



OUR INVISIBLE ENEMY

The Devil and His Angels

Study #9

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Is he? Who is he? Some people do not believe in the existence of a personal devil, calling “him” a medieval invention designed to scare people into the church, or a disciplinary tactic used by fathers to scare their children into obedience.

Others limit the devil’s existence to nothing more than a Halloween costume – a red flannel suit, complete with horns, cloven feet, and a long dragon’s tail – standing in Hell, tormenting folk with his pitchfork. **Both of these views of Satan are false!**

Lesson Overview

- I. Does Satan Exist?
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- V. How Does Satan Operate Among the Unsaved?
- VI. How Does Satan Operate Among the Saved?
- VII. How Do I Deal With the Devil?
- VIII. A Final Warning Regarding the Deceptive Character and Works of Satan

Is there any evidence to believe that there is a devil – a personal, active being opposed to the plan of God? In this lesson we shall learn what the Bible teaches concerning Satan.

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Conversation –

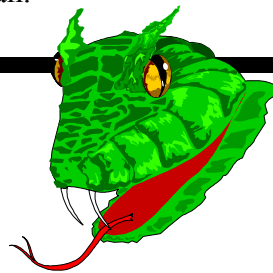
Ask about his week.
Ask about answers to the prayer requests you have shared.

Discuss Last Week’s Assignments –

1. Ask him to share his Scriptural insights, prayers, and applications from his Spiritual Journal.
2. Share one of your Quiet Times.
3. Exchange highlights of your sermon notes.
4. Ask him about his effort of handing out a gospel tract.

I. DOES SATAN EXIST?

A. *Philosophical Evidence*




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Read page one with your Timothy.

1. There must be an adversary of God because absolute harmony does not exist in the world created by a powerful and perfect Creator. God would not create evil in this world.
2. In his book, *The King of the Earth*, Eric Sauer states, “The existence of sorrow and evil throughout the world proves the existence of a transcendental, real, dynamic, hostile power, not willed by God.” God would never create something perfect and then capriciously turn and destroy that which He has purposed in His wisdom. Continuing, Sauer says, “The fact is that the devil is a spiritual being . . . whose existence cannot in any way be assailed by philosophy nor natural science. Since it is just in our world and in the universe immediately surrounding us that we observe disharmony, death, destruction, even a purely speculative contemplation of nature focuses on the conclusion that this world and presumably the solar system connected with it, are the domain of this world-ruler and potentate.” It’s obvious that there is a being existing who is fighting the purposes of God.

B. *Biblical Evidence*

1. Seven Old Testament books and nineteen New Testament books refer to the existence of Satan.
2. Jesus Christ acknowledges Satan. 
 - a. Look up: Matthew 4:1-11
 - (1) Satan was real in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. List the three names or titles used of Satan in this passage.

Comment:

Jesus believes in the devil and had a personal confrontation with him at the beginning of His ministry.

Ask:

Why do you think that Satan was so intent in tempting Christ at the very outset of His ministry?

Answer – If Satan could get Jesus to sin, he could foil God’s plan of redemption.

D _____
T _____
S _____

(2) How many times did Satan tempt the Lord? _____

(3) How did the Lord Jesus answer the devil?
“It is W _____.”
(He used the Bible.)

b. Look up: John 16:11
Jesus called the devil the prince of this W _____ and stated that he would be J _____.

3. Peter, James, and John acknowledge Satan.

a. In 1 Peter 5:8, Peter calls the devil “your A _____.”

b. In James 4:7, James instructs us to “R _____ the devil.”

c. In 1 John 3:8, John informs us that Jesus will “D _____ the works of the devil.”

Ask:

How did Jesus resist the temptations of Satan?

Answer – He quoted the Scriptures (He first studied and memorized them).

II. THE ORIGIN OF SATAN

Read Ezekiel 28:11-19. This prophecy is primarily spoken against the King of Tyre (probably Ethbaal 2). The first ten verses in the chapter were historically fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar's invasion and 13-year siege of Tyre (598-585 BC).

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? (see verse 13)* _____

B. *What was Satan originally? (see verse 14)*

The A _____ C _____
Cherubim (plural for Cherub) were the highest rank of angels. They possessed indescribable beauty and power and seemed to be protectors of God's holiness (Exodus 25:18-22; Ezekiel 1:4-28; 10:1-22). Sometimes they are seen proclaiming God's grace.

C. *According to verse 15, what change took place that dramatically altered Satan's original status?*

III. THE SIN OF SATAN

According to Ezekiel 28:17, this indescribably beautiful, intelligent, powerful, celestial being sinned through PRIDE. The account is enlarged upon in Isaiah 14.

Look up and read Isaiah 14:12-17.

A. *Underscore in your Bible the five "I will's" of Isaiah 14:13,14.* _____

B. *What was Satan's original name?* _____

C. *What was Satan's last "I will"?* _____

D. *According to verse 15, where is Satan's final destiny?* _____

Comment:

Satan had a will bent against God. He exerted his will and lost.

Every time we struggle against God, wanting our own will, we lose also.

IV. WHERE IS SATAN NOW?

- A. **Look up: Revelation 12:10**
Satan can appear before G ___ to accuse believers.
- B. **Look up: Ephesians 2:2**
Satan is the “prince of the power of the A ___.”
- C. **Look up: 1 Peter 5:8 and Job 1:7**
Satan also walks about the E _____.

Comment:
Satan is not omnipresent. He doesn't have any of the attributes of God. He does have a host of demons to assist him in tempting man and fighting God.

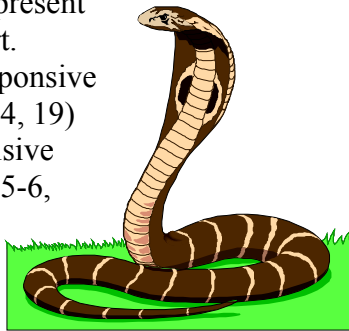
From these Scriptures, we learn that Satan is alive and active in many areas. But read Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 20:10; Satan will end up in the lake of fire, though he is not there yet! When he *is* cast into hell, he will **not** be the “king of hell” – he'll be tormented forever!

V. HOW DOES SATAN OPERATE AMONG THE UNSAVED?

Read Matthew 13:38; John 8:44; Acts 13:10; and 1 John 3:10. According to these verses, what does God call those who are lost? _____

Read this section with your Timothy. The core truth of this section is: Satan wants to keep unbelievers lost in their sin. It is our responsibility to try to reach them with the gospel.

- A. **His Work of Preventing**
 - 1. Satan snatches the Word of God away from those with unresponsive hearts. Read the Parable of the Soils (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23). Four soils represent four types of heart.
 - a. The unresponsive heart (vv. 4, 19)
 - b. The impulsive heart (vv. 5-6, 20-21)
 - c. The



preoccupied heart (vv. 7, 22)

d. The responsive heart (vv. 8, 23)

NOTE: The parable teaches that the result of hearing the gospel is always dependent upon the condition of the heart, and it is only where the heart is hard that Satan can move in and take away the Word. Before the person can meditate on it, allowing it to become significant in his thinking, Satan snatches it away by dragging new allurements in that are more appealing. These allurements divert the person's attention and the Word is lost.

2. Look up: 2 Corinthians 4:4
What is Satan's major work among the lost?
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NOTE: Satan blinds the mind of those who willfully won't believe. It isn't the idea that God wants you saved and Satan wants you lost – and you cast the deciding vote. Neither is it the idea that Satan is victimizing you – you're sort of trapped: you'd like to vote for God but you're blinded. It's the idea that because there is an unbelieving heart, Satan can move in and make you blind. Satan is in the business of preventing, and to such people with hard hearts, the gospel seems irrelevant. This is why "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:18).

B. His Work of Perverting

Satan desires to pervert the truth so that what people are hearing isn't the truth at all. How does He do it?

1. Look up: 1 Timothy 4:1-2
Satan has his own doctrine. It is called "doctrines of D _____."
2. Satan perverts through distorting the purpose of life. He molds damning life-styles to trap man and make it difficult for him to free himself. Read Ephesians 2:1-3 and Romans 1:24-28.
3. He oppresses individuals through sickness and "mental illness."

What is Satan's false doctrine?

He denies the authority of Scripture (Genesis 3:1; 1 Timothy 4:1-3). He denies the deity of Christ (2 Peter 2:1). He denies that salvation is by grace and substitutes a "works salvation" instead. He denies the Second Coming of Christ (2 Peter 3:4).

VI. HOW DOES SATAN OPERATE AMONG THE SAVED?

A. *He Creates Doubt.*

Satan tempts us to doubt God's Word and His goodness (Genesis 3:1-5). In verse 4 Satan said, "Ye shall _____ surely die."

B. *He Incites Persecution.*

Look up: Luke 22:31
Jesus told Simon Peter that Satan wanted to "S_____ him as W_____."

C. *He Hinders Service.*

Review section VI.
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OPERATE AMONG
THE SAVED?

Paul wanted to come to the Thessalonians. His reason for not coming was “Satan H_____ us” (1 Thessalonians. 2:18).

D. *He Infiltrates and Divides the Church.*

Look up: 2 Peter 2:1-2

1. Who shall be among you? F_____ T_____
2. What shall they bring in? Destructive H_____

Comment:

Caution!! The way a Christian and a church can stay true to God is to be **committed** to the Word of God. It is the final authority.

E. *He Tempts Us to Sin.*

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:5. Satan will directly tempt a Christian with immorality.
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:5. Satan can still T_____ me.

Comment:

Satan accuses you to God. Read Job 1:6-12.

Ask:

1. What did Satan accuse Job of?
2. In Genesis 3:1-6 what did Satan accuse God of?

F. *Look up: Revelation 12:9,10*

1. Satan A_____ me.
2. When he does, my advocate is J_____ C_____ the Righteous. (1 John 2:1)

G. *Look up: 1 Timothy 4:1*

Satan will try to get Christians to depart from the F_____.

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

Review section VII.

HOW DO I DEAL WITH THE DEVIL? Emphasize that God is greater than Satan! There is no need to fear the devil. You should not be preoccupied with thinking about Satan, nor should you attribute every undesirable circumstance or trial as being an attack from Satan.

VII. HOW DO I DEAL WITH THE DEVIL?

If the truth about Satan ended here, many Christians would become discouraged. Praise God for He has made provision for us to overcome Satan and his works.

A. Look up: 1 John 4:4b

1. Who is the One “that is in you”?
The H_____ S_____
2. Who is the one “that is in the world”?
S_____
3. Who is the greatest?

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

B. 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!”

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

Write out 1 John 4:4. Modify this verse by using your name in place of the personal pronouns “ye” and “you.”

D. Step 3: Put on the “whole armor of God.”

Look up Ephesians 6:10-18. This spiritual armor is designed by God to equip you. If you wear it, Satan cannot defeat you. List the parts of this “suit of armor”:

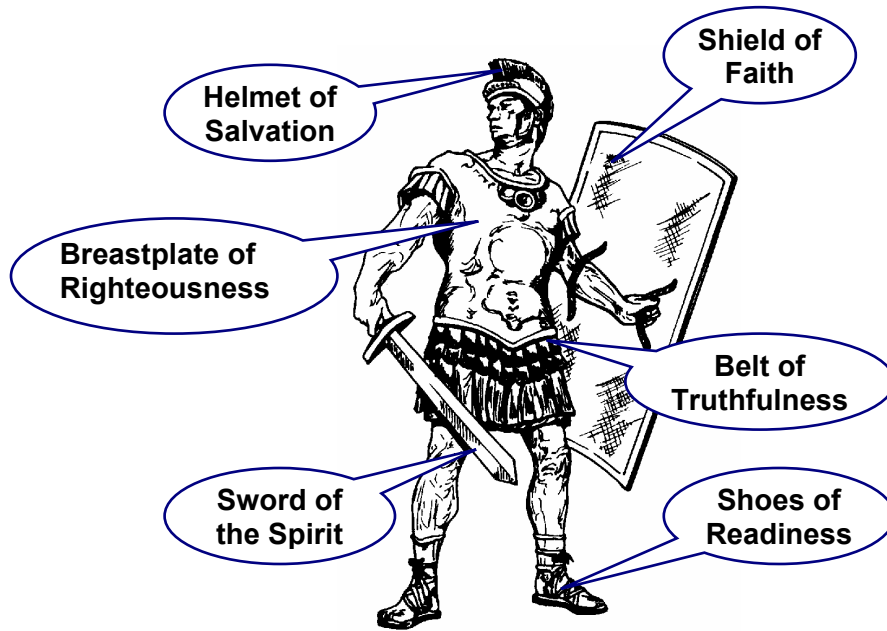
Read the verse as you have modified it.

The Believer’s Armor

The **belt of truthfulness** (“loins girt about with truth”) – a soldier who wore a long robe would grab the bottom of it and tuck it under his belt to prevent it from hindering his movement. He was committing to the fight. It was called “girding up your loins.” Before a Christian is ready to fight, he must have on this belt of truthfulness. This piece of armor speaks of attitude, commitment, and character. With truthful character a believer commits to the battle.

The **breastplate of righteousness** – righteousness is a right relationship with God. This piece of armor is a devout, holy, and morally upright life. The devil’s attacks cannot defeat a holy Christian, however, an impure believer has no defense against Satan’s accusations.

1. Belt (loins girt about) = _____
2. Breastplate = _____
3. Shoes = _____
4. Shield = _____
5. Helmet = _____
6. Sword of the Spirit = _____



E. Step 4: Don't give the devil an inch.

Look up Ephesians 4:27. Here we are instructed to not give P _____ to the devil.

F. Step 5: Always be on the alert.

1. Look up 2 Corinthians 2:11

The **shoes of readiness** (“feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace”) – the Christian must be ready for attack. Part of this preparation is knowing the “good news” that he is at peace with God, reconciled to God by the death of Christ. He can stand in absolute confidence realizing that he is in God’s army – even in God’s family.

The **shield of faith** – faith means “believing God.” It is transferring your trust from yourself to God. The *shield of faith* is the application of what the Bible says about God to the issues of life. The more you know God, the more you can trust Him. Without the shield of faith, Satan’s fiery darts (temptations, persecutions, problems, etc.) will inflict deep wounds. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

We should obey God “lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

2. Write out 1 Peter 5:8.

G. Step 6: Never retreat, always RESIST.

1. Look up James 4:7
What happens when you stand up to the devil? _____.
2. Look up 1 Peter 5:9
We are to resist the devil steadfastly
_____ F _____.
3. Look up Matthew 4:4,7,10. What weapon did the Lord Jesus use to resist the devil?
_____.
4. Look up Matthew 16:23
What might we say to Satan as we quote Scripture at him?
“GET THEE B_____ ME,
S_____.”

VIII. A FINAL WARNING REGARDING THE DECEPTIVE 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. Though he is the instigator of sin, the destroyer of lives, the wrecker of homes, the great deceiver, the liar, and the Wicked One, many times he masquerades as an angel of light. He comes across as *nice*, *harmless*, and

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The **helmet of salvation** – there are three aspects of salvation. In the past we were saved from sin (justification), in the present we are becoming more Christ-like (sanctification), and one day in the future we will be in heaven free from the presence of sin (glorification). The Apostle Paul refers to this future aspect as the “hope of salvation” in Romans 8:22-25. That is, one day we will be without sin, in heaven, the struggle will be over and the battle will be won. The *helmet of salvation* is the confidence or hope of ultimate salvation. There is a final victory day to this battle. Christian, fight on with this confidence! The **sword of the Spirit** – this is the Word of God, and it is the major offensive weapon in the believer's arsenal. He must learn it well by reading it, studying it, memorizing it, and practicing it. The Christian warrior who doesn't become skilled in the Scriptures has disarmed himself and become vulnerable to repeated defeat.

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."

A. Look up 2 Corinthians 11:4; 1 John 2:18, Matthew 24:5

Another J_____.

B. Look up 2 Corinthians 11:4; 1 John 4:1-3

Another S_____.

C. Look up 2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:9

Another G_____.

D. Look up 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Other M_____.

E. Look up 2 Corinthians 2:17

Another W_____ of _____ (Bible).

F. Look up Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Satan also has a counterfeit ministry. True Gospel preaching results in W_____ (believers); Satan sows T_____ among the wheat (unbelievers). Do you know what this means? There are unsaved people in the church!

G. Look up Acts 8:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:9

Satan can also work miracles. Claiming to do religious miracles doesn't mean the person is from God.

H. Look up 2 Corinthians 11:2

Satan has a counterfeit *church*. God likens the church at Corinth to a "chaste virgin," and in Ephesians 5:25-27 each true New Testament church is called the "bride of Christ." But in Revelation 17

Read VIII. A FINAL WARNING REGARDING THE DECEPTIVE CHARACTER AND WORKS OF SATAN

Caution your Timothy about Satan's subtlety.

Final counsel –

1. You are on the winning side.
2. Submit to God.
3. Resist the devil.
4. Beware of Satan's devices.
5. Learn to use the Christian's armor.

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, with man-made systems, unsaved people, great wealth, etc.

HOW CAN WE PICK THE DIFFERENCE????

Answer: Isaiah 8:20.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH ASSIGNMENT:

- Read your J Lesson (Jesus Christ) and answer all the questions. Look up the lesson’s Bible references in God’s Word.
- Continue reading through the New Testament *at your own pace*.
- Take sermon notes using your *Spiritual Journal* and be prepared to share highlights next week.
- Give out copies of *Life’s Greatest Discovery* or *The Amazing Story Behind Amazing Grace*.
- Where would you like to meet for next week’s session?
- Be sure to bring your Bible, pen, J Lesson, and *Spiritual Journal*.

Encourage your Timothy and cast a vision for him regarding spiritual growth.

Pray for him and have him pray aloud.

REMEMBER!!!
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