

# Listening Guide

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## I. The Doctrine of the Spirit World

[1] How would you state the answer presented in this paragraph in your own words?

[2] In a sentence or two, describe your honest response to the idea that good and evil spirits inhabit our world and influence our life.

[3] What have you been taught about angels? How does that fit with the description in this paragraph?

[4] Because we need to have faith to believe in what most of us have never (knowingly) seen, reading the Bible passages in the previous paragraph gives us an understanding of what God's Word says about angels. How did your impressions about angels change after reading these passages?

[5] The frequent biblical references to Satan indicate that he is a real being and is opposed to God's will. How convinced are you that Satan is a real being and what do you base your answer on?

[6] If not, read the two cited in this passage and confirm your belief in this important doctrinal point.

[7] Do you have any "safeguards" against Satan's relentless attacks?

**[8]** Read Ephesians 6:10-20 (especially verse 12) to see how God has made provision for our protection.

**[9]** In what two conditions do demons currently exist?

**[10]** What is our best defense against demonic domination?

**[11]** List the six activities Satan participates in. The more aware we are of his tactics, the better equipped we are to use God's armor against them. This list can serve as a prayer reminder.

**[12]** Some people have developed an obsession with Satan and demons, and others totally ignore their existence. What is your plan to maintain a balanced approach to your defense against their influence in your life?

**[13]** What do the Bible passages listed in the lesson transcript say to someone who believes they are hopelessly trapped by Satan's evil influence in their life?

**[14]** Many people are fascinated by, and some even worship Satan. Are you familiar enough with his tactics to explain the dangers of such fascination to someone you care about?

**[15]** Would a review of this lesson better equip you to converse with someone who is exploring satanic practices?

**[16]** List the specific "defenses" presented in this section and make them part of your regular life practices.

[17] Take time to read the Bible passages in the lesson transcript that support each of these “defenses.”

## II. The Doctrine of the Future

[18] What two options does this paragraph present?

[19] Which option have you chosen?

[20] How should this doctrine of the future influence us?

[21] Bible-believing scholars have various views on the sequence of these future events. While the Bible is very clear on doctrines such as the inspiration of Scripture, Jesus’ deity and His resurrection, and many others, there is room for friendly disagreement on the order in which some of these future events occur. If someone disagrees with your beliefs on the timing and/or sequence of these events, realize that Bible scholars have disagreed on these matters for centuries. They are not issues that should separate believers. The Bible is not only clear, it is adamant about the fact of our resurrection. To reconfirm your belief in eternal life and the resurrection of your body, read 1 Corinthians 15.

[22] Take a moment to thank our Lord for this wonderful hope.

[23] There is little disagreement among Bible-believing scholars that Jesus could return at any moment. How do you heed the advice offered in this paragraph?

[24] What three major events will take place during this time of great tribulation on the earth?

[25] What four major events will God use these judgments to accomplish?

[26] Name the events Christ will accomplish at the end of His earthly kingdom.

[27] How much of our resources should we invest in our life in this world and how much in our eternal soul?

[28] What is your balance?

### **III. Conclusion: Without Love We Are Nothing**

[29] Take a moment to read Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9-11. It combines the themes of love and Christ's return in a powerful way. It's a great prayer to pray for yourself and your loved ones.

[30] As you conclude this course on doctrine, pray that God will use what you have learned to make you a more effective messenger of His love and grace.

[31] Not all Christian believers agree on every doctrine, but we must both agree and disagree with each other in a spirit of love. Don't be caught in Satan's trap of rejecting another person because you can't agree on a doctrinal point. Read Ephesians 4:1-3 and identify what verse 3 says we must do if we want to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1 NIV).

[32] List a few ways angels minister to Christian believers.

[33] Describe how Satan and his fallen angels seek to tempt and mislead.

**[34]** Describe what happens to a person after death.

**[35]** Explain how the rapture, tribulation, millennium, and eternal state fit into God's plan of redemption for believers.

### **Reflection**

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

### **Application**

Satan and his demons labor feverishly to destroy any human, but especially one who is committed to his great enemy, our Lord Jesus Christ. What is your plan to guard yourself against his efforts to destroy you and your reputation as a Christian?