

The Overthrow of Satan

The Kingdom of God

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Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

-Matthew
4:17

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Things are About to Change

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And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil.

-Luke 4:1-2

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The Battle is Being Waged

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The coming of God's kingdom means the defeat of Satan's: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

-CCC 550

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The evil one

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If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade him that since he cannot believe in that (it is an old textbook method of confusing them) he therefore cannot believe in you.

-CS Lewis

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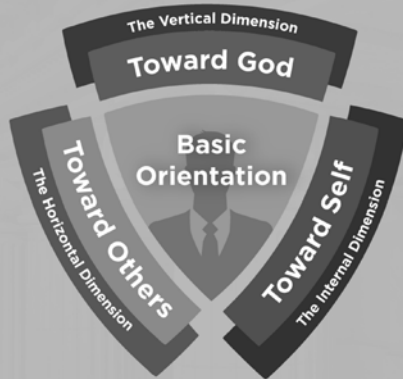
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The Two Kingdoms

Jesus ushers in the Kingdom of God but the two kingdoms are profoundly opposed to each other.

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The Three Obstacles in the Spiritual Life



The Devil

"The pride of life."

The World

"The concupiscence of the eyes."

The Flesh

"The concupiscence of the flesh."

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The Consequences of Original Sin

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The consequences of original sin and of all men's personal sins put the world as a whole in the sinful condition aptly described in St. John's expression, "the sin of the world."

-CCC 408

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The Power of Satan

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The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign.

-CCC 395

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Session 04

- **How do you experience the power of the world? What is your greatest temptation and greatest struggle?**
- **Are you able to make a distinction between the kingdom of the world and the Kingdom of God? Describe an experience when the Kingdom of God triumphed over sin in your life.**