



The Great Controversy

Memory Text: And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Zechariah 3:2

A Little Heaven on Earth

SUNDAY: October 2

Key Passage(s): Job 1:1-5

1. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, but does God have enough power to free individuals from sin's grasp and if so, do we have an example in the Bible? How did God view Job? Job 1:1

2. Job's name means hated. What did Job hate? Proverbs 8:13 (Job 1:1)

3. How did others perceive Job? Job 1:2, 3

4. How was Job as a father? Job 1:4,5

5. Was Job worried about the outward conformity of his children? Job 1:5

6. (Discussion) Many of us today worry about appearances, how we or our family look to those outside our homes. How does Job's example speak to fathers today?

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Cosmic Conflict

MONDAY: October 3

Key Passage(s): Job 1:6-12

1. Who are these sons of God that Satan joins to meet with God?. In the Bible there are at least two categories of beings that are called the “sons of God” -men and angels. How do we know these “sons of God” were angels? 1Timothy 6:16, 1John 4:12

2. Satan means adversary. How does his name fit into the story of Job? Job 1:7

3. What is the link between the two questions God asked Satan? Job 1:7, 8

4. The consideration of Job was it really about Job? How did God refer to Job? Job 1:8

5. What does Satan request of God? Job 1:9-12

6. (Discussion) Who was responsible for the calamities in Job’s life? Who is largely responsible for hardships we face in this life? What is, like Job, the big picture why we have the difficulties we do?

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The Conflict on Earth

TUESDAY: October 4

Key Passage(s): Revelation 12:7-9; Genesis 3:1-6

1. How did the conflict get to earth? Revelation 12:7-9

2. Identify the two sides in the conflict? Who is Michael? Revelation 12:7-9; Jude 9; 1Thessalonians 4:16; John 5:25

3. What was the nature of the conflict in heaven and what did it center around? What is sin? 1John 3:8; 1John 3:4

4. How did the old serpent persuade Adam and Eve to join the rebellion that started in heaven? Genesis 3:1-6

5. (Discussion) Based on the following quote, how serious is the conflict between good and evil?

“I was shown that Satan cannot control minds unless they are yielded to his control. Those who depart from the right are in serious danger now. They separate themselves from God and from the watch-care of the angels of God, and Satan, ever upon the watch to destroy souls, begins to present to such his deceptions, and they are in the utmost peril. And if they see and try to resist the powers of darkness and to free themselves from Satan’s snare, it is not an easy matter. They have ventured on Satan’s ground, and he claims them. He will not hesitate to engage all his energies, and call to his aid all his evil host to wrest a single human being from the hand of Christ.

Those who have tempted the devil to tempt them will have to make desperate efforts to free themselves from his power. When they begin to work for themselves, then angels of God whom they have grieved will come to their

rescue. Satan and his angels are unwilling to lose their prey. They contend and battle with the holy angels, and the conflict is severe. And if those who have erred continue to plead, and in deep humility confess their wrongs, angels who excel in strength will prevail and wrench them from the power of the evil angels. Messages to Young People, p. 60

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Job as a Microcosm

WEDNESDAY: October 5

Key Passage(s): Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-16

1. Before he was that Old Serpent, the Devil, and Satan, what was his name?
What does his name mean? Isaiah 14:12

NOTE: Strong's <1966> light bearer

2. What light was Lucifer to carry to the universe? Proverbs 6:23

3. What led Lucifer to reject his God given mission as a light bearer for God?
Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-14

4. (Discussion) How dangerous of an enemy is pride? Proverbs 16:18

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Answers at the Cross

THURSDAY: October 6

Key Passage(s): Hebrews 9:15

1. Lucifer not only transgressed God's commandments but he lead others to do so too. What is the price of sin? Romans 6:23

2. What was the price paid to redeem us from our wages? Colossians 1:14

NOTE: Death was required and death received it's payment.

3. What role does Jesus assume to obtain eternal redemption for us? Hebrews 9:15

4. (Discussion) What does the cross teach us about God, His law, and His character?

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