

## **Study Guide: The Lies of Satan**

**Sunday AM-September 6, 2026**

This study guide examines the teachings and worship service held at New Life Family Worship on September 6, 2026. The central theme of the service focuses on identifying the various ways Satan uses deception to lead people away from the truth of God. By analyzing Scripture and personal testimony, the text provides a framework for recognizing spiritual lies and embracing the freedom found in Jesus Christ.

### **Quiz: Understanding the Message**

- 1. What is the first lie of Satan identified in the text, and what biblical example is used to illustrate it?**
  - 2. According to the speaker, what is the truth regarding a believer's situation and the reason they might have to complain?**
  - 3. How does the speaker contrast the world's view of self-reliance with the biblical view found in Psalm 20:7?**
  - 4. What does the text say about the relationship between being a Christian and experiencing suffering?**
  - 5. Why did Jesus Christ come to Earth in the form of a man, according to the sermon?**
  - 6. According to Matthew 4:8-10, how did Satan attempt to tempt Jesus Christ, and what was His response?**
  - 7. What happens spiritually when a person harbors non-forgiveness in their heart?**
  - 8. Does the speaker believe that true forgiveness requires a person to re-establish a relationship with the offender? Why or why not?**
  - 9. What is described as the one "unpardonable" or unforgivable sin in this teaching?**
  - 10. How does the speaker describe the purpose of the "Ancient Words" mentioned in the song?**
-

## Answer Key

1. The first lie is that God is holding out on you. The speaker uses the example of the serpent in Genesis 3, who told Eve she would not die but would become like God if she ate the forbidden fruit.
2. God knows entirely about every person's situation, and there is no legitimate reason to complain unless the situation is caused by personal sin. If sin is the cause, the person should repent, confess, and move forward.
3. While society encourages people to "just do it" themselves, the Bible teaches that some trust in worldly things like chariots and horses, but believers must remember the name of the Lord their God. The speaker emphasizes that humans cannot do it alone and must let God provide.
4. The speaker notes that Satan lies by saying believers will never suffer, but the Bible teaches that various trials should be counted as joy. He suggests that if a person feels no persecution or suffering, they should examine the sincerity of their faith.
5. Jesus Christ came to Earth specifically to die for humanity and to suffer. He was the ransom from heaven who humbled Himself to carry the cross and satisfy the wrath of God for sin.
6. Satan showed Jesus Christ all the kingdoms of the world and offered them to Him if He would bow down and worship him. Jesus Christ rejected the offer, stating that only the Lord God should be worshiped and served.
7. Harboring non-forgiveness places a "seed of bitterness" in the heart that can grow into a spiritual stronghold. While it may not cause a Christian to be possessed, it allows Satan to oppress them and damages their witness to the world.
8. No, forgiveness does not require re-establishing a relationship, especially if the person is evil or lived to offend. The priority of forgiveness is to release the offender from consequences in one's own mind and to pray for them.
9. The only unpardonable sin is the rejection of Jesus Christ. Without coming to Him, a person can never truly understand their purpose or their position in the world.
10. The "Ancient Words" are the Holy words of the faith that have been preserved for thousands of years to guide believers home. They are described as words of life and hope that resound with the heart of God and have the power to change people.

---

## Essay Questions

1. **The Nature of Contentment:** Based on the speaker's use of Philippians 4:11, explain the biblical definition of contentment. How does this contrast with the "lies" Satan tells about needing more prestige, money, or knowledge?

2. **The Theology of Suffering:** Analyze the speaker's argument that suffering is a necessary part of the Christian walk. Use references to Paul, Job, and James 1:2 to explain how trials are intended to draw a person closer to God.
3. **Forgiveness and Bitterness:** Discuss the speaker's personal testimony regarding his brother and how it illustrates the difficulty and necessity of forgiveness. What does the speaker mean when he says forgiveness should have "no strings attached"?
4. **The Sovereignty of God:** The speaker mentions two personal tragedies involving the deaths of his mother and daughter within two days. Explain his perspective on God's sovereignty during these events and why he believes believers should not question God's determinations.
5. **The Role of the Church and Community:** Describe the various ministries mentioned at the end of the service (such as We Care Pregnancy Center, Operation Christmas Child, and Children's Ministry). How do these ministries reflect the "perfect love" the speaker says Christians are responsible for exhibiting to the world?

---

#### Glossary of Key Terms

| Term                  | Definition                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ancient Words</b>  | A term used to refer to the Holy Scriptures (the Bible) that have been handed down through generations.              |
| <b>Bitterness</b>     | A deep-seated resentment or spiritual "stronghold" caused by an inability or refusal to forgive others.              |
| <b>Contentment</b>    | A state of being satisfied and at peace regardless of one's physical or financial circumstances.                     |
| <b>Emmanuel</b>       | A title for Jesus Christ meaning "God with us."                                                                      |
| <b>Hymn of Heaven</b> | A song or expression of hope regarding the future state where pain is gone and believers walk with God for eternity. |
| <b>Messiah</b>        | The "Anointed One" or Savior; a title specifically referring to Jesus Christ.                                        |
| <b>Oppress</b>        | To weigh down or burden spiritually; used in the text to describe how Satan affects believers who harbor sin.        |
| <b>Ransom</b>         | The price paid (the blood of Jesus Christ) to rescue sinners from the power of hell and sin.                         |

|                         |                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Redeemer</b>         | One who recovers or saves something by payment; refers to Jesus Christ saving humanity from sin.         |
| <b>Repent</b>           | To turn away from sin and toward God with a sincere desire to change.                                    |
| <b>Sovereign</b>        | Having supreme power and authority; the text describes God as being in total control of all events.      |
| <b>Unpardonable Sin</b> | The act of permanently rejecting Jesus Christ, which prevents a person from receiving God's forgiveness. |