

## WHAT CAN SATAN DO – AND WHAT CAN'T HE DO?

Central Idea: *While Satan is a powerful enemy of the believer, he is a defeated foe and is limited in what he can do by the greater power and sovereignty of God.*

### ⌘ Presuppositions

- Satan is a real person.
- He is a ferocious foe.
- He has a host of demons to do his bidding.
- He is not God's equal in anything.

### ⌘ What Satan Can and Cannot Do

| Satan can ...                     | Satan can't ... |
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| tempt us to sin                   |                 |
| accuse the believer               |                 |
| oppose and hinder us              |                 |
| cause physical sickness/suffering |                 |
| control the weather               |                 |

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| know human nature very well |  |
| take the lives of people    |  |
| indwell an unbeliever       |  |
| appear to be winning        |  |

### ⌘ Implications

- Don't blame Satan for every temptation, hardship or sinful choice.
- Put on the full armor of God.
- Remember: *Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*
- Keep Christ at the center of all things.

#### Questions for Personal Reflection of Group Discussion

1. Why is it important to understand that Satan is powerful but not all-powerful?
2. What are some ways Satan uses deception to influence people today?
3. What stood out to you most about what Satan can and can't do? Why?
4. What does it mean practically to "resist the devil" (James 4:7)?
5. Why is knowing and believing God's Word important when dealing with Satan's lies?
6. Where are Christians most vulnerable to Satan's attacks today?
7. How does knowing that Christ has already defeated Satan change the way you face spiritual opposition?

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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                 |                                          |
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| Tempt us to sin | Force us to sin or<br>stay when resisted |
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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                     |                       |
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| Accuse the believer | Thwart God's promises |
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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                                          |                                          |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Oppose and hinder us                     | Go beyond what God<br>sovereignly allows |
| Cause physical sickness<br>and suffering |                                          |
| Control the weather                      |                                          |

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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                                |                                        |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Know human nature<br>very well | Read or put thoughts<br>into our minds |
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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                             |                |
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| Take the lives of<br>people | Raise the dead |
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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                       |                    |
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| Indwell an unbeliever | Indwell a believer |
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## What Satan Can and Cannot Do

|                      |                           |
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| Appear to be winning | Escape his final judgment |
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