

Satan

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Introduction

A. Satan is the name of an evil angel, whose name means "adversary" because he is the arch enemy of all men.

1. He is called Abaddon or Apollyon, Rev 9:11 because he is a destroyer of men.

2. He is called the Prince of this World, John 12:31, because he rules over the vast majority of men who follow his temptations, leadings, materialism, or "this-world" worldliness.

3. He is called the Prince of Darkness, Ephesians 6:12, because he reigns in ignorance, lies, deception, and all things dark and sinister. He is the chief architect of all false doctrines about God, spirituality, and eternity. All human religions follow his fleshly leadings.

4. He is called Beelzebub, Matthew 12:21, because he is the prince of the demonic angels who are arrayed against us. Lord of all things unclean, Lord of the flies.

5. He is called the god of this world, 2 Cor. 4:4, because "he has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

B. We propose to examine three issues.

1. Is the devil only a metaphor? the answer is no.

2. Is the devil our arch-enemy? the answer is yes.

3. Does the devil work evil within us, by temptations? the answer is yes.

I. Is the devil only a metaphor?

A. Matthew 4 Satan came to Jesus, took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and then took Him to the highest mountain to show Him the kingdoms of the world.

B. Jude 9 The devil disputed with the angel Michael over the body of Moses.

C. Matthew 25:41 God has prepared a place for the devil and his angels

D. Matthew 12:24 Beelzebub cannot cast out his own because he has a kingdom and a quest to fight against the kingdom of Christ

E. Luke 22:31 Satan desired to have Simon to sift him as wheat

F. God allowed the demons to actually take possession of the bodies of some men during the times of Jesus precisely to expose the activities of the invisible world, and to show His greater power

1. Matthew 8:31

2. Luke 4:33-36

G. Ephesians 6:12 affirms that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places

II. Is the devil our arch-enemy?

A. John 8:44 Liar and murderer. Who does he lie to and murder? Human beings!

B. Hebrews 2:14 has the power of death -- thus Jesus had to die to free us from that power
--Matthew 10:28 Jesus urged us not to fear, then showed us how to do it!

C. 1 Peter 5:8 our adversary is like a lion, roaring his intimidation and terrifying men, seeking to devour everyone of us

D. Revelation 2:10 he had cast some of them into prison. He is great cause of persecution and imprisonment for faithful Christians.

III. Does the devil work evil within us, by temptations?

A. Mark 4:15 stops many from hearing the Gospel when it is preached

B. Acts 5:3 fills the heart to lie and pretend to be what one is not

C. 1 Cor 7:5 tempts the married to commit fornication/adultery

D. 2 Cor 2:11 overwhelms the sin-sick guilty

E. 2 Cor 12:7 sends a messenger which feels like a thorn in the flesh

F. 1 Thess 2:18 hindered the good intentions of the evangelist to visit and confirm a new church

G. 1 Tim 5:13-15 young widows can turn aside after Satan by becoming idle, tattlers, busybodies,

H. Eph 4:27 we can give place to the devil by our anger that will not relent

I. 2 Tim 2:24-26 the servant of the Lord recovers those ensnared by the devil