Evil vs. Good

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to spend the time this morning, though, on the latter part of the story, and speak with you for a few moments this morning about the folly of Gehazi.
- A person can be very evil in the midst of very religious surroundings.
- The devil may come to you in a hound's tooth coat and a red tie. He is wily, he is cunning, he is crafty.

1 The Battle Between Good and Evil

2 Kings 5:20; James 1:13–15

- This is a battle between good and evil, and he has had it dangled in front of him.
- Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. And lust when it hath conceived, bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death.
- He doesn't say let's go sin. He dangles in front of you the sin.
- Nobody commits a sin by accident.

2 All Sin Is a Lie

Acts 5:1–4

- All sin is a lie. I don't care which one you want to talk about, it's a lie.
- Sin and truth are totally incompatible.
- Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?
- I want you to know that when you lie in sin, you lie to God.

3 Consent Brings the Evil Plan

- And then consent brings the evil plan. You have to say yes to it.
- You can't keep the birds from flying around your head, but you can keep them from making a nest in your hair.
- But you don't have to give him a place to sit down.
- Don't give the devil a place to lodge.

4 Very Evil in Very Religious Surroundings

- You can sit in the assembly of the saints and think about stuff that is absolutely garbage.
- One of the things that all of these things of worship do for us is they cleanse the bad stuff.
- You occupy your mind if you put enough good in it, the evil can't penetrate it.
- He just saw the man of God do that, and yet he's going to cheat the man of God.

5 What Seemed Like Success Became Failure

- Be not deceived. God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- He that soweth to his flesh shall of his flesh reap corruption. But he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.
- Please take note of the fact that his sin affected generations to come.
- One little sin can have horrible circumstances and very large circumstances if it's not cared for.

6 You Can't Tell One Lie

- You can't tell one lie. You have to constantly be propping it up with another one.
- He first of all lied to himself. And then he's already lied to Naaman.
- It all starts out with a man very close to God, very close to a man of God anyway, and yet he uses that proximity to bring about a heinous crime before God.

MY NOTES