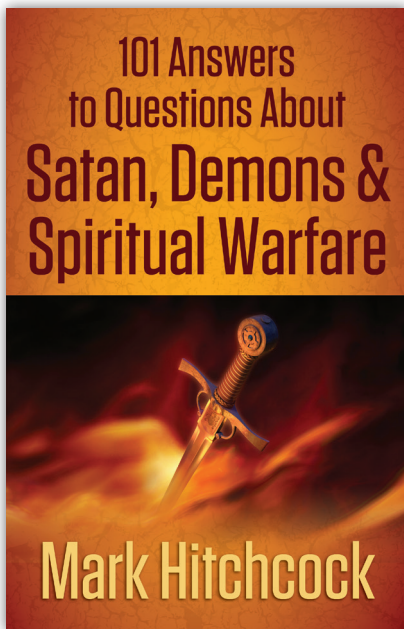


Is Satan Real? And Other Questions Christians Ask



Can Satan cause physical illness and death? Is he able to read our minds? Are some demons worse than others? How do we know if temptation is coming from demons, the world, or our own flesh? Is the intensity of spiritual warfare the same all the time? Pastor and best-selling author Mark Hitchcock explores these questions and more from a biblical perspective in his new book, ***101 Answers to Questions about Satan, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare*** (Harvest House, March 2014).

“One of the fundamental truths of God’s Word is that behind the paper-thin façade of this world, an invisible, relentless battle is raging,” says Hitchcock. “Satan is locked and loaded, and his bullets have our names on them. If we don’t want to end up on the casualty list, we have to understand this battle and arm ourselves with God’s powerful resources.”

Hitchcock, who is well-known for his work in eschatology, says a lot of misinformation exists about the spirit world, perpetuated by everything from Hollywood to the church itself. But, while he cautions that we are not to live in

fear, he believes it’s critical for Christians to understand what goes on in the spirit realm to better understand the world we live in.

“In the battle against our enemy, God’s people fight from victory, not for victory,” says Hitchcock. “Contrary to what many people think, spiritual warfare is not scary or frightening. Understanding it brings us hope, encouragement, and reassurance that victory is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In the book, Hitchcock explores several common questions that both believers and nonbelievers alike have about the spirit world. The first part is devoted to questions about Satan, whether he’s omniscient, if he knows the future, and why he is bent on destroying the Jewish people. The second part focuses on demons, explaining why there are differing ranks in the demon hierarchy, whether or not a Christian can be demon possessed, and if demons of lust, alcoholism, and other sinful problems actually exist. Hitchcock wraps up the final part the book by studying spiritual warfare, how to resist the devil, what the armor of God entails, and whether or not good angels help believers in the battle.

“We’re Christians,” says Hitchcock. “We’re supposed to contend and struggle in the good fight. Our prayer should never be to be taken out of the fight but to embrace and celebrate the fight, for it is a fellowship, a communion with our Master and Commander who went before us. Those who know Christ have every reason to wake up each day with a positive outlook on life even in the midst of the battle. We may be surrounded, but we are on the winning side.”

Mark Hitchcock is the author of more than 20 books related to end-time Bible prophecy, including Iran and Israel, Middle East Burning, and 101 Answers to Questions About the Book of Revelation. He earned a ThM and PhD from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) and is the senior pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. He is also an Associate Professor of Bible Exposition at DTS, and he and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons.

Meet Mark Hitchcock



Mark Hitchcock is a leading Bible prophecy expert, prolific author who has penned over 20 books on the end times, senior pastor, and adjunct faculty member at Dallas Theological Seminary. He has appeared on hundreds of radio programs and in print as well as The History Channel, MSNBC, Fox, The Glenn Beck Show, CNN, and on an NBC sci-fi related special, in relation to his book *2012, the Bible, and the End of the World*.

A former attorney, Mark initially worked for the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals. Following a call to full-time ministry, today he serves as senior pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, just outside of Oklahoma City. He graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1991, where he subsequently earned his doctorate in 2006 and now serves as an Associate Professor of Bible Exposition.

Hitchcock served as a contributing editor for the Left Behind Prophecy Club for many years. His books include *The End of Money, Iran and Israel, 101 Questions about the Book of Revelation, Middle East Burning, Who is the Antichrist?, The Amazing Claims of Biblical Prophecy, 2012, the Bible, and the End of the World, Cashless, The End, 101 Answers to the Most Asked Questions about the End Times, The Late Great United States: What Bible Prophecy Reveals about America's Last Days; Armageddon, Oil, and Terror; Iran the Coming Crisis: Radical Islam, Oil and the Nuclear Threat; The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse; What On Earth is Going On?; Is America in Bible Prophecy?; The Coming Islamic Invasion of Israel; Is the Antichrist Alive Today?; Seven Signs of the End Times; and What Jesus Says About Earth's Final Days*. His latest books, *101 Answers to Questions about Satan, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare* releases March 2014 with *Blood Moons Rising* set to release in April.

Hitchcock maintains an active speaking schedule, appearing frequently at prophecy conferences, seminars, and churches. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Edmond, Oklahoma and have two sons, Justin and Samuel.

Interview Questions



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- Mark, you're known for your expertise in eschatology. How did that influence this book?
- Why is there so much confusion amongst Christians about the spirit world?
- Why should we as Christians be aware of, but not afraid of, the spirit world?
- You start out the book answering questions about Satan. What are some of the common questions that Christians have about him?
- What are some the biggest misconceptions that Christians have about Satan?
- I think a great question that you explore in the book is, if Jesus defeated Satan at the cross, then why is he still active today?
- Do you think that Christians give Satan too much credit for the evil that happens in this world?
- How are nations around the world influenced by Satan?
- The occult is very big in our culture from horoscopes to television and movies. A lot of this, we know, is fake, but some of it isn't. How does Satan work through the occult?
- In the second part of the book you discuss demons, otherwise known as Hell's Angels. What questions do you typically hear Christians asking about demons?
- A lot of times you hear people say that they're fighting their demons, whether that be problems with alcohol, pornography, or other sinful behaviors. Are there really demons with these names?
- I think one common question that many Christians have has to do with demon possession. What does the Bible teach about demon possession?
- What role will demons have in the last days?
- In the final part of the book, you look at spiritual warfare. What does spiritual warfare look like?
- When it comes to spiritual warfare, what are the three enemies common to every believer?
- Can you explain what it means, and looks like, to put on the full armor of God?
- We've talked a lot about Satan and his army of demons. Looking at the good side of the battle, what role do angels play?
- Many Christians are just plain tired of the daily spiritual battles. What encouragement do you offer those believers who are tired of the struggle?

Interview Topics for Mark Hitchcock

Here are some suggested interview topics you might consider for an interview with Mark:

101 Answers to Questions about Satan, Demons and Spiritual Warfare

Can Christians be demon possessed? Was Satan really an angel gone awry? Is the spiritual battle I'm experiencing always this intense? Questions about life in the spirit realm are top of mind for many Christians and non-Christians alike who are trying to make sense of life in this world. In this interview, Mark shares several common questions that believers have, what the Bible says about them, and how Christians can fight the good fight.

Speak of the Devil

Ever hear a child say, "The Devil made me do it?" While Satan may serve as a child's (and sometimes, an adult's) excuse for bad behavior, the truth is, says Mark, he can't force a human to do anything. In this interview, Mark will clear up common misunderstandings about Satan, explain how Satan became Satan, share why Satan doesn't make us sin, and reveal what Satan spends his days doing.

Hell's Angels

More than a motorcycle club, Satan's minions are alive and well in this world, working to advance his agenda. What does the Bible specifically teach about demons? In this interview, Mark looks at the main activities of demons, the ranks in the demon hierarchy, how to differentiate mental illness from demon possession, and the difference between confined and unconfined demons.

The Invisible War: Strength for the Battle

For believers, the great news is that God has already won. But fighting the daily battle can be wearing. In this interview, Mark will share how to fight against the fatigue, why prayer is central to the battle, and what it means to put on the full armor of God.

Four Reasons to Care about Spiritual Warfare

Why should we spend time thinking about Satan and demons? Isn't it just...depressing? In this interview, Mark will share why we needn't be afraid of spiritual warfare, how God has already won the war, how to sort through the differing viewpoints on this topic, and how studying spiritual warfare helps us to make sense of the world we can see.