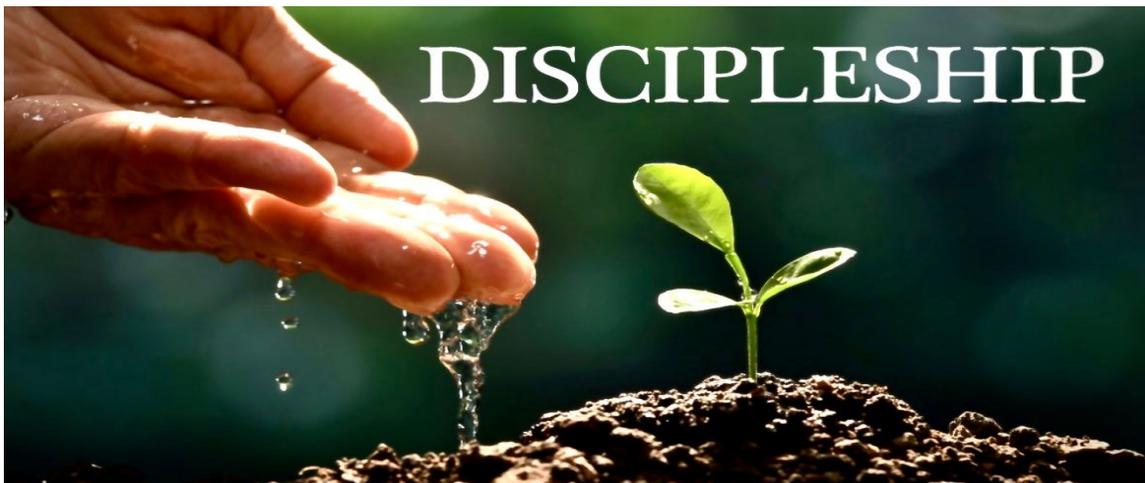


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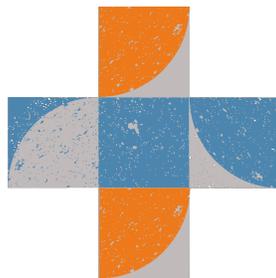
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# CHAPTER ONE

## WHAT POWER DOES SATAN HAVE IN THIS WORLD: WHAT ARE HIS LIMITS?

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In all that swirls around us today, from news headlines to daily life struggles, we may be aware more than ever of this one thing: we're in a battle. We face an enemy every single day that we're here breathing air. We may not see it. We might forget he's there. We may lose our focus when things seem tough or get distracted on all that doesn't really matter. [2 Tim 2:4]

But the truth is - spiritual forces are at work.

There's one who lurks around us today. He's real. He's alive. He's deceptive and crafty. His primary goal is to strike you down, along with as many others as he can drag down with you. He waits, searches, and watches for the best time to attack - your weakest and most vulnerable moments.

Satan is the enemy of every believer. And he's not just some guy in a red suit, pitchfork in hand. Don't be fooled; he's far more deceptive than that.

He wants nothing more than to silence every Christian and render us completely ineffective. He seeks to gain ground today in as many lives as he can, and in every corner of our world, for he knows his time is limited.

But we don't have to let him win the battle in our lives.

**"We must be alert to what his schemes are so that we're not tricked and taken off guard."**

God reminds us in His word to constantly be aware of the devil's schemes. If we're aware of how the enemy operates and know what his weaknesses are, he loses effectiveness. The best soldiers understand that when you're in a war, you're never going to win if you don't know whom it is you're fighting against. We must be alert to what his schemes are so that we're not tricked and taken off guard.

**Revelation 12:4, Isaiah 14:11-15, and Ezekiel 28:12-19** tell us how Satan was cast out of heaven and that a third of the angels fell with him. Though his power is limited, he has many dark forces on his side. We may not know exactly how many

demons are at work in this world, yet we can know, according to scripture, there are many.

And though the enemy's threat may seem real and fierce, he's not all-powerful. He wants to be. He pretends to be. But the Bible tells us differently. There are things he'd prefer you didn't know about him because it reveals his weaknesses.

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## SATAN'S FAVORITE SCHEMES

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<https://www.namb.net/send-network/resource/the-loft-and-satan/>

Sitting in my inbox was an email from the Loft with a subject line that read: "Kathy, Still Looking for a Top to Love?" The Loft's website is intuitive. Some call it "artificial intuition," but in reality the website is able to observe my actual behavior and my interests on their site. They store that information and then "intuitively" know how to dangle those products in front of my eyes. Their hope in sending me the email is for me to respond like so: "Yes, Loft that IS the top I LOVE." Click. Click. Click. And top arrives in three to four business days.

While the Loft can observe my habits on their site and draw accurate conclusions about my interests, Satan also observes my behavior. In fact he has spent a lifetime observing human nature. He understands our vulnerabilities then crafts appealing temptations. My former husband Rick Ferguson used to sum up Satan's ultimate goal as this: "he wants to keep lost men lost."

Ultimately, this is the motive behind all of his schemes. He hates the gospel because it brings glory to God and brings freedom to mankind. He will use addictions, pornography, racism, gossip, insecurity, pride, violence, debt, selfishness and every other tool possible to deter the saving of souls.

### Consider this list of Satan's favorite schemes:

1. **Deception:** (It's number one for a reason.) It's Satan's most successful tool. It has devastating results.
2. **Doubt:** Makes us question God's word, His love and His goodness. (See: Eve)
3. **Discouragement:** Keeping us disheartened or in paralyzing despair.
4. **Diversion:** Makes the wrong things seem attractive and harmless. You may want them more than the right things.
5. **Defeat:** By using shame, guilt or self-doubt, you feel like a failure, so you don't even try.

Do we come under greater attack of Satan because of our ministry lives? I cannot clearly answer that. Yet these two observations cannot be overlooked. First, we live,

work and interact in the gospel “industry.” An industry despised by Satan. Second, the Apostle Paul is not shy to refer to the interference of Satan. We must sit up and take notice that Paul demonstrated heightened awareness for the schemes of Satan in his ministry. His words to the church at Thessalonica as he sent Timothy to them, “I sent to know your faith lest by some means the tempter had tempted you and your labor might be in vain” (**1 Thessalonians 3:5**). His words about the work of Satan in his ministry: “We want to come to you ...but Satan hindered us” (**1 Thessalonians 2:18**). And then this clear commentary: “Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices” (**2 Corinthians 2:11**). Do not be naïve, sisters:

- When you are feeling isolated/lonely, Satan is lurking.
- When pornography is available, a diversion is being created.
- When criticism blossoms into bitterness in your heart, Satan fans the flames.
- When past sin keeps being replayed on the wall of your heart, Satan is running the projector.
- When you are too tired, too weary or too depleted, he knows you’re vulnerable.
- When the church growth “formulas” don’t work, Satan will sow doubt in your soul.
- When you are facing one wall in bed and your husband the other, Satan takes note.

Satan (and the Loft) would like to take advantage of us. Do NOT be ignorant of his schemes.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).*

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## **5 LIMITATIONS OF SATAN’S POWER:**

### **1. SATAN CAN’T BE EVERYWHERE AT THE SAME TIME. HE MUST TRAVEL AROUND.**

Satan has evil forces at work for him, but he is limited in what he can do and where he can be.

**1 Peter 5:8** (NIV) says, “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

The **book of Job** also reminds us that when Satan comes before God to ask his permission to attack Job, God asks him where he has been. And he answers, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” **Job 1:7** (NIV) His words

indicate he has must travel about, not able to be in all places at one time. His power is limited in where he can be and all that he can do.

## **BUT GOD IS OMNIPRESENT.**

God can be **everywhere, at the same time**. He never sleeps or slumbers, He's aware every moment of every day, exactly what we're up against. He knows our way and is with us always. There's no place on this earth we can go that He doesn't see and know about.

*"He will not let your foot slip-- he who watches over you will not slumber;" Psalm 121:3 (NIV)*

*"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3 (NIV)*

## **2. SATAN IS NOT IN FULL CONTROL. HIS POWER IS LIMITED BY GOD.**

Satan's power is limited, and his destination is certain, so he seeks to take as many with him into destruction as he possibly can, knowing full well that his time is limited.

The book of Job is again a reminder of the enemy's limitations. He must ask God for permission to bring harm to this God-fearing man, Job. **Ephesians 2:2** (NIV) refers to the devil as *"the ruler of the kingdom of the air,"* and says he works in the hearts of the disobedient. His main aim is to steal, kill, and destroy us. **John 10:10** (NIV) calls him a *"thief."*

We should be very aware that as we stand against him, we are only secure in the armor of God and protected by His power [**Ephesians 5:10-19**]. We cannot fight this enemy alone. Yet God reminds us to stand strong. He reminds us that there is indeed a real enemy. And He assures us that He is the One who will fight our battles and give us final victory. It's not up to us or our power and strength. We don't have enough in and of ourselves. But through Christ and His completed work on the cross, we can stand strong and believe that He is the One who will lead us through even the fiercest of battles.

## **BUT OUR GOD IS OMNIPOTENT.**

He is **all-powerful**. He reigns supreme. He gives us what we need for every moment in this life. He strengthens us, His Spirit guides us and empowers us for His purposes. He alone holds the power to forgive, the power to set free, the power to save, and the power to give eternal life.

*"Salvation and glory and power belong to our God... Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."* **Revelation 19:1, 6** (NIV)

*"For nothing will be impossible with God."* **Luke 1:37** (ESV)

### **3. THE ENEMY DOES NOT KNOW ALL.**

If our enemy does not know all, he cannot read our minds, nor does he possess the power to have the full knowledge that God has. He can overhear our conversations, even to ourselves, he observes our behavior, decisions, and knows our weaknesses. We should stay very aware that he is studying our lives and can predict our responses based on past decisions. You can be sure that the enemy will use any of our shortcomings to his advantage against us, but he still does not know what God knows. We can be confident of this because of **Matthew 4:1-11**. He speaks to Jesus in the wilderness and brings temptation against Him, yet there's no indication that he knows ahead of time how our Lord will respond.

No matter what we've done, where we've been, or past mistakes we've made, no matter what information the enemy tries to hold against us, we do not have to be held back in fear.

## **BUT GOD IS OMNISCIENT.**

He is **all-knowing**. He sees all and knows all. He knows everything about us: every word before we say it and every thought before we think it. And He still loves us more than we could ever imagine. He is the One we live for. We trust in the power of His truth, not the voice or the lies of the enemy.

*"Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit."* **Psalm 147:5** (NIV)

*"You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar." Psalm 139:2 (NIV)*

#### **4. SATAN IS A CREATED BEING HE IS NOT EQUAL TO GOD.**

Many times, people may make the mistake of assuming that Satan is an opposing force "equal" to God. But the enemy is far from equal to God Almighty. He was created as an angel in heaven. He was there to bring worship to God Himself. And because of **pride** of his own desire to be worshipped, he fell from heaven, taking many angels with him. These are the dark forces we wage war against in this life. But the truth to remember is that Satan was an angelic being created by a loving God. By his own choices, he fell from his position in heaven and his destiny is doomed.

*"How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain." Isaiah 14:11-13 (NIV)*

#### **GOD ALONE IS THE CREATOR.**

He made us, the world, all that we see and know. Everything that exists around us is because God Himself brought it into being. That is a power the enemy could never duplicate or manipulate. He is not God. He is not the Creator. God is clear in His word that his angels are under His command, doing his work and obeying His word.

*"For thus says the LORD—He who created the heavens; He is God; He formed the earth and fashioned it; He established it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—'I am the LORD, and there is no other.'" Isaiah 45:18 (NIV)*

*"Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word." Psalm 103:20 (NIV)*

#### **5. THE DEVIL'S DESTINY IS ALREADY DETERMINED. HE'S LOST THE BATTLE.**

Scripture is clear that the end of Satan and all his demons and dark forces will come. He cannot stand against God Almighty. He will never hold the final victory against the Lord and His children. Christ has already won that battle when He defeated sin

and death by His work on the cross. It's only a matter of time that the enemy is cast down once and for all.

*“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”* **Revelation 20:10** (NIV)

Maybe the time seems slow in coming. The spiritual battle around us continues to escalate and it's hard some days to keep going strong. We get weary. We wonder why the attacks keep coming, and sometimes we feel all alone. But God longs for as many as possible to know His love. He is kind and merciful and wants many more to know the freedom Christ offers.

## **THIS ONE TRUTH RINGS TRUE NO MATTER WHAT WE FACE IN THIS LIFE: CHRIST WON.**

Jesus won the victory over the enemy. He crushed his head, and Satan's doom is coming. As the last days are upon us, may God keep us forever aware that time is short. May we continue to be a light in a dark world, that seeks to point others to Christ's love and forgiveness. There is hope because of Jesus. The enemy would want us to think all hope is gone. But we know better. Jesus is victorious and because of Him, we live free.

*“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* **1 Corinthians 15:57** (NIV)

Christ overcame all evil. The power of the Resurrection proves - He won. And that same power fights for us even now. The enemy may try every scheme possible to distract, tempt, or lure us away with fear, lies, and manipulation, but as believers, he does not hold our future in his hands. Only God does that. And we are forever secure in His power.

*“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* **Romans 8:37-39** (NIV)

In whatever you face, know that He is with you, know that He is for you, and He fights for you.

May God's grace and strength fill you today, as you live aware of His constant covering and protection.

Stay close to Him, live aware, and stand strong.

## TEST - CHAPTER ONE

1. In all that swirls around us today, from news headlines to daily life struggles, we may be aware more than ever of this one thing. What is it?

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2. What do we do every single day that we're here breathing air?

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3. We may lose our \_\_\_\_\_ when things seem tough or get distracted on all that \_\_\_\_\_ really matter.

4. Write out **2 Tim 2:4** (NASB)

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What does this verse mean to you?

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5. There's one who lurks around us today. He's four things, name them.

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6. What is his primary goal?

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7. He \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the best time to attack - your weakest and most vulnerable moments.

8. Who is the enemy of every believer?

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9. What does Satan want to do more than anything?

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10. He seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ in as many lives as he can, and in \_\_\_\_\_ corner of our world, for he knows his time is \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Do we have to let him win the battle in our lives?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

12. What must we be alert to of Satan so that we're not tricked and taken off guard?

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17. And though the enemy's threat may seem real and fierce, what isn't he?  
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18. Why are there things he'd prefer you didn't know about him?  
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19. Satan has spent a lifetime doing something with human nature. What is it?  
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54. Satan's main aim is to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ us.

55. Where in the Bible does it call Satan a "*thief?*"

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56. What should we be very aware of as we stand against Satan? We are only secure in the armor of God and protected by what? And, where is this found in Scripture?

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57. Can we fight this enemy alone?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

58. Yet \_\_\_\_\_ reminds us to stand \_\_\_\_\_. He reminds us that there is indeed a \_\_\_\_\_ enemy. And He \_\_\_\_\_ us that \_\_\_\_\_ is the One who will fight our \_\_\_\_\_ and give us final \_\_\_\_\_.

59. It's \_\_\_\_\_ up to us or our power and strength. We don't have enough in and of \_\_\_\_\_.

60. How can we can stand strong and believe that He is the One who will lead us through even the fiercest of battles?

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61. What is the definition of Omnipotent?

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62. He \_\_\_\_\_ us, His Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us for His \_\_\_\_\_.

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71. No matter what we've done, where we've been, or past mistakes we've made, no matter what information the enemy tries to hold against us, what do we need not be held back in?

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72. What does Omniscient mean?

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73. God sees \_\_\_\_\_ and knows \_\_\_\_\_. He knows \_\_\_\_\_ about us: \_\_\_\_\_ word before we say it and \_\_\_\_\_ thought before we think it.

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77. Many times, people may make the mistake of assuming that Satan what?  
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78. But the enemy is far from \_\_\_\_\_ to God Almighty. He was \_\_\_\_\_ as an \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven. He was there to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God Himself.
79. Why did Satan fall from heaven, taking many angels with him?  
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80. The truth to remember is that Satan was an angelic being created by whom?  
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81. By his own \_\_\_\_\_, he fell from his position in heaven and his destiny is \_\_\_\_\_.
82. *"How \_\_\_\_\_ have fallen from \_\_\_\_\_, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been \_\_\_\_\_ down to the earth, you who \_\_\_\_\_ laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "\_\_\_ will ascend to heaven; \_\_\_ will raise my throne above the stars of God; \_\_\_ will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost \_\_\_\_\_ of the sacred mountain." **Isaiah 14:11-13** (NIV)*
83. Who alone is the creator?  
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84. What did God make?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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85. \_\_\_\_\_ that exists around us is because God \_\_\_\_\_ brought it into being. That is a power the enemy could never duplicate or manipulate.

86. He is \_\_\_\_\_ God. He is \_\_\_\_\_ the Creator. God is clear in His word that his angels are \_\_\_\_\_ His command, doing \_\_\_\_\_ work and obeying \_\_\_\_\_ word.

87. Where do we find, *“For thus says the LORD—He who created the heavens; He is God; He formed the earth and fashioned it; He established it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—I am the LORD, and there is no other.”*

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88. What does **Psalm 103:20** say?

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89. Scripture is clear that the end of \_\_\_\_\_ and all his \_\_\_\_\_ and dark forces will come. He \_\_\_\_\_ stand against God Almighty. He will \_\_\_\_\_ hold the final victory against the Lord and His children. Christ has already \_\_\_\_\_ that battle when He \_\_\_\_\_ sin and death by His work on the \_\_\_\_\_. It’s only a matter of time that the enemy is cast down once and for all.

90. Where do we find, *“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*

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91. How many does God long for to know His love?

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92. Jesus won the victory over the \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ his head, and Satan’s \_\_\_\_\_ is coming. As the last days are upon us, may God keep us forever aware that time is short.

93. What might we continue to be, that seeks to point others to Christ's love and forgiveness?

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94. Why is there hope?

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95. Why do we live free?

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96. What does **1 Corinthians 15:57** say?

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97. How much of evil did Christ overcome?

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98. The power of the Resurrection proves - \_\_\_\_\_. And that same power fights for us even now.

99. The enemy may try every scheme possible to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ us away with \_\_\_\_\_, lies, and \_\_\_\_\_, but as believers, he does \_\_\_\_\_ hold our future in his hands. Only God does that. And we are forever secure in His power.

100. "In \_\_\_\_\_ these things we are \_\_\_\_\_ than conquerors through \_\_\_\_\_ who loved us. For I am \_\_\_\_\_ that neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor life, nor \_\_\_\_\_ nor rulers, nor things \_\_\_\_\_ nor things to \_\_\_\_\_, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor \_\_\_\_\_ else in all creation, will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord." **Romans 8:37-39** (NIV)

## CHAPTER TWO

# SATAN AND DEMONS

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## DEFINITION

Satan is a personal, spiritual being who rebelled against God and leads a spiritual kingdom composed of demonic powers that oppose God's purposes through various "schemes" that are designed to keep men and women out of God's kingdom and to render Christians immature and ineffective in reaching the world with the Gospel of Christ.

## SATAN'S FOCUS

By Pastor Tim Parker

[Satan's focus is on the Christians since those who do not say yes to believing in Jesus as Christ, Savior, Lord and Master have said no by their unbelief **John 3:18** and have brought judgment upon themselves by their unbelief. Due to the sin of Adam, all are born separated from God. But through the blood of Jesus Christ, *because, if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses resulting in Salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed" Romans 10:9-11. Verse 13 & 14* further explains Salvation by stating, "For whoever will CALL upon the Name of the LORD will be saved." How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed?

This "belief in Jesus" is where Satan works the hardest. He wants to quiet those that have believed in Jesus and are sharing the story of Salvation to the world. For if Satan can quiet those that have believed, others will not believe! Scripture says in **Romans 10:17**, "*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.*" Satan wants to deafen non believers ears so they may not hear Jesus Christ's wondrous story and thus believe upon Him.] Satan also wants to blind the eyes of those in the world to the love of Jesus Christ. **Romans 8:35-39** says, <sup>35</sup> *Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* <sup>36</sup> *Just as it is written:*

*"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG;  
WE WERE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."  
(Psalm 44:22)*

<sup>37</sup> *But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.* <sup>38</sup> *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,* <sup>39</sup> *nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Satan wants to quiet the mouths of those who have believed on Jesus the Christ. He twists Scripture or leave part of Scripture out as he did when tempting Jesus written in **Matthew 4:6**. It says,... and he \*said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

'He will give His angels orders concerning You';

and

'On *their* hands they will lift You up,  
So that You do not strike Your foot against a stone.'

This is a quote from **Psalm 91:11-12** where it says, "*For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.*

*They will bear you up in their hands, Lest you strike your foot against a stone.*"

Do you see that Satan left out of his quote of Scripture, *to guard You in all Your ways?* Satan is meticulous at how he works. Let me explain with an example. A ship that moves as little as "one degree off course" changes its total destination. This is the same way that Satan works. He changes truth by just the smallest amount and then over time it presents itself as full truth. At first nothing seems to have changed, but over time there is more and more of a difference between God's truth and the false truth that Satan is presenting.]

## SUMMARY

This article summarizes the main teachings regarding Satan and demons in the Old and New Testaments. While the data in the Old Testament is limited, attention is given to Satan's commitment to accusing and tempting God's people, which lays a basic foundation for the New Testament teachings on Satan and his strategies. The article then turns its attention to the rebellion of Satan and his demonic forces, as well as the defeat of Satan. It closes with a discussion of his schemes to oppose fruitful evangelism and the spiritual growth of Christians.

## Satan in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament, *Satan* is used in the sense of "adversary" when referring to humans (**1Kings. 11:14, 23, & 25**). However, the occurrences that are significant for understanding the biblical teachings present Satan as a transcendent, supernatural figure. Most notable among these are **Job 1-2**, where Yahweh [Jesus] presents Job as "blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil" (**Job 1:8**). Satan then responds by citing the protection and blessing that Job has enjoyed, implying that Job fears God only because of the blessings he receives by doing so (**v. 10**). Satan then brings on the challenge: "*But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face*" (**v. 11**). In the end God grants Satan limited power to test Job's character, first, by destroying his possessions and his family (**1:12-22**), and second, by attacking him physically (**2:4-**

13). His purpose, clearly, was to incite Job to curse God (1:11; 2:5), to charge him with wrongdoing (1:22) and to “sin in what he said” (2:10).

Satan is also portrayed as accusing one of God’s people in the book of Zechariah. In chapter three the prophet receives a vision of “...Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him” (Zech. 3:1). However, in the vision Yahweh [Jesus] rebukes Satan, pointing out that he “has chosen Jerusalem” and brought them out of the Babylonian exile (3:2). The changing of Joshua’s clothes (3:4-5) symbolizes both God’s forgiveness of his sins and his reinstatement to his high priestly role. In spite of Satan’s accusations, this prophetic writing makes it clear that it is Yahweh’s [Jesus’s] sovereign and gracious purpose that will prevail.

In addition to accusing members of God’s people, two other passages in the Old Testament reveal a second strategy that is utilized by Satan. In **1 Chronicles 21:1** “Satan rose against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.” His strategy was to cause harm to Israel by tempting David, their king, to take a census in order to determine the number of fighting men, something for which he was rebuked by Joab since it demonstrated both pride in the size of his empire and a lack of faith in Yahweh. According to this passage, it is Satan who incited David to take the census, yet **2 Samuel 24:1** makes it clear that, as in Job, the tempter operates under the sovereign will of Yahweh: “Again the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, ‘Go and take a census of Israel and Judah.’” In this case, while Satan’s purpose was evil, namely, inciting the leader of God’s people to sin, in the sovereignty of God he is still used to accomplish Yahweh’s greater purposes for both David and the people.

The Old Testament teachings about Satan are quite limited. However, by emphasizing both Satan’s evil purposes and the sovereignty of God, the Old Testament lays the foundation for the New Testament’s teaching on Satan and the demonic powers

## Satan and Demons in the New Testament

The New Testament teachings regarding Satan and demons are far more developed than in the Old Testament. Satan (also referred to as Beelzebul), is presented as the ruler of the kingdom of darkness, with demonic powers in submission to him (see **Matt. 9:34; 12:24; Mark 3:22**, and **Luke 11:15**, where he is referred to as “the prince of demons”; cf. also **John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11**, where he is referred to as “the prince of this world”). These demonic powers are variously referred to in the New Testament as “demons,” “spirits,” “evil spirits,” “unclean spirits,” and “deceitful spirits.” The New Testament also uses the term “principalities and powers” which clearly refers to personal, spiritual beings that seek to accomplish Satan’s purposes in the world.

## The Rebellion of Satan and his Followers

It is clear from the overall teaching of Scripture that there is no eternal dualism between God, on the one hand, and Satan and his demonic followers on the other. Rather, Satan and his demonic subordinates were created by God, but chose to rebel prior to the creation of the world, and now stand in opposition to God and his purposes. Paul's teaching in **Colossians chapter 1** is supportive of this understanding of the origin of Satan and the demonic powers. In **Colossians 1:16** the apostle indicates, "*...in him all things were created,*" then specifies what was created in Christ: "*things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities.*" After that he suggests that God created "*all things*"—which in the immediate context includes spiritual beings—in a state of goodness. According to Paul they were created "*through him and for him.*"

Having established from **Colossians chapter 1** the goodness of God's original creation, including all spiritual powers, it is noteworthy that subsequent verses, especially **Colossians 1:19-20**, suggest that after God created "*all things*" something went very wrong: "*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*" The fact that "reconciliation" is required, both for humans and for the "things in heaven," suggests the presence of disharmony and rebellion. While the hosts of heaven were created without sin, a change had taken place so that those powers were now demonic in nature, doing the bidding of "the prince of demons."

It should be noted that some scholars believe that the fall of Satan and his followers is described in the depiction of the king of Tyre in **Ezekiel 28:11-19** and in the description of the king of Babylon in **Isaiah 14:12-14**. They argue that the descriptions are more than metaphorical, and while the primary reference in each case is to the earthly king in question, the language of the two descriptions go beyond what would be appropriate if they were referring only to earthly kings.

## The Defeat and Final Judgment of Satan

The New Testament teaches that Satan and his followers have been and will be defeated through four specific events or ministries. First, they were defeated at the temptation of Jesus (**Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13**). When Jesus overcame the temptations by citing the Word of God, he maintained his sinlessness and continued to walk in obedience to his heavenly Father. Because of His obedience in the face of temptation He was qualified to offer Himself on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of humankind.

Second, Jesus defeated Satan and his followers when He proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and led men and women to follow Him and to live their lives in submission to God's reign as they obeyed His teachings. In addition, in the Synoptic Gospels Jesus said, "*But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the*

*kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matthew 12:28 / Luke 11:20). The eschatological victory over Satan that was expected in much of Jewish thought was taking place in Jesus’ ministry, though in a limited form, as he set people free from the power of demonic forces. Each exorcism that Jesus performed was in reality a blow to the kingdom of darkness.*

Third, Satan and his followers were defeated decisively at the cross and the empty tomb. According to **Colossians 2:13b-14**, God “...*forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the certificate of debt that stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*” This salvific action had consequences for Satan and his followers: “*And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross*” (v. 15). Jesus’ resurrection also played a significant role in Satan’s defeat, as indicated in **1 Peter 3:21b-22**, which refers to baptism resulting from saving faith in Christ: “*It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.*”

Fourth, God’s people possess a living hope and expectation that God’s reign will come in all its fullness at a future time, and that Satan’s dark kingdom will be defeated totally and completely. As Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet*” (**Rom. 16:20**). For this reason Christians wait patiently and confidently for the fulfillment of the vision that John reported in **Rev. 20:10**, “*And the devil...was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*”

## TEST - CHAPTER TWO...PART ONE

1. Satan is a \_\_\_\_\_, spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ and leads a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom composed of \_\_\_\_\_ powers that \_\_\_\_\_ God's purposes through various " \_\_\_\_\_ " that are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ men and women \_\_\_\_\_ of God's kingdom and to render Christians \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Satan's focus is on whom?  
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3. Those who do not say yes to believing in Jesus as Christ, Savior, Lord and Master have done what?  
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4. They have brought judgment upon themselves by their unbelief. Where do we find this in the Scriptures?  
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5. Due to what, all are born separated from God?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. But through the blood of whom are we saved?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Because, if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ as Lord and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ heart that \_\_\_\_\_ raised Him from the \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_.
8. For with the heart man does what?  
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9. And with the mouth he does what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What does the Scripture say about who can believe in Him and will not be disappointed?  
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11. **Verse 13 & 14** further explains Salvation by stating, "For \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD will be \_\_\_\_\_."
12. How then shall they \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him in whom they have \_\_\_\_\_ believed?
13. Where does Satan work the hardest?  
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14. He wants to do what?

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15. For if Satan can quite those that have believed, what will happen?

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16. Scripture says in **Romans 10:17**, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." Satan wants to do what?

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17. What does Satan want to blind the eyes of those in the world to?

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18. **Romans 8:35-39** says, <sup>35</sup> Who will \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ? Will \_\_\_\_\_, or trouble, or \_\_\_\_\_, or famine, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written:

*"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG;  
WE WERE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."  
(Psalm 44:22)*

<sup>37</sup> But in \_\_\_\_\_ these things we \_\_\_\_\_ conquer through \_\_\_\_\_ who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ death, nor life, \_\_\_\_\_ angels, \_\_\_\_\_ principalities, \_\_\_\_\_ things present, \_\_\_\_\_ things to come, \_\_\_\_\_ powers, <sup>39</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ height, \_\_\_\_\_ depth, \_\_\_\_\_ any other created thing will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that is in \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

19. What does Satan want to do to the mouths of those who have believed on Jesus the Christ?

To quiet them

20. He twists Scripture or leave part of Scripture out as he did when tempting Jesus written where in Scripture?

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It says,... and he \*said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

'He will give His angels orders concerning You';  
and

'On *their* hands they will lift You up,  
So that You do not strike Your foot against a stone.'"

This is a quote from **Psalm 91:11-12** where it says, “For He will give His angels charge concerning you, *to guard you in all your ways.*”

*They will bear you up in their hands, Lest you strike your foot against a stone.”*

21. What do you see that Satan left out of his quote of Scripture?

\_\_\_\_\_

22. Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ at how he \_\_\_\_\_.

23. A ship that moves as little as “\_\_\_\_\_ degree off course” \_\_\_\_\_ its total \_\_\_\_\_. This is the same way that Satan works.

24. He changes what by just the smallest amount and then over time it presents itself as full truth?

\_\_\_\_\_

25. At first \_\_\_\_\_ seems to have changed, but over \_\_\_\_\_ there is more and more of a \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ truth and the \_\_\_\_\_ truth that \_\_\_\_\_ is presenting.

26. This article summarizes the main teachings regarding \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Testaments.

27. The article then turns its attention to what?

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28. It closes with a discussion of his \_\_\_\_\_ to oppose fruitful \_\_\_\_\_ and the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians.

29. In the Old Testament, Satan is used in the sense of what when referring to humans (1Kings. 11:14, 23, & 25)?

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30. However, the occurrences that are significant for understanding the biblical teachings present Satan as what?

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31. Most notable among these are **Job 1-2**, where Yahweh [Jesus] presents Job as what?

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32. How does Satan then respond?

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33. Satan then brings on the challenge. What was it?

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34. In the end God grants Satan what to test Job's character?  
\_\_\_\_\_
35. First, by doing what?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Second, by doing what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
36. His purpose, clearly, was to incite Job to do what?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
37. Satan is also portrayed as accusing one of God's people in which book of the Bible?  
\_\_\_\_\_
38. What does the changing of Joshua's clothes (3:4-5) symbolize?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
39. In **1 Chronicles 21:1** "Satan rose against Israel and incited David to do what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
40. His strategy was to cause something to Israel. What was it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
41. Why was David, their king, taking a census?  
\_\_\_\_\_
42. What did this demonstrate?  
\_\_\_\_\_
43. According to this passage, who incited David to take the census?  
\_\_\_\_\_
44. **2 Samuel 24:1** makes it clear that, as in Job, how can the tempter operate?  
\_\_\_\_\_
45. The Old Testament teachings about Satan are what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
46. However, by emphasizing both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, the Old Testament lays the foundation  
for the New Testament's teaching on Satan and the demonic powers.
47. Satan is presented as what, with demonic powers in submission to him?  
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48. Where in Scripture is Satan referred to as “the prince of demons?”

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49. In **John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11**, what is Satan referred to as?

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50. These demonic powers are variously referred to in the New Testament as what?

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51. The New Testament also uses the term “principalities and powers” which clearly refers to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ that seek to accomplish Satan’s purposes in the world.

52. It is clear from the overall teaching of Scripture that there is no eternal \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_, on the one hand, and \_\_\_\_\_ and his demonic followers on the \_\_\_\_\_.

53. Satan and his demonic subordinates were created by whom?

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54. But chose to do what prior to the creation of the world?

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55. And now stand in opposition to what?

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56. **Colossians chapter 1** the goodness of God’s original creation, including what?

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57. **Colossians 1:19-20**, suggest that after God created “*all things*” something happened. What was it?

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58. “*For God was \_\_\_\_\_ to have all his fullness dwell \_\_\_\_ him, and \_\_\_\_\_ him to reconcile to himself \_\_\_\_\_ things, whether things on \_\_\_\_\_ or things in \_\_\_\_\_, by making peace through \_\_\_\_\_ blood, shed on the \_\_\_\_\_.*”

59. The fact that “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” is required, both for \_\_\_\_\_ and for the “ \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven,” suggests the presence of disharmony and \_\_\_\_\_.

60. While the hosts of heaven were created \_\_\_\_\_ sin, a change had taken place so that those powers were now \_\_\_\_\_ in nature, doing the bidding of “the prince of \_\_\_\_\_.”

61. The New Testament teaches that Satan and his followers have been and will be what?

\_\_\_\_\_

62. Where were they first defeated?

\_\_\_\_\_

63. When Jesus overcame the temptations. How did He do this?

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64. Because of His obedience in the face of temptation, what was He qualified to do?

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\_\_\_\_\_

65. Second, Jesus defeated Satan and his followers when He \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ and led men and women to \_\_\_\_\_ Him and to \_\_\_\_\_ their lives in \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s reign as they \_\_\_\_\_ His teachings.

66. What was each exorcism that Jesus performed?

\_\_\_\_\_

67. Third, Satan and his followers were defeated decisively where?

\_\_\_\_\_

68. According to **Colossians 2:13b-14**, God “...\_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, having \_\_\_\_\_ the certificate of \_\_\_\_\_ that stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it \_\_\_\_\_, nailing it to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

69. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ also played a significant role in Satan’s defeat as indicated in \_\_\_\_\_.

70. **1 Peter 3:21b-22** refers to baptism \_\_\_\_\_ from saving \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_: “It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.”

71. Fourth, God’s people possess a \_\_\_\_\_ hope and \_\_\_\_\_ that God’s reign will come in \_\_\_\_\_ its fullness at a \_\_\_\_\_ time, and

that Satan's \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom will be defeated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

72. What did the apostle Paul write to the church in Rome found in **Romans 16:20**?

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73. For this reason Christians wait patiently and confidently for the fulfillment of what?

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74. **Revelation 20:10**, "And the \_\_\_\_\_...was thrown into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, where the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ prophet had been \_\_\_\_\_. They will be \_\_\_\_\_ day and night for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."



# SIX THINGS SATAN WANTS FOR YOUR LIFE

<https://newspring.cc/articles/6-things-satan-wants-for-your-life>

The enemy has a plan for your life: to steal, kill, and destroy.

God calls us to *"be alert and of sober mind,"* watching out for the schemes of the devil who *"prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour"* (**1 Peter 5:8**). The devil wants to devour our lives, keeping us from the joy of living in a relationship with Jesus.

## SIX THINGS THE DEVIL WANTS FOR YOUR LIFE

### 1. FOR YOU TO DOUBT GOD

In **John 20**, the disciples shouted that they had seen Jesus raised from the grave, but Thomas' doubt kept him from believing in the miracle of salvation. Jesus appeared to Thomas and said, *"Stop doubting and believe"* (**John 20:27**).

When the devil tempts you to doubt God, don't let your circumstance determine your God; let your God determine your circumstance.

### 2. FOR YOU TO LIVE IN FEAR

Fear is not the absence of faith; it is the misplacement of it. The devil doesn't want to rob us of our faith; he wants our faith to be in anything but God. Life in Christ is life not in fear!

**Psalm 34:4** says, *"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."*

### 3. FOR YOU TO FEEL INSECURE

Don't let the devil tell you that you are unloved or not good enough! You are God's handiwork and, in Christ, we are not only good enough, *"we are more than conquerors through him who loved us"* (**Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:37**).

### 4. FOR YOU TO AVOID THE CHURCH

The more uninvolved you become with the body of Christ, the harder it is to persevere in your faith. It isn't easy to follow Jesus in a world that doesn't. When we leave the community we were made for, we are destined to be devoured (**1 Corinthians 12**).

### 5. FOR YOU TO BE LED ASTRAY

*"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves"* (**Matthew 7:15**). When we rely on the words of men or ourselves in place of God's Word, we can lead others away from Jesus and be led away from His truth ourselves.

## 6. FOR YOU TO FAIL

The devil wants to destroy us. He wants us to settle for what the world has given us and accept our lots. **2 Corinthians 4:8-10** says, *"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body."* When you feel like you're going to lose, take heart, Jesus already won for you!

Don't want to be devoured? "Stop doubting and believe" (**John 20:27**).



## "Schemes" of Satan and his Demonic Forces

In spite of the fact that Satan and his followers have been decisively defeated, for the time being he continues to oppose God's will and his purposes in the world. His primary concern is to keep men and women from responding to the proclamation of the Gospel by putting their faith in Christ. He opposes fruitful evangelism because he is even now "at work in those who are disobedient" (**Eph. 2:2**), namely non-Christians. He is very aware of the fact that if they put their faith in Christ, they will immediately be rescued "...from the dominion of darkness" and transferred "...into the kingdom of the Son he loves" (**Col. 1:13; cf. Acts 26:18**). In short, when someone truly believes the message of the Gospel, Satan loses a subject and that person then becomes a devoted child of *his* Enemy, namely [Jesus] Christ. He and his demonic followers will do anything within his power to prevent that. In fact, in **2 Corinthians 4:4** the apostle Paul writes, *"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* This is likely what Jesus is referring to in the Parable of the Sower when He said, *"Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them"* (**Mark 4:15; cf. Matt. 13:19; Luke 8:12**).

Given the fact that Satan and the evil spirits under his authority prioritize opposition to fruitful evangelistic efforts on the part of the Church, there is no question that Christians must regard the proclamation of the Gospel as a critical point of spiritual conflict. However, Satan's opposition does not end there. He is also committed to opposing the spiritual growth and ministries of people who have already put their faith in Christ. In **2 Corinthians 2:11** Paul emphasizes that Satan desires to "outwit" us so we must not be "unaware of his schemes." Rather, we must be prepared so we can stand our ground against them (**Eph. 6:11, 13**). The use of the plural "schemes" definitely implies that Satan employs a variety of strategies to "outwit" or to gain an advantage over believers. A number of these schemes are mentioned in the Scriptures, but it is unlikely that these references are meant to be exhaustive when it comes to the devil's schemes.

Among the schemes that are mentioned in Scriptures, one of the most important is deception. In fact, Satan is referred to in **Revelation 12:9** as “the deceiver” or “the one who leads astray” (*ho planōn*). As Jesus said in **John 8:44**, Satan does not hold to the truth, “...for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John even writes in **Revelation 12:9**, “The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.” The lies he uses may involve doctrinal error (“teachings of demons”; see **1Tim. 4:1**), or they may be more personal in nature, as when he undermines a believer’s identity in Christ or suggests that engaging in specific patterns of sin will not ensnare a believer or have other negative consequences for his or her life and ministry.

Often paired with deception is a second scheme, namely temptation, which is not surprising since Satan is referred to as “the tempter” (*ho peirazōn*) in **Matthew 4:3** and **1 Thessalonians 3:5**. In addition to the Old Testament data mentioned previously in this discussion, several references to temptation in the New Testament are also instructive. Satan begins by using this strategy with Jesus himself (**Matt. 4:1-11 / Mark 1:12-13 / Luke 4:1-13**), yet does so unsuccessfully as Jesus counters the temptations point by point with the Word of God. When it comes to Christians, however, Paul’s teaching in **1 Corinthians 10:13** is indispensable: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” Of course, the nature of the “way out” can vary according to the situation one is facing, so believers should remain prayerful and vigilant as they seek to avoid evil and to walk in the way of obedience. In addition, it is critical to bear in mind that every Christian can go to Jesus for help in the midst of temptation. As the author of Hebrews writes, He [Jesus] can sympathize with our weaknesses because He Himself has experienced temptation, “yet without sin” (**Hebrews. 4:15**).

## FURTHER READING

- Clinton Arnold, *3 Crucial Questions about Spiritual Warfare*
  - An excellent study by a New Testament scholar. Focuses primarily on the work of Satan and his demonic followers to oppose God’s work in and through his Church.
- Graham A. Cole, *Against the Darkness: The Doctrine of Angels, Satan and Demons*
  - A solid study of the biblical teachings regarding Angels, Satan and Demons as well as some practical issues.
- Michael Green, *I Believe in Satan’s Downfall*
  - Good study from a mildly charismatic perspective on Satan, his opposition to the Church, and Satan’s defeat. Stronger than some other books on the practical application of the Bible’s teaching on Satan and Demons.
- Tremper Longman and Daniel Reid, *God is a Warrior*
  - Lays a good biblical and theological foundation, especially for the Old Testament teachings on Satan and Demons and their relationship to spiritual warfare.
- Peter T. O’Brien, “Principalities and Powers: Opponents of the Church,” in *Biblical Interpretation and the Church: The Problem of Contextualization*, ed. D.A. Carson, pp. 110-150.

- This essay provides the reader with a strong biblical basis for interpreting “Principalities and Powers” in the New Testament as personal, spiritual beings rather than only societal structures.
- Sydney H. T. Page, *Powers of Evil: A Biblical Study of Satan and Demons*
- Out of print – may purchase used copies from Amazon.com. Overall an excellent study of Satan and Demons in the Bible.
- There are also a number of helpful articles on the Gospel Coalition website that can be accessed by going to their website, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/>, and searching for “Satan”, “Demons” or “Spiritual Warfare.”

## TEST - CHAPTER TWO...PART TWO

1. The enemy has a plan for your life: to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God calls us to be what?  
"\_\_\_\_\_" watching out for the schemes of the devil who  
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3. The devil wants to devour our lives, keeping us from what?  
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4. Name the 6 things the Devil wants for your life.  
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5. What did Jesus say to Thomas when He appeared to him?  
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6. When the devil tempts you to doubt God, \_\_\_\_\_ let your  
\_\_\_\_\_ determine your \_\_\_\_\_; let \_\_\_\_\_ God  
determine your \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Fear is not the absence of faith; what is it?  
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8. The devil doesn't want to rob us of our faith, what does he want?  
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9. Life in Christ is life \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What does **Psalm 34:4** say?  
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11. Don't let the devil tell you that you are \_\_\_\_\_ or not good  
\_\_\_\_\_. You are God's \_\_\_\_\_ and, in  
\_\_\_\_\_, we are not only good enough, "we are \_\_\_\_\_ than  
\_\_\_\_\_ through him who \_\_\_\_\_ us."
12. The more uninvolved you become with the body of Christ, the harder it is to  
do what?  
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13. "Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_ prophets. They come to you in \_\_\_\_\_ clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious \_\_\_\_\_" (**Matthew 7:15**).
14. When we rely on the words of men or ourselves in place of God's Word what happens?  
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15. The devil wants to do what to us?  
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16. **2 Corinthians 4:8-10** says, "We are hard \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ side, but \_\_\_\_\_ crushed; perplexed, but \_\_\_\_\_ in despair; persecuted, but \_\_\_\_\_ abandoned; struck down, but \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed. We always carry around in our body the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, so that the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus may also be revealed in \_\_\_\_\_ body."
17. When you feel like you're going to lose, what should you do?  
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18. Don't want to be devoured? What should you do?  
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19. His primary concern is to do what?  
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20. What does Satan oppose?  
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21. He is very \_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that if they put their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, they will \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ "...from the dominion of \_\_\_\_\_" and \_\_\_\_\_ "...into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son he loves.
22. In short, when someone truly believes the message of the Gospel, what happens?  
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23. In **2 Corinthians 4:4** the apostle Paul writes, "The god of \_\_\_\_\_ age has \_\_\_\_\_ the minds of \_\_\_\_\_, so that they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the light of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of \_\_\_\_\_, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."
24. This is likely what Jesus is referring to in which parable?  
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25. Given the fact that Satan and the evil spirits under his authority prioritize what?

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26. Satan's opposition does not end there. He is also committed to opposing what?

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27. What does the apostle Paul emphasize that Satan desires to do?

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28. The use of the plural "schemes" definitely implies what?

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29. What is one of the most important schemes among Satan's schemes that are mentioned in Scriptures?

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30. Satan is referred to in **Revelation 12:9** as "\_\_\_\_\_" or "\_\_\_\_\_" (*ho planōn*).

31. As Jesus said in **John 8:44**, Satan does \_\_\_\_\_ hold to the \_\_\_\_\_, "...for there is \_\_\_\_\_ truth in him. When he \_\_\_\_\_, he speaks out of his own \_\_\_\_\_, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of lies." John even writes in **Revelation 12:9**, "The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray."

32. The lies he uses may involve \_\_\_\_\_ error ("teachings of \_\_\_\_\_"; see **1Tim. 4:1**), or they may be more \_\_\_\_\_ in nature, as when he undermines a believer's \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ or \_\_\_\_\_ that engaging in specific \_\_\_\_\_ of sin will \_\_\_\_\_ ensnare a believer or have other negative consequences for his or her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

33. Often paired with deception is a second scheme, name it.

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34. Which is not surprising since Satan is referred to as what?

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35. Paul's teaching in **1 Corinthians 10:13** is indispensable: "\_\_\_\_\_ temptation has overtaken \_\_\_\_\_ except what is common to mankind. And \_\_\_\_\_ is faithful; he will \_\_\_\_\_ let you be tempted \_\_\_\_\_ what you can bear. But when you \_\_\_\_\_ tempted, he will also provide a way \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can \_\_\_\_\_ it."

36. It is critical to bear in mind that every Christian can do what in the midst of temptation?

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37. As the author of Hebrews writes, He [Jesus] can sympathize with our weaknesses because He Himself has experienced temptation, "*yet without sin.*" Where is this found in Scripture?

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## CHAPTER THREE

# THE ORIGIN OF SATAN THE DEVIL

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There is a malevolent [wicked] entity in the world, which many deny exists at all. Yet his presence and influence is felt at virtually every level of society: Our governments, our schools, our entertainment—and even in our religions and our churches. That entity is Satan the devil.

Though he is a familiar figure to many people, even if they believe he is only imaginary, there are also many questions: If he is real, where did he come from? Did God make him? If so, why would He have done so?

Every villain has an origin story, and the devil is no different.

Today's subject fascinates many: the origin of Satan the Devil. Who, or what, is he? Did God create him? If so, why?

Many ponder such questions, but only God's Word has the answers! We will discuss those answers today.

So, when I say, "the Devil," what do you think of? Many cultures and religions have their own ideas of the Devil, or something similar. Ancient pagan religions had panoplies of gods and goddesses, some of whom were evil. Zoroastrianism has Angra Mainu. Buddhism has the concept of Mara.

For many, the Devil is not a being at all—just a metaphor for human evil. For others, he's a virtual cartoon—horns, a pointy tail, and a pitchfork, ready to cause trouble.

Yet, writer Charles Baudelaire put it well when he said that the greatest trick the devil ever played was convincing the world that he did not exist!

If anyone understands the truth about the Devil, it is Almighty God. His word, the Bible, is the source of truth.

And that Bible reveals the Devil as very real. I hope you won't merely take our word for anything, but instead look up in your Bible the things we say—while you are watching or at a later time. These things are important, and you should see them in the Bible for yourselves. Too many preachers want you to see them as having all the answers. We want to show you where you can find the answers yourselves: In God's Word.

And that Word gives a powerful warning concerning Satan the Devil.

Speaking of a future war in heaven, the Apostle John writes in the book of **Revelation 12:9**, *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

We learn several things from this. For one, the devil has angels that choose to serve him. We’ll discuss these fallen angels later.

But we also learn that Satan the Devil has deceived the **WHOLE WORLD**. My friends, “the whole world” means just that. With **RARE EXCEPTION**, every human being on every inhabited continent—North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia—is deceived by Satan the Devil! And if there is anyone watching this at a science station in Antarctica, yes, you, too!

You might think that surely the **ENTIRE WORLD** could not be deceived... But the Devil works subtly. If he **DID** show up with horns and a pitchfork, we’d spot him! Yet, the Bible explains how his deceptions succeed. Read the Apostle Paul’s words in **2 Corinthians 11 [vv. 13–14]**, where he explains how the **DEVIL**, not Jesus Christ, is behind many so-called “Christian” ministries. Speaking of the ministers of these, he says plainly:

*“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”*

Yes, **NOT** a spooky fellow with a pitchfork, but an “angel of light”!

In one of Jesus’ harshest condemnations, recorded in the book of **John 8:44**, He says, *“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”*

The Devil truly **HAS** deceived the **ENTIRE** world! In **2 Corinthians 4:4**, the Apostle Paul calls him *“the god of this age,”* and three times in the book of **John**, no less an authority than Jesus Christ calls Satan *“the ruler of this world.”*

In fact, **Luke 4:6** reveals that during Christ’s temptation in the wilderness, Satan points out to Jesus that authority over all worldly kingdoms has been given to him, the Devil.

How did Satan come to possess such authority? Why would God allow that? Where did Satan come from?

Well, like fictional villains of movies or comics, this **REAL** villain has an origin story.

So, just HOW did Satan come to exist? **Ephesians 3:9** tells us that God created all things through Jesus Christ. If so, does that mean that God created Satan? Why create such a creature of evil?

The short answer is that God DID create the one who BECAME Satan the Devil, but He did NOT create him as a being of great evil!

First, we have to recognize that God created all the beings we now call “angels.” In the beautiful **104th Psalm**, King David speaks of many glorious aspects of God’s creative work, and he names the angels among such works, saying of God in **verse 4**, “...who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.”

Of those angels, he speaks of some very specifically, such as Michael and Gabriel.

In the prophetic writings of **Ezekiel 28**, God inspires the prophet to record words for the king of Tyre, and, in doing so, uses the king as a type of a particular angelic being God had created. The king of Tyre is the type, and the angelic being is the antitype. Let’s read those words, beginning in **v. 12**:

*Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.’”*

The angelic being God is addressing in this portion of his prophecy against the King of Tyre was clearly a REMARKABLE creation!

God says he was full of wisdom and beauty. His clothing and apparel was resplendent. He was created an artist, skilled in music. He was the anointed cherub who covers and, according to God, was PERFECT IN HIS WAYS until iniquity was found in him. But that is getting a little ahead of our story.

**Isaiah 14:12** names this being. Most English translations bear the name used in the Vulgate translation, calling him “Lucifer.” And it is in the angelic being Lucifer that we see the one who became Satan the Devil.

This is a vital point to note. Some heathen cultures have traditions that Good and Evil are somehow “balanced” in the universe, and that somehow, Good can’t exist without Evil. They will paint a picture of the Devil as some sort of “equal” to God or “counterpart” to God. Or if not an equal, some heathen religions and philosophies claim that God’s nature is a combination of both Good and Evil, and in such cases, the Devil its just sort of a manifestation of the evil side of God.

But all such ideas are hogwash... [FALSE]!

God did not create an “evil Satan”! He created a GOOD and PERFECT angelic being who BECAME Satan the Devil!

In **Revelation 15:3**, we read of a song sung by the resurrected saints at Christ’s return, and notice the words:

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: *“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!”*

Yes, great and marvelous are God’s works! And the creation of Lucifer was no exception! We are told he was resplendent and beautiful, wise and talented. Indeed, he was created to be something good.

Yet, the future Satan’s perfect condition did not last. Ezekiel is clear that, eventually, iniquity was found in him, and the results are tragic—not only for the angel Lucifer, but also for all of the angels that were under his influence and authority, for the planet earth (as we shall see), and for those of us who live and toil here on earth, under his influence.

What iniquity was found in Lucifer that could bring him so low? What was able to cause a beautiful, perfect being of such wisdom and majesty—as this angelic being was—to become the bitter, demonic Satan the Devil, utterly corrupt and wholeheartedly intent on destroying, if he could, the plan of God and the people of God?

It is a cautionary tale, and the cause of the tragedy boils down to just one word.

When the Bible first introduces the Devil, he is the serpent in **Genesis 3**, who tempts our first parents to sin. We are told in **Genesis 3:1**, *“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made...”* Personally, I prefer the old King James Translation for this, which says the serpent, was more subtle than the rest of God’s creatures. As we’ll see, the Devil is a creature of subtlety.

For our purpose, I simply want to highlight that, the first time we meet the Devil, at the Bible’s beginning, he’s already the villain! How did he become that way? We read in the previous segment that God made him good and perfect. What transformed that perfect angelic creation into Eden’s serpentine tempter?

One word: Pride.

In the first century, the Apostle Paul advised Timothy concerning men the younger minister should consider ordaining in the Church. He recommended that Timothy choose *“not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil”* [**1 Timothy 3:6**].

As mighty, powerful, and beautiful as Lucifer was, he was subject to pride. This is explained in **Ezekiel 28:17**, where, speaking to the Devil, God says, *“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor...”*

Various scriptures indicate that many angels defiantly left the assignment God gave them. One place we read of that is **Jude 6**: *“And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.”*

We learn more about this “proper domain” in another passage we will read in a moment. First, notice that the Apostle Peter refers to these angels, noting,

*“...God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [or, in the Greek, Tartarus, a place of restraint] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment...”* [2 Peter 2:4]

In Lucifer’s case, his pride brought him to sin—opposition to His own Creator. He chose to leave his assigned responsibility, and mounted an angelic rebellion against God Himself!

Let’s read of Lucifer’s rebellion in **Isaiah 14:12**. Again peeking into the realm of angels, God inspires Isaiah to write,

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.” Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.”*

So proud of his own intelligence and capabilities, Lucifer sought to take God’s own throne, as if he could overthrow his Creator!

Notice, too, a glimpse of the “proper domain” to which Jude referred. When Lucifer decided to attack God’s throne, where was he at the time? Read **verse 13** carefully: *“For you have said in your heart, ‘I will ascend into heaven...”* And in **verse 14**, *“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds...”*

If you ascend above the clouds to leave your responsibility, then that responsibility is below them, here on earth! Before human beings, this world was Lucifer’s!

That explains why he told Jesus Christ in **Luke 4:6** that earth’s kingdoms were given to him by God. This was his assigned place, and it is the Devil whom Jesus will replace when He returns!

It also explains why **Genesis 1:2** describes a world in disorder and chaos. Lucifer's rebellion was devastating, and, as a result, he was no longer Lucifer, the light bringer, but Satan, the Adversary.

Is God going to allow evil to last forever? What will He do about the Devil—and what should we do?

We've explained how God created a remarkable angelic being named Lucifer, who was resplendent, glorious, and powerful. But we also explained how this being became overcome with pride, vanity, and ambition, and sought to overthrow God Himself and take the throne of heaven for himself. Some scriptures may indicate that one-third of the angels of God may have gotten caught up with him in his rebellion [**Rev. 12:3-4**], and now, he and those fallen angels are what we know as demons and evil spirits.

With the world under his spell, what is God going to do about it?

The Bible reveals God's plan! At the return of Jesus Christ, the Devil will be removed from mankind for the duration of Jesus' 1,000-year rule on earth, unable to influence mankind for evil purposes any longer! We read of this in **Revelation 20:1**:

*"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."*

During this time, the world will be turned into a paradise! As Isaiah describes this marvelous time,

*"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."* [**Isaiah 11:9**]

Though, as **Revelation 20** says, *"he must be released for a short time at the Millennium's end, his ultimate fate is the Lake of Fire, never to influence another individual ever again. God will ultimately solve the problem of Satan the Devil."*

So, if that is what God is going to do, what should YOU do?

Jesus Christ said in **John 8:32**, speaking of His own teachings, *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

Yes, the truth can make you free, but you need to do more than KNOW it—you must put the truth to work in your life! The DEVIL understands the truth, TOO, but you must do the OPPOSITE of what He did and OBEY IT! To know the truth but to choose to ignore it and do what we want instead is the very PICTURE of what the DEVIL HIMSELF did in his rebellion!

You can also be on the lookout for his ministers—the ones that the Apostle Paul said were “false apostles and deceitful workers,” transforming themselves into “ministers of righteousness.”

How can you discern them? They are often very sincere and deceived, themselves! The Apostle Paul tells Timothy of such men, saying that they not only deceive others, but also that they are often deceived, as well. [**2 Timothy 3:13**]

Such false preachers can be discerned from the doctrines they teach and how those teachings compare to God’s word. Speaking of the great false teacher to come, the end-time False Prophet, the Apostle John noted how this individual appeared in prophecy. Let’s read it together in **Revelation 13:11**:

*“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.”*

Notice that, in vision, the future False Prophet looked like a lamb. That is, just like these false preachers who claim to be ministers of Christ but who are ministers of the devil, he APPEARS like Christ, the Lamb of God! But the Bible says he SPEAKS like the dragon—the Devil! His teachings are those of Satan.

Ministers of the devil can be discerned in the same way. In many ways, they may look like Jesus Christ in their actions and attitudes! They may care for the homeless and give to the poor. They may quote Scripture, just as the Devil did in **Matthew 4** and **Luke 4** when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness. But when you carefully compare the teachings of these preachers and ministers with the teachings of your Bible, they will show themselves to be false! And you must do so carefully and prayerfully! As we’ve already discussed, the Devil is a master of subtlety!

Still, when dealing with the father of lies, one of the greatest tools we have at our disposal is a passionate devotion to live according to the TRUTH.

## A COUPLE FINAL NOTES

<https://answersingenesis.org/angels-and-demons/satan/was-satan-the-actual-serpent-in-the-garden/>

Satan is not a physical being, although he can operate in the physical realm (*Job 1–2*). He is a spiritual being that operates in the spiritual realm as evidenced in many passages that detail his spiritual attributes, such as *1 Peter 5:8*; *Matthew 16:23*; *Acts 5:3*; and *Ephesians 6:12*.

*Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. (Luke 24:39)*

The Bible seems to portray Satan and his angels as disembodied spirits.

Satan and demons can enter into people and animals and influence them. For example, Judas was entered by Satan in *Luke 22:3*; Peter was influenced by

Satan<sup>1</sup> ([Matthew 16:23](#)); and the swine were entered by Legion, which consisted of many demons ([Mark 5](#), [Matthew 8](#)).

So there is no stretch to understand that the Lord is speaking to the serpent and Satan in *Genesis 3*. [Genesis 3:14](#) is said to the serpent and then [Genesis 3:15](#) is said to Satan who is influencing the serpent.

Martin Luther states it this way:

Let us therefore, establish in the first place that the serpent is a real serpent, but one that has been entered and taken over by Satan, . . . <sup>2</sup>

The Bible tells us that Satan used a real serpent to deceive Eve. And because of his entrance into the serpent, he can rightly be called the “serpent of old” or “great dragon” in Revelation.

<sup>1</sup> This was prior to the outpouring/indwelling of the Holy Spirit for Christians, which does away with the possibility of demonic or Satanic possession in Christians ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#); [Luke 11:21](#)).

<sup>2</sup> Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*, vol. 1, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 1958), p. 185.

## TEST - CHAPTER THREE

1. There is a malevolent [\_\_\_\_\_] entity in the world, which many deny exists at all.

2. Yet his presence and influence is felt at virtually every level of society: Our \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_—and even in our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

3. That entity is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Though he is a familiar figure to many people, even if they believe he is only imaginary, there are also many questions: What are the three questions that follow?

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5. Many ponder such questions, but only what has the answers?

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6. So, when I say, “the Devil,” what do you think of?

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7. For many, the Devil is not a being at all....

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8. For others, he’s what?

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9. What reveals the Devil as very real?

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10. I hope you won’t merely take our word for anything, but instead what should you do?

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11. These things are important, where should you see them for yourself?

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12. Too many \_\_\_\_\_ want you to see \_\_\_\_\_ as having all the \_\_\_\_\_. We want to show \_\_\_\_\_ where you can \_\_\_\_\_ the answers \_\_\_\_\_: In God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

13. And that Word gives a powerful warning concerning whom?

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14. The Apostle John writes in the book of **Revelation 12:9**, "So the great dragon was cast \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ of old, called the \_\_\_\_\_ and Satan, who \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_; he was cast to the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ angels were cast \_\_\_\_\_ with him."

15. We learn several things from this. For one, the devil has angels that do what?  
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16. What else have we also learned about Satan the Devil?  
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17. You might think that surely the ENTIRE WORLD could not be \_\_\_\_\_...  
But the Devil works \_\_\_\_\_.

18. What explains how his deceptions succeed?  
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19. "For such men are \_\_\_\_\_ apostles, \_\_\_\_\_ workers, \_\_\_\_\_ themselves into apostles of \_\_\_\_\_. And no wonder! For \_\_\_\_\_ himself \_\_\_\_\_ himself into an angel of \_\_\_\_\_."

20. Yes, NOT a spooky fellow with a \_\_\_\_\_, but an "angel of \_\_\_\_\_"!

21. Where in the Bible is one of the hardest condemnations of Satan?  
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22. In **2 Corinthians 4:4**, what does the Apostle Paul call Satan?  
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23. Then three times in the book of **John**, no less an authority than Jesus Christ calls Satan what?  
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24. In fact, **Luke 4:6** reveals that during Christ's temptation in the wilderness, what does Satan point out to Jesus?  
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25. So, just HOW did Satan come to exist? What does **Ephesians 3:9** tell us?  
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26. The short answer is that God DID \_\_\_\_\_ the one who \_\_\_\_\_ Satan the Devil, but He did \_\_\_\_\_ create him as a being of great \_\_\_\_\_!

27. First, we have to recognize that God created all the beings we now call what?  
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28. Of those angels, he speaks of some very specifically, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

29. In the prophetic writings of \_\_\_\_\_ **28**, God \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet to record words for the king of Tyre, and, in doing so, uses the king as a type of a particular \_\_\_\_\_ being God had \_\_\_\_\_. The king of Tyre is the \_\_\_\_\_, and the angelic being is the \_\_\_\_\_. Let's read those words, beginning in **v. 12**:

30. *Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord \_\_\_\_\_: 'You \_\_\_\_\_ the seal of \_\_\_\_\_, Full of \_\_\_\_\_ and perfect in \_\_\_\_\_. You were in \_\_\_\_\_, the garden of \_\_\_\_\_; Every precious stone was your \_\_\_\_\_: The sardius, topaz, and \_\_\_\_\_, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with \_\_\_\_\_. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for \_\_\_\_\_ on the day you were \_\_\_\_\_. You were the \_\_\_\_\_ cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the \_\_\_\_\_ mountain of \_\_\_\_\_; you \_\_\_\_\_ back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were \_\_\_\_\_ in your ways from the day you were \_\_\_\_\_, till \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.'"*

31. God says he was full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. His clothing and apparel was resplendent.

32. He was created an \_\_\_\_\_, skilled in \_\_\_\_\_.

33. He was the \_\_\_\_\_ cherub who covers and, according to God, was \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS WAYS until \_\_\_\_\_ was found \_\_\_\_ him. But that is getting a little ahead of our story.

34. **Isaiah 14:12** names this being. Most English translations bear the name used in which translation?

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35. Calling him what?

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36. And it is in the angelic being \_\_\_\_\_ that we see the one who \_\_\_\_\_ Satan the \_\_\_\_\_. This is a vital point to note. Some \_\_\_\_\_ cultures have traditions that Good and Evil are somehow "balanced" in the universe, and that somehow, \_\_\_\_\_ can't exist without \_\_\_\_\_.

37. They will paint a picture of the Devil as some sort of " \_\_\_\_\_ " to God or " \_\_\_\_\_ " to God.

38. Or if not an equal, some \_\_\_\_\_ religions and philosophies \_\_\_\_\_ that God's nature is a \_\_\_\_\_ of both Good and

\_\_\_\_\_, and in such cases, the Devil its just sort of a manifestation of the \_\_\_\_\_ side of God.

39. But all such ideas are \_\_\_\_\_... [\_\_\_\_\_]!

40. God did \_\_\_\_\_ create an “evil \_\_\_\_\_”! He created a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ angelic being who \_\_\_\_\_ Satan the \_\_\_\_\_!

41. In **Revelation 15:3**, we read of a song sung by the resurrected saints at Christ’s return, and notice the words:

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and \_\_\_\_\_ are Your \_\_\_\_\_, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Almighty! Just and \_\_\_\_\_ are Your \_\_\_\_\_, O King of the saints!”

42. Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are God’s works!

43. And the creation of \_\_\_\_\_ was no \_\_\_\_\_!

44. We are told he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, he was created to be something good. Yet, the future Satan’s perfect condition did not \_\_\_\_\_.

45. Ezekiel is clear that, eventually, \_\_\_\_\_ was found in him, and the results are \_\_\_\_\_—not only for the angel \_\_\_\_\_, but also for all of the \_\_\_\_\_ that were \_\_\_\_\_ his influence and \_\_\_\_\_, for the planet \_\_\_\_\_ (as we shall see), and for those of us who live and toil here on earth, under his \_\_\_\_\_.

46. What \_\_\_\_\_ was found \_\_\_ Lucifer that could bring him so \_\_\_\_? What was able to \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful, perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of such wisdom and majesty—as this angelic being \_\_\_\_\_—to become the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Satan the Devil, utterly \_\_\_\_\_ and wholeheartedly intent on \_\_\_\_\_, if he could, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

47. It is a cautionary tale, and the cause of the tragedy boils down to just one word.

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48. In the first century, the Apostle Paul advised Timothy concerning men the younger minister should consider ordaining in the Church. He recommended that Timothy choose what?

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49. Where do we find this in Scripture?

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50. As mighty, powerful, and beautiful as Lucifer was, he was subject to pride. This is explained in **Ezekiel 28:17**, where, speaking to the Devil, God says what?

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51 Various scriptures indicate that many angels defiantly left the assignment God gave them. One place we read of that is \_\_\_\_\_:

52. "And the angels who did \_\_\_\_\_ keep their \_\_\_\_\_ domain, but left their own \_\_\_\_\_, He has reserved in \_\_\_\_\_ chains under \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the great day."

53. We learn more about this " \_\_\_\_\_ " in another passage we will read in a moment. First, notice that the Apostle Peter refers to these angels, noting,

54. "...God did not \_\_\_\_\_ the angels who \_\_\_\_\_, but cast them \_\_\_\_\_ to hell [or, in the Greek, Tartarus, a place of \_\_\_\_\_] and delivered them into \_\_\_\_\_ of darkness, to be reserved for \_\_\_\_\_..." [\_\_\_\_\_]

55. In Lucifer's case, his \_\_\_\_\_ brought him to sin—\_\_\_\_\_ to His own Creator. He chose to leave his assigned responsibility, and mounted an angelic rebellion against God Himself!

56. Let's read of Lucifer's rebellion in **Isaiah 14:12**. Again peeking into the realm of angels, Who inspires Isaiah to write,  
*"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High." Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit."*

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57. So proud of his own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Lucifer sought to take God's own \_\_\_\_\_, as if he could \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_!

58. Notice, too, a glimpse of the "proper domain" to which Jude referred. When Lucifer decided to attack God's throne, where was he at the time? Read **verse 13** carefully:

\_\_\_\_\_...  
And in **verse 14**,  
\_\_\_\_\_...

59. If you ascend above the clouds to leave your responsibility, then that responsibility is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!

60. Before human beings, this world was whom?

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61. Lucifer's rebellion was devastating, and, as a result, he was no longer Lucifer, the light bringer, but whom?

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62. We've explained how God \_\_\_\_\_ a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ being named \_\_\_\_\_, who was resplendent, \_\_\_\_\_, and powerful. But we also explained how this being \_\_\_\_\_ overcome with \_\_\_\_\_, vanity, and \_\_\_\_\_, and sought to \_\_\_\_\_ God Himself and take the throne of heaven for \_\_\_\_\_.

63. Scriptures indicate that how many of the angels of God may have gotten caught up with him (Lucifer) in his rebellion [**Rev. 12:3-4**]?

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64. And now, he and those fallen angels are what we know as what?

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65. What reveals God's plan?

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66. At the return of Jesus Christ, the Devil will be removed from mankind for the duration of Jesus' rule on earth. How long will that be?

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67. Where do we read of this in the Bible?

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68. "Then I saw an \_\_\_\_\_ coming down from heaven, having the \_\_\_\_\_ to the bottomless \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ chain in his hand. He laid hold of the \_\_\_\_\_, that serpent of \_\_\_\_\_, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and bound him for a \_\_\_\_\_ years; and he \_\_\_\_\_ him into the \_\_\_\_\_ pit, and \_\_\_\_\_ him up, and set a \_\_\_\_\_ on him, so that he should deceive the nations \_\_\_\_\_ more till the thousand years were \_\_\_\_\_. But after these things he must be released for a \_\_\_\_\_ while."

69. During this time, the world will be turned into a paradise! As Isaiah describes this marvelous time, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." Where is this found in Scripture?

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70. Though, as **Revelation 20** says, "he must be released for a \_\_\_\_\_ time at the Millennium's \_\_\_\_\_, his ultimate fate is the Lake of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to influence another individual \_\_\_\_\_ again. \_\_\_\_\_ will ultimately solve the problem of Satan the Devil."

71. What did Jesus Christ say in **John 8:32**, speaking of His own teachings?

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72. Yes, what can make you free?

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73. But you need to do more than KNOW it—you must do something else. What is that?

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74. To know the truth but to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it and do what we want instead is the very \_\_\_\_\_ of what the \_\_\_\_\_ HIMSELF did in his \_\_\_\_\_!

75. You can also be on the lookout for \_\_\_\_\_ ministers—the ones that the Apostle Paul said were “\_\_\_\_\_ apostles and \_\_\_\_\_ workers,” transforming \_\_\_\_\_ into “ministers of righteousness.”

76. They are often \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, themselves!

77. What does the Apostle Paul tell Timothy of such men?

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78. Such false preachers can be \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ they teach and how those teachings \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s word. Speaking of the great false teacher to come, the end-time False Prophet, the Apostle John noted how this individual appeared in prophecy. Let’s read it together in **Revelation 13:11**:

79. *“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns \_\_\_\_\_ and spoke like a dragon.”*

80. Notice that, in vision, the future False Prophet looked like what?

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81. Ministers of the devil can be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ way.

82. How might they look like Jesus Christ?

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83. They may \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and give to the \_\_\_\_\_. They may \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture, just as the Devil did in **Matthew 4** and **Luke 4** when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness. But when you \_\_\_\_\_ compare the \_\_\_\_\_ of these preachers and ministers with the teachings of your \_\_\_\_\_, they will \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to be \_\_\_\_\_! And you must do so carefully and prayerfully! As we’ve already discussed, the Devil is a master of subtlety!

84. Still, when dealing with the father of lies, what is one of the greatest tools we have at our disposal?

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85. Satan is not a physical being, although he can do what?

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86. He is a spiritual being that operates in what realm as evidenced in many passages that detail his spiritual attributes, such as *1 Peter 5:8*; *Matthew 16:23*; *Acts 5:3*; and *Ephesians 6:12*.

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87. The Bible seems to portray Satan and his angels as what?

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88. Satan and demons can do what to people and animals?

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89. So there is no stretch to understand that the Lord is speaking to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in *Genesis 3*. *Genesis 3:14* is said to the \_\_\_\_\_ and then *Genesis 3:15* is said to \_\_\_\_\_ who is influencing the serpent.

90. Who made this statement? “Let us therefore, establish in the first place that the serpent is a real serpent, but one that has been entered and taken over by Satan, ... [2](#)”

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91. The Bible tells us that Satan used a \_\_\_\_\_ serpent to \_\_\_\_\_ Eve. And because of his entrance into the \_\_\_\_\_, he can rightly be called the “serpent of \_\_\_\_\_” or “great \_\_\_\_\_” in Revelation.

## CHAPTER FOUR

# TEN TRUTHS ABOUT A LIAR A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF SATAN

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**Is Satan capable of inception? Does he whisper temptations in our ear? Is Satan's authority, power, and relationship to unbelievers the same or different from Christians?**

These are all valid and, frankly, somewhat haunting questions. I am not left emotionally unmoved by the many destroyed marriages and ministries around me that Satan has devoured. I trust your experience is comparable. It is vital that you and I rightly discern and evaluate Satan. He is not to be trifled with or buffooned, but in Christ, his back was utterly broken on Calvary's hill.

Our entry point for discerning the person and activity of Satan will be **Colossians 2:15**. We will discover much there, but upon developing three guiding exegetical questions, we will unearth as many unanswered questions as we answer. Grasping a wholistic picture of Satan requires a full canonical scope. These questions force an excursion into the terrain of biblical theology. After building out a stable biblical-theological framework, we will be in position to establish a few conclusive truths—also known as dogmatics.

## MOTION 1: EXEGETE THE TEXT

### Colossians 2:14-15 (CSB)

*<sup>14</sup>He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.*

Due to space limitations, our exegetical motion does not attempt exhaustion. Rather, it is controlled by a mere three questions, which I believe naturally arise from the text:

**First**, what does it mean that, at the cross, Jesus “**disarmed**” Satan and his rebel angels? The answer is found in **verse 14**: Satan had no record of debt with which to accuse. Jesus snatched Satan’s means of accusation right off his forked tongue. This is the primary way he was disarmed. The repentant sinner’s record, then, is erased. It seems Satan’s strategy was to accuse and damn by means of a guilty record, but through the substitutionary and atoning blood sacrifice of Jesus, there is now no record with which to charge. That much we can discern from Colossians.

**Second**, how did Jesus put Satan and his rebels “**to open shame**” (ESV)? The language used describes a parade. Jesus ‘made a spectacle’ of Satan by defeating him on the cross and at the tomb. Satan was rendered powerless, and then becomes something of a cosmic joke. He was showcased in the theater of God before his own rebel entourage and before the angels of heaven.

**Third**, how does God “**triumph over them in [Jesus]**”? Notice the “them” implies plurality. Satan is not acting in isolation but seems to have an organized, mobilized, rebel army, perhaps even a hierarchy. But more centrally, the thrust of **Colossians 2:14-15** is that when Jesus looked to be at His weakest, He was actually putting on invincibility. Three days after his death, Jesus kicked the hinges off the door of the enclosed tomb outside Jerusalem. On Friday, Satan surely heckled, hissed, and laughed while hovering over the blood-bespattered carcass of our Lord. He never saw it coming. On Sunday, Jesus arose with an indestructible life. In that moment, Jesus evidenced His Father’s verdict of satisfaction. He procured deliverance for His people so rich, so stunning that even the angels could not heretofore comprehend its immensity. It was a plot twist so beautiful that it satisfied millennia worth of anticipation (**1 Pt 1:12**).

So, where did Satan come from? When did he rebel? When did his entourage rebel? Why did he rebel? Our brief interrogatory analysis into **Colossians 2:14-15** unearths nearly as many questions as it yields answers. We now turn to the realm of biblical theology to resolve leftover questions from our exegesis.

## **MOTION 2: PROVIDE A BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK**

At Calvary, Jesus died and Satan received an imagined victory. But that was neither the beginning nor the end of the story as we saw in **Colossians 2:14-15**. Satan thought he had bested the Son of God and was, thus, at the pinnacle of his pride. Satan’s pride seems to be his most notable attribute and is the common theme held throughout Scripture. At Golgotha, it seemed the curtains were closing on our humble little story from Bethlehem. In actuality, as rendered in **Colossians**, it is Satan who was at his weakest point. While Jesus’s broken body hung lifeless, surely all of Satan’s army was jubilant, uproarious, and inebriated on their imagined power, but they could not have been more defeated in that moment.

When we read Scripture in narrative fashion, a puzzle piece picture of the chief figure (**Mt 12:24**) of these “rulers and authorities” in **Col 2:15** begins to take shape (**Rev 20:2**). Satan is a contingent, sentient, and derivative being just as any other created animate creature (**Gen 1-2, Col 1:16-17**). What distinguishes Satan is that he is the most intelligent and calculating creature in all creation and, at some point in time, he took on an oppositional status against the LORD and His people (**Gen 3:1; 1 John 3:11-12**, “evil one”). It is discernible that his opposition took place prior to the fall of man in **Genesis 3**. However, neither a precise description of that event nor the precise point in time of his personal rebellion (and motivation) is ever made explicit. Rather, we are, as it were, dropped into an already mature and maturing plotline.

An honor-bound and conscientious narrative reading of Scripture must take the New Testament seriously. **Revelation 20:2** explicates that indeed the serpent of Eden (**Gen 3**) is the same being referred to in many New Testament texts. **Jude 6** and **2 Peter 2:4** shed light on the origin of the rebellion of Satan’s messengers (**Gen 6:1-4**), but do not reveal a motive or point in time for Satan’s personal rebellion. In **Matthew 4:1-11**, Satan seems to believe he is powerful enough to bring down the Son of God from the altitude of divinity by temptation. Herein lies Satan’s Achilles’s heel: hubris. Satan contends with the Son of God, is overpowered, and is ultimately defeated at the cross (**Col 2:15**). It’s a classic bait-and-switch. Because of his pride, Satan never sees it coming. He lacks omniscience. Pride is his most highlighted characteristic. Satan is so smart, he’s stupid. While the storyline of Scripture is silent on the precise time of Satan’s personal rebellion and from where his motivation stems, it is quite clear on his nature—he was blinded by pride.

## **MOTION 3: ESTABLISH CONCLUSIONS –TEN TRUTHS ABOUT A LIAR**

After working through the proper exegetical and biblical-theological motions, we now have a sturdier foundation upon which to establish a few implications that help us to discern the person and activity of Satan:

### **1. SATAN IS NOT OMNISCIENT, OMNIPRESENT, OMNIPOTENT, NOR ETERNAL.**

There was a time when Satan was not. In contrast, there was never a ‘time’ when the Son of God was not, i.e. the Son is eternal. Satan is created and contingent just as humans are (**Col 1:16-17**). In **Job 1:6**, the Lord asked Satan, “*Where have you come from?*” to which he responded, “*From roaming through the earth.*” He is physically positioned in the universe. He is not omnipresent and, thus, is unlikely to be personally tempting individual Christians. In **Matthew 4** and **Job 1-2**, he fails to know the future and his potency is shown to be limited by God.

### **2. SATAN EXERCISES HIS OTHERWORLDLY DOMINION BY WAY OF A HIERARCHICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL, AND MILITARISTIC STRATEGY.**

In **Matthew 4**, Satan legitimately offers Jesus the kingdoms of the world. These kingdoms seem to have a geographical and governmental nature. This offer is textually grounded in **Deuteronomy 32** and **Psalms 82**. But through the cross, Jesus took back the authority forfeited in Adam (**Col 2:14-15**). Therefore, in **Matthew 28:18**, Jesus states that *all authority has been given to Him*. In **John 12:31** we're told Satan is the "*ruler of this world*," which rings of realm and region. Then, there is that peculiar reference to the "*prince of the kingdom of Persia*" in **Daniel 10:13, 20**. This dark prince opposes the angel Gabriel and the angelic prince Michael. It's hierarchical. Experientially, this rings true. The nature of spiritual warfare varies depending on the continent and culture (North America, Asia, Africa, etc.). Satan leads a hierarchy of demons (**Mt 12:24**), a divergent and highly capable army, which implies he is leading an otherworldly 'outfit' that personally tempts persons (**Col 2:15, 1 Peter 5:8-9**) depending on the sinful sensibilities of a given culture.

### **3. SATAN CAN MANIPULATE MATTER, WEATHER SYSTEMS, AND BACTERIAL LIFE.**

We see in **Job 1** that Satan is able to manipulate matter and weather patterns and, in **Job 2:8**, he infects Job with a skin disease. His purpose is to afflict Job, and for our machinations, we note he is capable of feats not afforded to humans.

### **4. SATAN CAN INFLUENCE AND SWAY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES.**

In **Revelation 2:10**, Jesus states that Satan is in the process of influencing Smyrna's legal proceedings by throwing a collection of Christians into prison. Likewise, in **Job 1:17**, he manipulates the Chaldeans, encouraging them to steal Job's livestock. Though we are not told how he exerts his influence, we surmise he is the agent of these activities.

### **5. SATAN AGGRESSIVELY SEEKS TO TRAP INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS.**

**1 Timothy 3:7** says, *he seeks to trap elders*. He is spoken of as a federal head type of figure. His minions study individuals and then seek to tempt and twist them in accordance with particularized patterns of sin. They cater and concoct a seemingly irresistible elixir of poison just for you. Television, social media, fast food, biology, age, and gender are all thrown into the recipe.

### **6. SATAN IS MORE SKILLED AT DECEPTION THAN ANY OTHER CREATED BEING.**

**John 8:44** says, *his nature is to lie*. If his mouth is moving, he is lying. He is the original liar and, therefore, the father of lies. Every lie was and is birthed in him. However, deception is all he has in his arsenal against Christians. As **Colossians**

2:15 teaches, this side of Calvary, Satan can accuse, but he knows—and his rebel realm know—that he has been reduced to utter fragility at the cross.

## **7. SATAN IS ABLE TO KILL CHRISTIANS.**

He is able to kill you physically (**Job 1-2**), but not eternally (**Rom 8**). In **Job 2**, when Satan goes a second time to the LORD in the divine courtroom, he asks permission to kill Job, but God denies his request. I take that to mean Satan could have killed him, but God would not allow it. Everything Satan does comes crashing down on his own head, eventually crushing his skull (**Gen 3:15**) unto the glory of the Son of God and for the Christian's good.

## **8. SATAN IS THE LORD'S LACKEY FOR THE CHRISTIAN'S HOLINESS.**

In **2 Corinthians 12:7**, Paul says his thorn is “a messenger of Satan,” and yet the Lord kindly uses the thorn (against Paul's will!) to produce sanctification and spiritual power in Paul's ministry. How kind of the Lord to give Paul his thorn! Satan plays the pawn in God's economy, and the thorn stays against Paul's will. Thus, Satan is ever regulated by **Romans 8** and, therefore, is providentially powerless to wound Christians in any resurrected or eternal sense. Neither Satan nor death, neither “*angels nor rulers ... nor powers ... will be able to separate us from the love of God*” (**Rom 8:38**).

## **9. SATAN WILL BE THROWN INTO HELL [THE LAKE OF FIRE] IN THE END.**

Satan can and surely has read **Matthew 25:41**, which states he will ultimately be thrown into hell. That is what I mean by “Satan is so smart, he's stupid.” This is his end, yet he rages against all “born of God” (**1 John 3:9**). He lies. He accuses the brethren (**Rev 12:10**). But he cannot succeed in bringing a guilty sentence upon the Christian anymore (**Col 2:14**).

## **10. SATAN IS RESISTIBLE.**

**James 4:7** says, “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*” He will flee from you, Christian. Resist him. If Christians resist temptation, hold firm the promise of resurrection, and do not give in, do not accept the enemy's lies, and do not give into his accusations—Satan will eventually depart. He is limited. He is finite. He will eventually move on to easier prey.

## **CONCLUSION**

My aim in this essay was to use the person of Satan as a test case. Rarely do scholars pull down the walls of their respective domains to set exegesis, biblical theology, and dogmatic in motion in a singular treatment. In the final analysis, we are not told precisely *how* or *why* Satan does certain things, but when we analyze the pertinent

texts and take into account all of the data, we see what he does and *what* he is capable of. The Christian, then, is broken over the plight of the unregenerate, properly sobered, and bolstered that Jesus so decisively routed Satan at Calvary.

## TEST - CHAPTER FOUR

1. It is vital that you and I rightly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Satan.
2. He is not to be \_\_\_\_\_ with or buffooned, but in \_\_\_\_\_, his back was utterly \_\_\_\_\_ on Calvary's hill.
3. Where is our entry point for discerning the person and activity of Satan?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. We will discover much there, but upon developing three guiding exegetical questions, we will do what?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. MOTION 1: \_\_\_\_\_ THE TEXT
6. Where do we find in Scripture written, <sup>14</sup> *He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.* <sup>15</sup> *He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.*  
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7. Rather, it is controlled by a mere three questions, which I believe naturally arise from the text: What are these three questions?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_, what does it mean that, at the cross, Jesus "disarmed" Satan and his rebel angels? The answer is found in \_\_\_\_\_:
9. Satan had no record of what with which to accuse?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What happens with the repentant sinner's record?  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. But through the substitutionary and atoning blood sacrifice of Jesus, what happens?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_, how did Jesus put Satan and his rebels "to open shame" (ESV)? The language used describes a parade.
13. Jesus' did what by defeating Satan on the cross and at the tomb?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ powerless.

15. \_\_\_\_\_, how does God “triumph over them in [Jesus]”?

16. Notice the “them” implies what?

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17. Satan is not acting in isolation. What does he seem to have?

\_\_\_\_\_

18. What is the thrust of **Colossians 2:14-15**?

\_\_\_\_\_

19. What did Jesus do on Sunday?

\_\_\_\_\_

20. In that moment, what did Jesus evidence His Father’s verdict of?

\_\_\_\_\_

21. At Calvary, Jesus died and Satan received what?

\_\_\_\_\_

22. But that was neither the beginning nor the end of the story as we see in Scripture. Where is this found in the Bible?

\_\_\_\_\_

23. Satan thought he had bested the Son of God and was, thus...

\_\_\_\_\_

24. What seems to be Satan’s most notable attribute and is the common theme held throughout Scripture?

\_\_\_\_\_

25. In actuality, as rendered in **Colossians**, who was at his weakest point?

\_\_\_\_\_

26. While Jesus’s broken body hung lifeless, surely all of Satan’s army was what?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

27. When we read Scripture in narrative fashion, a puzzle piece picture of the chief figure (**Mt 12:24**) of these “\_\_\_\_\_” in **Col 2:15** begins to take shape (**Rev 20:2**). Satan is a contingent, sentient, and derivative being just as any other created animate creature (**Gen 1-2, Col 1:16-17**).

28. What distinguishes Satan?

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29. When did Satan's opposition take place?

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30. **Revelation 20:2** explicates that indeed the serpent of Eden (**Gen 3**) is whom?

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31. In **Matthew 4:1-11**, What does Satan seem to believe?

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32. When Satan contends with the Son of God two things happen. Name them.

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33. Why does Satan never see the two things mentioned above coming?

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34. What does Satan lack?

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35. Pride is his most highlighted...

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36. Name the four things identified that Satan is not.

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Do you believe the above four points?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If you've answered no, please explain in the space below.

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{FACILITATOR NOTE: Some participants may not agree with Satan as not being eternal. This will make sense if we believe that eternal is from creation forward through eternity. Once we understand and accept that eternal involves always being and always going to be, Satan could never fit this description, as he is a "created being". Only God [the Trinity] has always been.}

37. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ when Satan was \_\_\_\_\_.

38. In contrast, there was \_\_\_\_\_ a 'time' when the Son of God was \_\_\_\_\_.

39. What is the Son?

\_\_\_\_\_

40. Satan is created and contingent just as what?

\_\_\_\_\_

41. In **Job 1:6**, the Lord asked Satan, "*Where have you come from?*" to which he responded?

\_\_\_\_\_

42. Where is Satan physically positioned?

\_\_\_\_\_

43. He is not omnipresent and, thus...

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. In **Matthew 4** and **Job 1-2**, he fails to know the \_\_\_\_\_ and his potency is shown to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

45. Satan exercises his otherworldly dominion by way of a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ strategy.

46. In **Matthew 4**, what does Satan legitimately offer Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_

47. What is this offer textually grounded in?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

48. But through the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus took \_\_\_\_\_ the authority \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (**Col 2:14-15**). Therefore, in **Matthew 28:18**, Jesus states that *all authority has been given to Him*. In **John 12:31** we're told Satan is the "*ruler of this world*," which rings of realm and region. Then, there is that peculiar reference to the "*prince of the kingdom of Persia*" in **Daniel 10:13, 20**.

49. Who does his dark prince oppose?

\_\_\_\_\_

50. Satan leads a hierarchy of demons. Where do we find this in Scripture?

\_\_\_\_\_

51. What can Satan manipulate?

\_\_\_\_\_

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52. Where do we see that Satan is able to manipulate matter and weather patterns?

\_\_\_\_\_

53. Where in Scripture do we find Satan infects Job with a skin disease?

\_\_\_\_\_

54. What can Satan influence and sway?

\_\_\_\_\_

55. Where in Scripture does Jesus state that Satan is in the process of influencing Smyrna's legal proceedings by throwing a collection of Christians into prison?

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56. Likewise, Satan manipulates the Chaldeans, encouraging them to steal Job's livestock. Where is this in the Bible?

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57. Who does Satan seek to trap?

\_\_\_\_\_

58. What does it say in **1 Timothy 3:7** that Satan seeks to do?

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59. What do his minions do?

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60. What do they do this through?

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61. What is Satan more skilled at than any other created being?

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62. Where do we find written, *his nature is to lie*?

\_\_\_\_\_

63. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ liar and, therefore, the \_\_\_\_\_ of lies.

64. Where does every lie come from?

\_\_\_\_\_

65. However, deception is all he has in his arsenal against Christians. As **Colossians 2:15** teaches, this side of Calvary, Satan can accuse, but he knows—and his rebel realm know—that he has been reduced to what?

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66. Satan \_\_\_\_\_ able to \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.

67. He is able to kill you \_\_\_\_\_ (**Job 1-2**), but not \_\_\_\_\_ (**Rom 8**).

68. In **Job 2**, when Satan goes a \_\_\_\_\_ time to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the divine courtroom, he asks \_\_\_\_\_ to kill Job, but God \_\_\_\_\_ his request. I take that to mean Satan could have killed him, but God would not allow it.

69. Where in Scripture does it say that Satan is ever regulated?

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70. Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor death, neither “\_\_\_\_\_ *nor rulers ... nor* \_\_\_\_\_ *... will be able to* \_\_\_\_\_ *us from the love of God*” (**Rom 8:38**).

71. Where does it say that Satan will be thrown into?

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72. What has Satan surely read which states he will ultimately be thrown into hell?

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73. Yet he rages against whom?

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74. Is Satan resistible?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

75. What does **James 4:7** say?

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76. He is \_\_\_\_\_. He is \_\_\_\_\_. He will eventually move on to easier prey.

77. In the final analysis, we are not told precisely \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Satan does certain things, but when we analyze the pertinent texts and take into account all of the data, we see \_\_\_\_\_ he does and \_\_\_\_\_ he is capable of.

# CHAPTER FIVE

## WHAT POWER DOES SATAN HAVE?

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So, should you and I be terrified of Satan? No. His power is limited and will end. We never need to be deceived by or give in to the Devil's temptations. God is always ready to provide a way of escape. [**1 Corinthians 10:13**]

Should we be terrified of Satan? And what power does he have over us?

Let's start with the names of Satan, which tell us a lot. Then, let's look at key biblical truths and commands that tell us even more.

### NAMES OF SATAN

1. The name Satan means "accuser" and appears prominently in **Job 1-2**, where Satan appears briefly before God in heaven to accuse both God and his righteous servant, Job, on earth. Satan also appears in **Zechariah 3:1-2**, where he accuses the high priest overseeing the rebuilding of the temple.

Besides being an accuser, Satan also is a tempter. The two go hand-in-hand. He tempted King David (**1 Chronicles 21:1**) and the Lord Jesus (**Matthew 4:10; Matthew 16:23; Mark 1:13; Mark 8:33**). Satan "entered" Judas Iscariot (**Luke 22:3; John 13:27**) when he betrayed Jesus **Christ** the night of His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Satan tempted and deceived Ananias (**Acts 5:3**) and a number of prominent late first-century churches (**Revelation 2-3**).

2. Satan's more common name, the Devil, doesn't appear in the Hebrew Scriptures. Then again, the Devil is named several times in **Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, Ephesians, 1 Timothy, 1 John, and Revelation**. The Devil also is named once in **2 Timothy, Hebrews, James, and Jude**.

The Devil tempts Jesus (**Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13**). What's more, the Devil prevents many from believing in Jesus, tempts believers to stumble or fall away, and, at the end of history, is bound for 1,000 years and then is thrown into the lake of fire forever.

3. Satan also is called the Serpent in **Genesis 3:1-14**. This particular name stuck. Long afterward, the Apostle Paul says, "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ" (**2 Corinthians 11:3**).

In the last book of the **Bible**, the Apostle John speaks of the serpent's futile opposition to Jesus Christ (**Revelation 12:9-15**) and imprisonment for 1,000 years (**Revelation 20:2**) before being thrown in the lake of fire forever. The latter fulfills the prophecy of **Isaiah 27:1**, which describes Satan as a great serpent whom the Lord will slay.

4. Satan is named Lucifer in **Isaiah 14:12** in some old English Bible translations. The name Lucifer is more commonly translated "morning star." Either way, it speaks of Satan's fall from a glorious angel in God's presence to one who is cast down to earth to tempt men and nations. **Revelation 12:9** describes Satan being cast down to earth.

### **Biblical Truths to Affirm**

1. I believe Satan is evil (**John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 1 Peter 5:8**).
2. I believe Satan is crafty and deceitful (**Genesis 3:1; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14**).
3. I believe Satan attacks the godly (**1 Chronicles 21:1; Job 1:6, Zechariah 3:1; Matthew 4:1; Luke 22:31; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:27; Ephesians 6:10-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 1 Timothy 3:6, James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 2:10**).
4. I believe Satan is limited in what he can do, what he knows, and where he goes (**Zechariah 3:2; Luke 22:31; Ephesians 6:10-16; James 4:7**).
5. I believe Satan cannot stay in God's presence (**Job 1:12; Job 2:7; Matthew 4:10; Matthew 16:23; Mark 8:33; Luke 10:18**).
6. I believe the Lord will crush Satan and punish him forever (**Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:10**).
7. I believe Satan is the evil one — the author of all evil (**Matthew 6:13; John 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:8-12; 1 John 5:19**).
8. I believe Satan has many evil spirits under his command (**Matthew 25:41; Luke 9:1; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-9**).
9. I believe Satan sometimes causes believers to experience terrible suffering (**Job 2:6; Revelation 2:10**).
10. I believe Satan is the prince of this world (**Matthew 4:8; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 12:9**).

### **Biblical Commands to Obey**

1. I stand true for God when I suffer Satan-inspired persecution for my faith (**Psalm 119:157; Daniel 3:16-18; Matthew 5:10-11; Matthew 5:44; Matthew 10:22-39; Matthew 24:9-13; Romans 12:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:8; 1 Peter 3:14-17; Revelation 2:10**).

2. I ask God to protect me from Satan's wicked schemes (**Matthew 6:13; John 17:15; Ephesians 6:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2:13; Revelation 2:10**).

3. I abstain from that which Satan promotes and God forbids (**Exodus 20:1-17; Leviticus 18:3; Acts 15:20; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 John 5:21**).

What's more, I abhor evil and love good (**Psalm 5:5; Psalm 45:7; Psalm 97:10; Proverbs 11:27; Amos 5:14-15; 1 Peter 3:11; 3 John 11**).

4. I abhor blasphemy (**Exodus 20:7; Exodus 22:28; Leviticus 24:10-16; Numbers 15:30-31; Deuteronomy 5:11; 1 Timothy 1:20**).

5. I abhor murder and attempted murder (**Genesis 9:5; Exodus 20:13; Exodus 21:12; Leviticus 24:17; Matthew 5:21; 1 John 3:15**).

6. I abhor adultery (**Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20**).

7. I abhor robbery, stealing, and theft (**Exodus 20:15; Leviticus 19:11; Proverbs 22:28; Proverbs 29:24; Romans 13:9; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Peter 4:15**).

8. I abhor covetousness (**Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21; Acts 20:33; Romans 7:7; Romans 13:9**).

What's more, I do not envy the wicked under Satan's influence and control (**Psalm 37:1-4; Psalm 73:3; 16-18; Proverbs 3:31; Proverbs 24:19; 1 Corinthians 13:4; Galatians 5:26; James 3:13-16**).

### **What Does This Mean?**

So, should you and I be terrified of Satan? No. His power is limited and will end. We never need to be deceived by or give in to the Devil's temptations. God is always ready to provide a way of escape (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

## TEST - CHAPTER FIVE

1. So, should you and I be terrified of Satan?

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2. His power is \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We never need to be what by the Devil's temptation?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is God always ready to provide?

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5. The name Satan means what?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. It appears where in the Bible prominently?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Besides being an accuser, what else is Satan?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. How do the accuser and tempter work?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Who did Satan tempt in **1 Chronicles 21:1**?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Who did he tempt in **Matthew 4:10; Matthew 16:23; Mark 1:13; Mark 8:33**?

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11. Who did Satan enter described in **Luke 22:3** and **John 13:27** when he betrayed Jesus **Christ** the night of His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane?

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12. Satan \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Ananias (**Acts 5:3**) and a number of prominent late first-century churches (**Revelation 2-3**).

13. What is Satan's more common name?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Does the name the Devil appear in the book of Hebrews?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

15. Where in Scripture does the Devil is name appear several times?

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16. The Devil also is named once in which books in the Bible?

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17. Who does the Devil tempt in **Matthew 4:1-11** and **Luke 4:1-13**?

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18. What else does the Devil do with believers?

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19. What is Satan called in **Genesis 3:1-14**?

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20. In the last book of the **Bible**, the Apostle John speaks of the serpent's futile opposition to Jesus Christ. What chapter and verses?

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21. How long will Satan be imprisonment for?

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22. What does the prophecy of **Isaiah 27:1** describe?

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23. What is Satan named in **Isaiah 14:12**?

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24. What is the name Lucifer more commonly translated as?

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25. Either way, it speaks of what?

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26. Where in Scripture does it describe Satan being cast down to earth?

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27. In which Bible passages do we find statements of Satan being evil?

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28. The following Scriptures reveal which belief about Satan...(Genesis 3:1; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14)?

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29. What is revealed about Satan in the following Scriptures: 1 Chronicles 21:1; Job 1:6, Zechariah 3:1; Matthew 4:1; Luke 22:31; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:27; Ephesians 6:10-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 1 Timothy 3:6, James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 2:10

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30. Where in the Bible do we find Scripture that reveals I believe Satan is limited in what he can do, what he knows, and where he goes?

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31. What Scripture is missing regarding I believe Satan cannot stay in God's presence..... (Job 1:12; Job 2:7; Matthew 4:10; Matthew 16:23; Luke 10:18).

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32. I believe the Lord will do to Satan forever?  
Crush Satan and punish him forever

33. I believe Satan is the evil one. What else as identified in Matthew 6:13; John 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:8-12; 1 John 5:19?

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34. I believe Satan has what under his command (Matthew 25:41; Luke 9:1; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-9)?

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35. What Scripture support the belief, Satan sometimes causes believers to experience terrible suffering?

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36. I believe Satan is the prince of what?

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37. What should I do as a believer when I suffer Satan-inspired persecution for my faith?

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38. I ask God to do what for me regarding Satan's wicked schemes?

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39. I abstain from that which \_\_\_\_\_ promotes and God \_\_\_\_\_.  
What's more, I \_\_\_\_\_ evil and \_\_\_\_\_ good.

40. I abhor \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 20:7; Exodus 22:28; Leviticus 24:10-16; Numbers 15:30-31; Deuteronomy 5:11; 1 Timothy 1:20).

41. I abhor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 9:5; Exodus 20:13; Exodus 21:12; Leviticus 24:17; Matthew 5:21; 1 John 3:15). I abhor \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; Matthew 19:9; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20). I abhor \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 20:15; Leviticus 19:11; Proverbs 22:28; Proverbs 29:24; Romans 13:9; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Peter 4:15). I abhor \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21; Acts 20:33; Romans 7:7; Romans 13:9).

[What does the word “abhor” mean in these texts?

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[How do we do this? What does 1 John 5:21 NLT say?

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41. What shouldn't I envy?

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42. So, should you and I be terrified of Satan?

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43. His power \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

44. We \_\_\_\_\_ need to be deceived by or give in to the Devil's \_\_\_\_\_ (45) God is always ready to provide \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 10:13).

## Summary

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Without God's permission, Satan is not able to do anything. He cannot create or search the human heart. Therefore the conflict between God and Satan is not really a struggle between two great equal and opposing powers with the outcome still in doubt. All power and authority belongs to God and Him alone.

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