

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about

The First Article of the Creed

Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given to me and still sustains my body and soul, my senses and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul. I believe that He gives me food and clothing, home and family, and all material blessings; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil. I believe that He does this because of His fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I should thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

138 Are there evil angels?

Yes, there are evil angels who through pride and disobedience rebelled, along with Satan, against God and rejected God's will for them. They oppose God and seek to harm His creation. They are forever excluded from fellowship with Him.

2 Peter 2:4 "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment..."

Ephesians 6:10-12 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

139 Who is Satan?

He is the main evil angel who tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and who continues to oppose God and work against God's children.

1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

2 Corinthians 11:14 "And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

140 What are the visible beings?

People and animals are visible beings that God created.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

