

Scriptural Texts

Revelation 20:1-3 NKJV

- 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;
- 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

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Job 1:6-12 NKJV

- 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.
- 7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."
- 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"
- 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

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- 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"
- 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Satan; God's Unlikely Servant

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John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Key take-away thought

Satan is God's servant to serve God's purposes.

God in His unsearchable Wisdom is using the devil's evil intent to serve His Holy Will!

Romans 11:33-34 KJV

- O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

God's purposes are accomplished ...

- I. **By allowing trouble, evil, and suffering instigated by Satan to turn people to God.**

Numbers 21:5-7 NKJV

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

God's purposes are accomplished ...

II. By using Satan to purify us believers.

Genesis 3:1-5 KJV

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

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Challenge

Everything that God allows into our space is
meant for our good.

GOD WILL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE AGAINST SATAN