Beyond The Veil
How Big is Your Devil?
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Key Scripture:

Revelation 20:7-10 (NLT)
7 When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison.
8 He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. 9 And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. 10 Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Job 1:12 (NLT)
12"All right, you may test him," the Lord said to Satan. "Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically." So Satan left the Lord's presence.

Job 2:6 (NLT)
"All right, do with him as you please," the Lord said to Satan. "But spare his life."

Ephesians 6:13-14 (NLT)
13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.
14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.

Romans 16:20 (NLT)
20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you have any silly or unusual fears (like spiders, clowns, or heights)?

Start sharing. These questions are to help get your group thinking and to create openness.

- Why does standing in awe of God eliminate our fear of the enemy? What habits will help you keep God as the primary influence in your life?

- **Read Revelation 20:7** and **Job 1:12**. How do these passages prove Satan operates under God's limitations? Where do you need to trust God's protection around your life right now?

- **Read Revelation 20:8**. Why does the enemy rely on deception? What half-truth are you tempted to believe about your identity?

- How does studying Scripture train us to spot spiritual counterfeits? What lie do you need to "talk back" to with a Bible verse this week?

- **Read Revelation 20:9**. What does the destruction of Satan's army reveal about the balance of power? How does viewing the cross as D-Day change the way you endure attacks?

- **Read Revelation 20:10**. How does knowing the enemy's defeat empower the church today? Where do you need to stop fighting for victory and stand firm in the victory Christ secured?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Commit to spending at least 5 minutes every morning this week "looking up", to God, to realign your heart with God's truth before checking your phone or the news.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Father, thank You for holding authority over our lives. Give us the discipline to study Your truth so we can recognize the enemy's lies. Help us stand firm in the victory Christ secured on the cross, knowing our enemy is outmatched and his defeat is final. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Devotional

The Enemy on a Leash

In the final week of the *Beyond the Veil* series, Pastor Brian highlighted a theological truth: Satan is on a leash. He does not have the keys to his own prison, and he cannot operate outside the boundaries established by God.

We often make the mistake of viewing Satan as God's opposite but equal. But a Biblical understanding of the spiritual realm proves the devil is outmatched.

1. A Created Being God is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipresent (everywhere at once), and omnipotent (all-powerful). Satan possesses none of these attributes. He is a created being who rebelled against his Creator (Ezekiel 28:15). He cannot read your mind, he cannot be everywhere at once, and his power is finite. God has no equal.

2. Constrained by Sovereignty Satan cannot act without God's permission. We see this in the book of Job, where Satan must present himself before God and request permission to test Job (Job 1:12). Even then, God set a physical boundary that Satan was unable to cross. Even in his rebellion, the enemy is subjugated to the sovereign will of God.

3. A Defeated Foe Satan's defeat was secured at the cross (Colossians 2:15), and his destination is written. Revelation 20 guarantees he will be cast into the lake of fire. Because the outcome of the war is decided, believers do not have to live in fear of the enemy's tactics. We simply stand firm in the victory Christ achieved.

Reflection: How does knowing Satan operates within God's boundaries change how you view your current hardships? How can you focus on the awe of God rather than the fear of the enemy today?

Adapted directly from GotQuestions.org: Does Satan have to get God's permission before he can attack us?