

E The Enemy (Satan)

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Some people do not believe in the existence of a personal Devil, calling "him" a medieval invention designed to scare people into the 'Church.'

Others imagine the Devil to be dressed in a red suit complete with horns, cloven feet, and a long dragon's tail — standing in Hell, tormenting folk with his pitchfork.

Both these views of Satan are false!!

The Devil is *NO JOKE!* He's real, and he is a danger. In this lesson we shall learn what the BIBLE teaches concerning Satan.

DOES SATAN EXIST?

A. Seven Old Testament Books and nineteen New Testament Books refer to the existence of Satan.

B. Look up and read: *Matthew 4:1-11*. Satan was real in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. List the 3 names or titles used of Satan in this passage:

_____ , _____ , _____

2. How many times did Satan tempt the Lord? _____

3. How did the Lord Jesus answer the Devil? "It is _____."
(i.e. He used the Bible.)

THE ORIGIN OF SATAN.

Look up and read *Ezekiel 28:11-19*. Primarily, this is a prophecy against the King of Tyre (probably Ethbaal II). The first 10 verses in the chapter were historically fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar's invasion and 13-year seige of Tyre (598-585 B.C.).

Yet in this prophecy, we see another personage: the one behind the wicked king of Tyre — SATAN. (This is known as a "double prophecy"—it has a near and far fulfillment.)

- A. Is Satan an eternal or created being? _____
 Upon what verses would you base your answer? _____
- B. What was Satan originally? The A _____ C _____. (See: verse 14)
- C. According to *verse 15*, what change took place which dramatically altered Satan's original status? _____

THE SIN OF SATAN.

- A. Look up and read *Isaiah 14:12-17*. According to *Ezekiel 28:17*, this indescribably beautiful, intelligent, powerful, celestial being sinned through PRIDE. The account is enlarged upon in *Isaiah 14*.
- B. Underscore the five "*I will's*" of *Isaiah 14:13,14* in your Bible.
1. What was Satan's original name? _____
 2. What was Satan's last "I will"? _____
 3. According to *verse 15*, where is Satan's final destiny? _____

WHERE IS SATAN NOW?

- A. According to *Ephesians 2:2*, Satan is the "prince of the power of the _____."
- B. According to *Revelation 12:10*, Satan can appear before _____ to accuse believers.
- C. According to *I Peter 5:8* and *Job 1:7*, Satan also walks about the _____.

From these Scriptures, we learn that Satan is alive and active in many areas. Read *Matthew 25:41* and *Revelation 20:10*, where we learn that Satan will end up in the Lake of Fire! But he is not there yet! (By the way, when he is cast into Hell, he will **not** be the 'king of hell' — he'll be tormented forever!)

SATAN'S WORKINGS AMONG THE UNSAVED.

- A. Look up: *Matthew 13:38*; *John 8:44*; *Acts 13:10*; and *I John 3:10*. According to these Scriptures, what does God call those who are lost?
- _____

B. Look up: *II Corinthians 4:4*. What is Satan's major work among the lost?

SATAN'S WORKINGS AMONG REAL CHRISTIANS.

Look up: *I John 4:4b*.

Who is the One "that is in you"? _____

Who is the one "that is in the world"? _____

Who is the greatest? _____

It is essential for you to know this fact because Satan is a powerful being. The Bible teaches that he works with a whole kingdom of darkness, made up of angels that sinned with him at the beginning. The Bible refers to these as "devils" (demons). See: *Jude 6; Matthew 12:26; Ephesians 6:12*.

A. Satan can still _____ me. *I Thessalonians 3:5*

B. Satan does A _____ me. *Revelation 12:9,10*

(When he does, my Advocate is _____ the Righteous. *I John 2:1*).

C. Satan will try to H _____ me in my service for the Lord. *I Thessalonians 2:18*

D. Satan will try to get Christians to depart from the _____. *I Timothy 4:1*

E. Sometimes, God will permit Satan to afflict Christians physically — but always for His glorious purpose. See: *Job 1:1; 2:4-7*, and *II Corinthians 12:7-10*.

HOW DO I DEAL WITH THE DEVIL?

If we left this lesson here, many Christians would become very discouraged. Praise God, He has made provision for us to overcome Satan and his works.

(More on this subject will be covered in Study #22 — Victory.)

Step 1: Remember Satan is a defeated foe.

Look up: *Hebrews 2:14* and *John 16:11*. When Jesus died on the cross, He broke the power of the Devil. Satan is on "borrowed time."

Someone said: "When the Devil reminds you of your past—remind him of his future!"

Step 2: Remember – you are on the winning side.

Write out: *I John 4:4*. Modify this verse by using your name in place of the personal pronouns "ye" and "you."

Step 3: Remember to put on the whole armor of God.

Look up: *Ephesians 6:10-18*. This is a spiritual armor designed by God just for you. If you wear it, Satan cannot hurt you. List the parts of this "suit of armor":

- a. Undergarment = _____
- b. Breastplate = _____
- c. Shoes = _____
- d. Shield = _____
- e. Helmet = _____
- f. Sword of Spirit = _____

Step 4: Remember – don't give the Devil an inch.

Look up: *Ephesians 4:27*. Here we are instructed to give _ _
_ _ _ _ _ to the Devil.

Step 5: Remember to be always on the alert.

Look up: *II Corinthians 2:11*. Write out *I Peter 5:8*.

Step 6: Remember – never retreat, always RESIST.

Look up: *James 4:7*. What happens when you stand up to the Devil?

Look up: *I Peter 5:9*. We are to resist the Devil stedfastly _ _
_ _ _ _ _ .

Look up: *Matthew 4:4, 7, 10* . What weapon did the Lord Jesus use to resist the Devil?

Look up: *Matthew 16:23*. What might we say to Satan as we quote Scripture at him?

“GET THEE _____ ME , _____ .”

A FINAL WARNING AS TO THE CHARACTER AND WORKS OF SATAN.

Don't be fooled into thinking the Devil always appears in the form of ugliness, hideousness, vileness, and overt wickedness.

Yes, he is the instigator of sin, the destroyer of lives, the wrecker of homes, the great deceiver, the liar, the Wicked One — but most times he comes across as “nice,” “harmless,” and even “benevolent.”

Notice Satan's ambition in *Isaiah 14:14*. “*I will be LIKE the Most High.*” This teaches us that Satan imitates God. Everything good that God is and has done, the Devil imitates with a counterfeit “look-a-like.”

Satan has:

- A. Another J _____ . *II Corinthians 11:4*. See : *I John 2:18, Matthew 24:5*.
- B. Another S _____ . *II Corinthians 11:4*. See : *I John 4:1-3*.
- C. Another G _____ . *II Corinthians 11:4*. See : *Galatians 1:9*.
- D. Other M _____ . *II Corinthians 11:13-15*
- E. Another W _____ of _____ (Bible). *II Corinthians 2:17*

In addition, Satan has a counterfeit **ministry** — similar to the Gospel. See: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*.

Here, true Gospel preaching results in W _____ ; Satan sows T _____ .

Satan can work **miracles** too. See: *Acts 8:9-11* and *Revelation 13:13*. (Revelation 13 refers to the yet future period known as the Great Tribulation, when Satan will rule the world through the person known as the Antichrist.)

See further: *II Thessalonians 2:9*. Just because someone claims to do apparent religious miracles, don't immediately conclude he is from God.

Satan also has a counterfeit “church.” Notice in *II Corinthians 11:2*, God likens the Church at Corinth to a “chaste virgin,” and *Ephesians 5:25-27*, each true New Testament church is called the “Bride of Christ.”

But in *Revelation 17* we read of another religious organization that God calls the “great whore” (*verse 1*) and the “mother of harlots” (*verse 5*). A study of this chapter shows this ‘church’ to be made up of the mass of apostate Christendom, full of man-made systems, unsaved people, great wealth, etc.

HOW CAN WE PICK THE DIFFERENCE ????

Answer: Isaiah 8:20.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

Read through: *Genesis Chapter 3.*

MEMORIZATION:

Try to commit to memory: *I Peter 5:8.*