

WHO WILL RISE UP WITH ME?

INTRO: [Any military members? War vets? Family stories? We are all in a war, like it or not. ON BOARD: Cultural war, Moral war, Spiritual war. Growing up, it was in the background; now in the open][Psalm 94:16 - The king asking for God's help - In a real sense, God is asking for our help]

I. The Rise and Reign of Evil

- A. Fall of Satan - Jude 6; Genesis 3:1
- B. Fall of Adam - Genesis 2:16,17; 3:6,7; Ephesians 2:1-3; I John 5:19;

II. Our Relationship to Evil

- A. Sin inherited - Genesis 4:8; Romans 3:23
- B. Sin committed - Ecclesiastes 7:20; Proverbs 20:9 [Our insensitivity results]
- C. Sin defeated in Christ - personally and vicariously - I Peter 1:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21

III. Our Reaction to Evil

- A. Measure it - Genesis 6:5-7; 18:20,21; Psalm 7:11; 11:5; Isaiah 30:18,27,30; Nahum 1:3,6; Mark 3:5; John 2:13-17; Revelation 6:16,17[How?] [By looking at God's hatred for it][Gen. 6:5-7; Left to itself, evil always degenerates into more evil] [The Lord Jesus - Mark 3:5; John 2:13-17; Rev. 6:16,17]
- B. Hate it - [Tell me of a man who is never angry, that man has not any true zeal for God. We must sometimes be angry against sin. When we see evil, though not vindictive against the persons who commit it, yet angry against the evil we must be; we must hate wickedness always. - Spurgeon]
 - 1. In ourselves - Genesis 39:9; Job 1:1; Romans 7:15,23,24
 - 2. In others - Psalm 139:19-22; Proverbs 8:13; Romans 12:9; II Peter 2:7,8;
- C. Mortify it - Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5-10
- D. Expose it - Ephesians 5:11-13 [We are called by God to speak for God] Psalm 94:6; Salt and light, Matthew 5:14 [There is nothing else that can put evil away so quickly as the proclamation of right. Help the minister of the Gospel; pray for him; hold up his hands; endeavor to strengthen him. - Spurgeon]
 - 1. Examples of evil
 - a. False gospels - Psalm 119:104; Jeremiah 44:4,5; Revelation 2:6; Galatians 1:8 [there is a "deeply rooted hostility in our soul against the Word" - Sproul] [our fallen nature struggles against it]
 - b. Evolution - Genesis 1
 - c. Sexual sin - Mark 6:18 [Including sex trafficking, adultery, fornication, homosexuality]

- d. Abortion - Jeremiah 7:31; Psalm 139:13 [New York state's new law - "It's another barrier-breaking day in New York" -State Senate Majority Leader - "protect life and health" after 24 weeks - not physician only - Also, Virginia Governor's post birth view]
 - e. Fake news, false witness - Psalm 119:104 [Again]
 - f. Injustice - Leviticus 19:15; Proverbs 11:1 ["So far as a man loves God, he must hate everything that is contrary to God." - Jonathan Edwards]
 - g. Idolatry - Ephesians 5:5,6 [Greed]
 - h. The Apostle's list - Galatians 5:19-21
 - i. Others? [Drugs]
2. Hindrances
- a. Personal sin - Psalm 24:4 [Feeling hypocritical]
 - b. Fear [Of rejection, persecution]
 - c. Discouragement [Won't do any good]
 - d. Doctrinal view of eschatology [Just a sign of the times - Jesus is coming soon]
 - e. Old and tired [Have neither the energy nor acuity]
 - f. Conflicting scripture - Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 5:12
3. Encouragements
- a. Commanded - Eph. 5:13; Matt. 5:14-16;
 - b. Examples - David and Goliath; OT Prophets; John Baptist, Jesus, Paul, Jude
 - c. Our little worlds of influence [where are they?]
4. Temptations
- a. Self-righteousness - Luke 18:10-14
 - b. Hatred of sinners- Matthew 5:44

IV. The Repeal of Evil

- A. Its deathblow - I Corinthians 15:54-58; Hebrews 2:14; [defeated at - cross refs] [Book of Revelation- God wins!]
- B. Its purpose - Revelation 5:11-13 [What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.]