In ***John 16:33 and 17:9-16,*** Jesus warns His Followers of tribulation in the world. He asks His Father to keep us in His name. The **world** we live in surrounds us with ungodly beliefs and temptations. Our **Old Nature** is susceptible to be influenced by these factors. **Satan** and his host of demons are always trying to block us from knowing and serving God.

Read the introduction to the subject and the scriptures. Consider the primary emphasis as it relates to this lesson and the context in which it is presented. Then, answer the questions.

1) The **world** hates Jesus. The media, secular culture and much false teaching support and encourage unbelief and disobedience.

***John 15:18-23, Mark 7:6-8, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, 1 John 5:19***

a) What is God protecting me from?

b) What is God preparing me for?

c) How does this specifically apply to my life?

2) Our **Old Nature** should not dominate our thoughts and our behavior after we are given a New Nature by the Holy Spirit residing in us.

***John 14:16-17, Colossians 3:1-17, Galatians 5:16-26***

a) What is different in my life than it was earlier?

b) What would I most like to have changed now?

3) Consider the warnings below. Confess and turn away from the sins of your flesh, which is your **Old Nature**. Yield to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit to change you.

How can I cooperate with the Holy Spirit in changing my behavior in the areas below? I need to take time and focus on 2 or 3 that are most pressing.

a) Selfishness - ***Philippians 2:1-5***

b) My thought life – ***2 Corinthians 10:3-6, Philippians 4:4-9***

c) My mouth – ***Matthew 12:31-37, 15:10-11, v15-20, Ephesians 4:29-32***

d) My eyes and ears – ***Luke 11:34-36, Matthew 5:27-29, Mark 4:22-25***

e) My greed – ***Luke 12:13-21, Matthew 19:21-26***

f) My tendency to judge – ***Matthew 7:1-5, John 8:3-11***

g) My fears and anxieties –

***Matthew 6:24-34, Luke 12:4-7, v32-34, John 14:23-27***

4) In the New Testament; **Satan** is named 35 times, the **devil** 34 times, and **demons** 62 times. The mission of evil spirits is to kill, steal, destroy and lie. Demons seduce people in order to turn them away from God’s truth and His way of living and entice them to engage in idolatry and destructive activities.

***John 8:39-47***, ***10:7-10, 2 Corinthians 11:12-15***

a) What do I believe about the reality and presence of evil spirits?

5) Disciples of Jesus have authority over evil spirits.

***Luke 10:17-21, 1 John 4:1-4,***

***1 Peter 5:8-11, Ephesians 6:10-18,***

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