

A dark silhouette of a person's head and neck, facing left, positioned behind the main title text. The silhouette is rendered in a dark, almost black color, with some highlights suggesting texture or light reflecting off the skin.

Overcoming The Unseen Adversary

Learning from Jesus
Matthew 4:1 - 11



1. Jesus has taken away the mystery of the unseen adversary.

- A. “Cherub” that sinned.
 - Isaiah 14:12-15;
 - Ezek 28:13-19;
- B. Primary names in Bible:
 - satan. 47v (33v NT)
 - evil one. (10v NT)
 - devil. 32v (all NT)
- C. Appears in NT.
 - 60v out of 75v
 - Jesus – 19x

2. Four Primary Works of the Adversary

1. Deceives

2. Accuses

3. Lies

4. Tempts





3. Jesus was tempted with a specific strategy. So are we.

The Deceiver:

- A. Chose the best stage.
- B. Chose the right time.
- C. Chose the right “language.”



3. Jesus was tempted with a specific strategy. So are we (cont).

The Deceiver:

D. Chose the right “tempters”:

- 1. To be served.**
- 2. To do his own thing.**
- 3. Nothing like the flesh.**



4. We can be victorious with the same strategy used by Jesus.

- A. Jesus used spiritual weapons against a spiritual foe.**
- B. Jesus stood on what Scripture said.**
- C. Jesus obeyed God.**



satan lost.

1 Jn 3:8

Rev 12:11

The Jesus Model:

- A. God's word.**
- B. A believer who knows it, believes it, and uses it.**
- C. A believer who obeys it because God is good.**

Satan has lost because of Jesus.

- 1 John 3:8, ... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. (NAU)
- Rev. 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. (NAU)

Next Step:

1. Memorize 1 John 3:8b, “... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.”
(NAU)
2. Take a spiritual inventory of your life. Is satan working to deceive you, accuse you, lie to you, or tempt you?
 - Use the Jesus model to overcome him.





2. The adversary is made visible by the Light of Jesus.

- But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. (Eph. 5:13 NAU)