

The Battle for the Mind

Lesson 6

Psalm 119:9-11; Proverbs 7:2-3; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11, 4:3-4, 5:17, 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8;

Revelation 12:9-12

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INTRODUCTION

“The general tendency of Satan’s influence is delusion: but yet he may mix some truth with his lies, that his lies may not be so easily discovered.” (Jonathan Edwards in *The Religious Affections*).

Satan remains master of persuasion, using every opportunity to lead us to iniquity. Edwards’ premise is that the devil attacks the imagination, and who has a more fertile imagination than a child? Make-believe friends and play-acting are being swept from the child’s imagination today, replaced by a twisted urgency to change the gender assigned by God.

Adults, as potential victims of the devil, should have more control over their imaginations, having tools ordered by God to ward off that persistent enemy. According to 2 Corinthians 10:3b, “...we do not wage war as the world does....” Rather, our weapons “...have divine power....” (2 Corinthians 10:4b)

Memory Verse: “I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”—Psalm 119:11

Pray, and read the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
(Psalm 119:9b-11)
2. What is the “apple of God’s eye”? (Proverbs 7:2-3)
3. Why is it difficult for unbelievers to see the light of the gospel? (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
4. How does Paul describe a Christian’s protection against the forces of evil? (Ephesians 6:11)
5. During the Great Tribulation, Satan will be hurled down to earth on the basis of what three accomplishments?
(Revelation 12:11)

4. What does it mean to “Put on the full armor of God....”? (Ephesians 6:11-17)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. As we “hide” God’s word in our hearts as directed in Psalm 119:11a, how might the translation of “hide” be misunderstood, and what other word could you use to better describe its intent to others?

