

The problem of Evil - Rev John Ohen

Why is there so much evil in our world today?

In life there are two extremes, for example: Good or bad, rich or poor, also evil and devil.

At one end of the spectrum is to believe in the devil and evil and wickedness excessively, and at the other not to believe in devil and its evil works at all. While some people fall in between any of the above.

The question still remains, how well do we know the devil or the evil one and how strong are we to fight against the evil forces of our world today? The church has always affirmed that the devil and his realm is a reality. The devil or Lucifer was in heaven until he was kicked out. Our world is wrestling with evil. The big question is how prepared are we to resist? The church's teaching is that we should be strong in our faith and resist the devil in all his ways, in the spiritual battle which is waged every day.

1 Peter 5: 8,9 reminds us "to be sober, vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour ". We are told to resist him and to be strong in the faith.

The great theologian Thomas More said, "we should try to occupy our minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones; unoccupied they can't be." He went on to say that being passive and undisciplined in our thinking and in our behavior can open us up to the devil and his ways. The evil one or the devil delights in the idleness of mind and a passivity which does not help in the good fight of Faith.

God created us with the gift of free will, and the greatest challenge we face is to choose God and reject the devil.

Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection we are saved if we believe and trust in him. We are saved, by the cross and blood of Jesus through baptism and are protected and kept safe by the blood of Jesus.

Bible quotation: 1. Peter 5: 8, 9.

Prayer: Heavenly Father guide and protect us daily from the snares and the schemes of the evil one. We call upon the power of your name to be with us all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.