

# Introduction (Eph. 6: 14-12)

1. The existence of evil  
& evil has a face

2. Behind the veil

(1) Biblical thinking is  
binary thinking

3. Everything is a battle  
for dominion

(1) you are involved in  
spiritual warfare & don't  
even know it.

# I. Satan's Origin (v1-6, 9a)

## 1. The Fall of Satan

Writing extensively on the fallen angels, Jonathan Edwards (1703–1558) believed that Satan before his fall—was created to be immensely superior to all the other angels and held a type of leadership, dominion, and strength over the other angels. Lucifer before his fall, Edwards writes, “was the chief of all the angels, of the greatest natural capacity, strength and wisdom, and highest in honor and dignity, the brightest of all those stars.”

(1) Ezekiel 28:14-18

+ Talking about human King (v12)

(2) Filled w/ pride re: beauty?

## 2. The names of Satan

(1) Lucifer? (Isa. 14:12-14)

+ Isaiah talking about human King (v3-4)

(2) Satan shows up w/ much background or context surrounding his rebellion.

The term “satan” is used often without the article in Hebrew:

**Num. 22:22** - But God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary.

When it appears w/ the article, it is a title (titles not names):

**Zech. 3:2** - And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan!

satan v. hasatan

Develops into proper name (w/o/article) like Christ

## (2) Titles :

Abaddon — Hebrew for "destruction"	King of the Bottomless Pit
Accuser	Lawless One
Adversary	Leviathan
Angel of Light (a being Satan can transform into)	Liar
Angel of the bottomless pit	<del>_____</del>
Antichrist	Murderer
Apollyon — Greek for "destroyer"	Power of Darkness
Beast	Prince of the Power of the Air
Beelzebub — "Ruler of the demons"	Ruler of the Darkness
<del>_____</del>	Ruler of this World
Deceiver	Serpent of Old
Devil	Son of Perdition
Dragon	<del>_____</del>
Enemy	Tempter
Evil One	Thief
Father of Lies	Wicked One

shaytan

(Islam)

Hades (Greek)

Mara (Buddhism)

3. The purpose of Satan (v11-13)

(1) Bring God glory / Destroy Church

(2) Gen 3: (Satan is created)

**Gen. 3:1** - Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

+ Serpent; cunning; wilderness (Rev. 12:14)

(2) Satanism

Not all religions shun the Devil, though. People of the Church of Satan, known as Satanists, don't worship the Devil, but embrace him as a symbol of atheism, pride and liberty, among other things. Another type of Satanists, theistic Satanists, worship the Devil as a deity. They may practice Satanic rituals or even make Satanic pacts.

+ Rebellion & Pride

## II. Satan's Dominion (17:9)

### 1. The location of his dominion

#### (1) Under the Sun

**2 Cor. 4:4** - In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

(2) What happens under the sun is the outworking of events "behind the veil"

↓ See Job

### 2. The limits of his dominion (Job 1-2)

(1) The world is within God's sovereignty, under Satan's rule. (2:6)

(2) Accountable to God (1:6-7)

(3) Not omnipresent (1:6-7)

(4) Not omniscient  
Unable to read minds  
or know future (1:9-11)

### 3. The length of his dominion

(1) Short (finite) (Rev. 12:12)

## III. Satan's Plan (v9 - 12)

### 1. Counterfeit God's Creation

Matthew 4:1-11 **Deceive**

(1) God creates

(2) Satan counterfeits

**2 Thessalonians 2:9** - The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders...

**2 Cor. 11:14** - Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

**Baseball Cards** + Anything of value is counterfeited

+ Angels → Demons

+ Truth → Lies

+ Blessings → Curses

+ Covenants → Inner Vows

+ Father in Heaven → Mother Earth

+ Gospel → Religion & Spirituality

(3) Other, lesser counterfeits

+ Career → Provision

+ Sex → Intimacy

+ Vengeance → Forgiveness

- (4) Spotting counterfeits:
- + The Word (Reality)
  - + Prayer (Energy)
  - + Obedience (Security)

## 2. Set Traps for God's People

- (1) Use the world **Accuse**

More  
later in  
series

- + The views, ideas, & beliefs in opposition to the Gospel

Choose your own  
identity

- (2) Tempt the Flesh

- + Our innate sin & predisposition to wander or rebel from God.

- + Most vulnerable - (1) Physically tired (2) Relationally unaccountable (3) Spiritually stagnant

## 3. Interfere w/ God's Mission

- (1) Believers less effective

- + Strongholds: lazy + Busy

- (2) Nonbelievers less receptive

- + Blinds their minds  
(2 Cor. 4:4)

# Conclusion (v13-14)

1. Have no Fear, Jesus is here.

**1 Jn. 3:8** - ...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

2. Jesus is easily spotted

(1) Against the world's grain

**Isa. 55:8** - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

(2) The flesh doesn't have fruit

**Gal. 5:19-20** - Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

3. Spoiler Alert: Jesus wins

(1) Showdown in the Desert

**Matt. 4:10-11** - Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Know the Word, Resist the devil & he will send help!