17... The lure of a false love

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father ^[fn] is not in them.

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The World: the society in which we live not the created order.

Act 2:40 (Peter)

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, **“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”**

Generation.

(the whole multitude of men living at the same time)

The World Society is Blinded

2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

How do I fight?

1. Don't be intimidated about Jesus or ashamed of the Word of God

Mark 8:38 Jesus says:

“If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because **it is the power of God that brings
salvation to everyone who believes:** first
to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Demonic intimidation and shame.

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1 John 4:1-3 (*It's Spiritual*)

Dear friends, ***do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,*** because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: ***Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,*** ³ but ***every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist,*** which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

1 John 4:4-6 (*It's Spiritual*)

¹⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.⁵

*They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.*⁶

We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. ***This is how we recognize the Spirit^[fn] of truth and the spirit of falsehood.***

We fight with His Truth

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Ephesians 4:17-19 “Don’t think like them.”

17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that **you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.**

18 They are darkened in their understanding and **separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.**

19 **Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity,** and they are full of greed.

Ephesians 4:20-24

20 That, however, is not the way of life you learned
21 when you heard about Christ and **were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.**

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, **to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;**

23 **to be made new in the attitude of your minds;**

24 and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Ephesians 4:25-27

25 Therefore each of you must **put off falsehood and speak truthfully** to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

26 “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

27 and **do not give the devil a foothold.**

James 4:7-10

Submit yourselves, then, to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

Wash your hands, you sinners, and
purify your hearts, you double-minded.

◦ **Grieve, mourn and wail.** Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.