

# Beauty of the Beast

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It will soon be Halloween when many like to dress up in costume and seek out candy. Some take Halloween more seriously than others.

According to the National Retail Federation, in 2019, Consumers spent 8.8 billion dollars on Halloween. 3.2 B on costumes; 2.7 B on decorations; and 2.6 B on candy.

A devil costume may be a good choice for one seeking to be scary. One could imagine a red body, a head with horns, and a pitchfork to carry. However, that devil exists only in one's imagination and in the Hollywood movies. As a matter of fact, Hollywood has done a great job at making the face of evil look terrifying.

Truth is that evil doesn't appear horrifying at all. Listen to how the bible describes the evil one.

**2 Corinthians 11:14** / "Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

Ezekiel 28:12–13 and Isaiah 14:12–15 shines light upon Satan as an angel, a fallen angel as he was lifted with pride from his beauty, wisdom, and power.

Yes, Satan (the devil), seeing that he is an angel, dwells in the spiritual realm; therefore, he is greater in power than you and me. We are mere mortals, flesh and blood.

Satan is a murderer, a liar, and a destroyer. He comes to kill and to steal; and to destroy lives; homes, relationships.

**John 8:44** / <sup>44</sup>"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- Satan is a Murderer
  - Spiritual and Physical life

**James 1:14–15** / <sup>14</sup>But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. <sup>15</sup>Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

**Hebrews 2:14** / <sup>14</sup>Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

- Satan is a Liar
  - The father of lies

Lies come from Satan. Lies are demonic. Lies are the language of Hell.

Proverbs 6:16, 17 & 19 / God hates a liar

**Revelation 21:8** / "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

- Satan is a Devourer and a Destroyer. He will devour and destroy your
  - Worth
  - Family
  - Children
  - Existence / life
  - Eternal life

I hate Satan! I hate sin! I hate death! If I could put an end to Satan I would, but I can't.

**Matthew 12:29** / How can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

## Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy!

Jesus alone can set us free from Satan's power over us through sin.

Jesus said to the lame, "Get up and walk!"

Jesus commanded the blind to, "Take a look."

Jesus spoke to the one in the grave, saying, "Lazarus, come forth!" The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:44)

Jesus can set you free today!

Don't Fall victim to the Beauty of the Beast!

In the Revelation, John saw Satan, thrown into the lake of fire with all the people whom he had deceived, along with the beast and the false prophet.

### The Ultimate Victory of Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:24–26

<sup>24</sup>then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

<sup>25</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

<sup>26</sup>The last enemy that will be abolished is death.