

The Spiritual Realm - Lesson 13: Satan

A. The Existence of Satan

- The devil is mentioned in seven Old Testament books — Genesis, 1 Chronicles, Job (12 times), Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah.
- He is found in 19 New Testament books and is referred to by every New Testament writer.
- He is referred to by our Lord Jesus Christ at least 15 times.

B. The Fall of Satan

Isaiah 14:12-17 *How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'* 15 *But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. 16 Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, 17 who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?'*

Ezekiel 28:11-19 *Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: 12 "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. 14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. 16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. 18 By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever."*

- God is speaking to and through the king of Tyre to the power and person behind him - Satan.

1. Pride is our basic foundational sin.

C. Satan in the Garden of Eden

Revelation 12:9 *And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

Revelation 20:2 *And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.*

Genesis 3:1-7 *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.*

2. Satan seeks to lead us away from God.

D. Satan and the physical realm - Ruler of this world

2 Corinthians 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.*

Matthew 4:8-9 *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."*

- Jesus does not dispute that Satan had the right to give Him the worlds kingdoms.

John 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.*

John 14:31 *I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me*

- Though Satan would continue to rule over the world - he was ultimately defeated by Christ on the cross.

Ephesians 2:1-2 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience*

E. The Two Kingdoms

Fall of man → Satan gains influence over the world system

First Coming → Jesus inaugurates a spiritual kingdom

Church Age → Two kingdoms operate simultaneously

Second Coming → Physical kingdom established

Millennium → Satan bound, Christ reigns

Final Judgment → Satan eternally defeated

New Heaven & Earth → One eternal kingdom

3. The world is not our kingdom.

F. Names and Character of Satan

Satan — "Adversary" Opponent, enemy, accuser **Job 1:6** *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.*

The Devil — "Slanderer" (Greek: *diabolos*) means slanderer or false accuser.

Matthew 4:1 *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

The Serpent - Revelation 12:9 *That ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan...*

The Dragon - Revelation 12:3 *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon...*

The Evil One - 1 John 5:19 *...the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

Ruler of This World - John 12:31 *Now will the ruler of this world be cast out.*

God of This World -2 Corinthians 4:4 *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers...*

Prince of the Power of the Air - Ephesians 2:2 *...following the prince of the power of the air...*

Tempter - 1 Thessalonians 3:5 *...for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you...*

Accuser of the Brothers

Revelation 12:10 *...for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.*

Deceiver - Revelation 20:10 *...the devil who had deceived them...*

Father of Lies - John 8:44 *When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Murderer From the Beginning - John 8:44 *He was a murderer from the beginning...*

4. What does our character look like to others?