

Shelby Christian Church

CORE 52: NEW LENS - THE SUPERNATURAL * MATTHEW 25:41, REVELATION 12 & 13, EPHESIANS 6:12, HEBREWS 1:14, REVELATION 20:10 * 9/14/2025

What are some of the images of Satan you see in our culture right now?

Based on those images alone, how do you think most people in the world view Satan?

Do you think it's much different for Christians? How do you think most Christians view Satan? How do you think we should view him?

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ MATTHEW 25:41

Who are "those on his left," and why are they being separated? What does this passage reveal about God's justice and holiness?

How can we live in a way that reflects the compassion Jesus calls for in this chapter?

What does it look like to serve "the least of these" in your daily life?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ REVELATION 12

What does this passage teach us about the reality of spiritual conflict?

How does knowing that Satan has been "hurled down" (v.9) affect your view of daily struggles?

What role does testimony and sacrifice play in spiritual victory?

Have you ever felt like you were in a spiritual battle? What helped you stand firm?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ REVELATION 13

What do the two beasts represent, and how do they differ in appearance and function? Why do you think the first beast is given authority and power by the dragon? What might the "mark of the beast" symbolize, and how does it contrast with the seal of God in earlier chapters?

How can we recognize spiritual deception in today's world? What does this chapter teach us about counterfeit worship and false authority?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EPHESIANS 6:12

What does Paul mean by "not against flesh and blood"? How does this shift our perspective on conflict?

Who or what are the "rulers" and "authorities" mentioned here? How do you interpret these spiritual forces?

Have you ever faced a situation where you realized the real battle wasn't with a person, but something deeper?

Why do you think Paul emphasizes the unseen nature of our struggle? How does this verse challenge the way you respond to conflict or opposition in your life?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ HEBREWS 1:14

What does it mean that angels are "ministering spirits"? How does this description shape your understanding of their role? Have you ever felt that God sent help in a way you couldn't explain—perhaps through a person, a moment, or even something mysterious?

How does knowing that angels serve believers affect your sense of spiritual security or encouragement?

Why do you think the author emphasizes the service of angels rather than their power or glory? Do you think we often overlook the spiritual support God provides? Why or why not?

HAVE A VOLUTEER READ REVELATION 20:10

What does this verse reveal about the final fate of Satan, the beast, and the false prophet?

What does this verse teach us about God's authority over evil?

How do you reconcile the idea of eternal torment with God's love and mercy? Why do you think eternal punishment is emphasized here?

APPLICATION

What are the most commonly perpetuated misconceptions of "heaven."

Pretend for a moment that you were God. If you couldn't use hell as described in the Bible, what would you do to carry out justice?

If you were a demon, what would you do to destroy you? Have you ever experienced that?

If you were an angel, what would you do to protect you? Have you ever experienced that?

PRAYER