

Satan is the ACCUSER ~ 1 Peter 5.6-9

→Scripture Reading John 17.14-15, James 4.7, Eph. 6.11-12, 2 Cor. 4.4

WHO is Satan? ~ Isaiah 14.12-14

Genesis 3:1

Isaiah 14:12 (NIV) How you have FALLEN from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

Luke 10:18

It was not uncommon for Hebrew prophetic speech to pass from **descriptions of human events** to **descriptions of heavenly events** that are PARALLEL to them... Grudem

→Satan is a FALLEN angel - an angel who REBELLED against God

SATAN is DESCRIBED as...

- Devil - Slanderer - Matt. 4.1
- Evil One - Fundamentally evil - John 17:15
- god of this world - Blinds Minds to the Light - 2 Cor. 4.4
- Father of LIES - Perverts the Truth - John 8.44
- Prince of the Power of the Air - Controls unbelievers - Eph. 2.2
- Accuser - Condemning Believers before God - Rev. 12.10
- Serpent - Deceiver - Gen 3.1-19
- Dragon - Destroyer - Rev. 12.9

What CAUSED Satan's FALL? ~ Isaiah 14:12-14

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV) How you have FALLEN from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! [13] YOU SAID in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. [14] I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I WILL make myself LIKE the Most High.

→God HATES Pride and ARROGANCE

Proverbs 16:18
Daniel 4:37

What does Satan DO? ~ Job 1:6-12

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV) The god of this age has BLINDED the MINDS of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

→PRAY for the Unsaved that God would OPEN their Eyes

2 Corinthians 11:14 (NIV) ...Satan himself MASQUERADES as an angel of light.

SATAN and his DEMONS are...

- Spirit Beings - Heb. 1.14
- CREATED Beings - Col. 1.16
- only ONE THIRD of all Angelic beings - Rev. 12.3-4
- not Omnipresent - Matt. 8.28-34
- not Omniscient - Mark 1.24
- not Omnipotent - Mk. 5.3-4

→Satan and Demons STILL ANSWER to God

Job 1:6-12, Job 2:6

→Satan has access to God's presence

→Satan cannot go AGAINST what God says

→Satan cannot TOUCH God's people without God's Permission

What is Demon Possession? ~ Matthew 9:32-33

Demons are evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world. Demon possession is when demons reside within a person, exerting direct control on that person's mind and or body.

Matthew 9:32-33 (NIV) While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could NOT TALK was brought to Jesus. [33] And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke...

In demon possession the base of the demon's operations is WITHIN the person possessed. But with demon influence demons operate from OUTSIDE the person's being. However, the symptoms or characteristics may very well be the same whether the demon is operating from within or without. Ryrie

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

The solution to demonic influence of the mind is to bring the thought process into subjection to Christ. The mind will be guarded when the believer entrusts every matter to God in prayer and meditates on the things that are true, honorable, right, and pure. MBI

2 Corinthians 10:5

Philippians 4:6-8

IMPLICATIONS

→Satan has already been DEFEATED

Colossians 2:13-15

→Danger - Spiritual PRIDE is DEADLY

Luke 10:17-20

→ON-GOING Sin can Give the ENEMY a Foothold in our lives

Ephesians 4:25-27 (NLT) So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. [26] And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] for anger gives a FOOTHOLD to the DEVIL.

If we have areas of continuing sin in our lives, then there are weaknesses and holes in our "breastplate of righteousness," and these are areas in which we are vulnerable to attack. Grudem

→Satan and his Demons have LIMITED Power

Isaiah 46:9-10 (NIV) Remember the former things, those of long ago; I AM GOD, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. [10] I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will STAND, and I will DO ALL that I please.

→Satan wants us to LISTEN to false ACCUSATIONS not the Conviction of Holy Spirit

Whose Voice are we Hearing? Thrasher

Conviction: Is CLEAR - 1 Jn. 1:9

Accusation: Is VAGUE

Conviction: Is HELPFUL - Heb. 12:10

Accusation: Is HARASSING

Conviction: Is HOPEFUL - Rom. 15:13

Accusation: Is DESPAIRING

Conviction: Is TRUTH-FILLED Jn. 15: 26

Accusation: Is DECEITFUL - the Enemy lies or distorts the truth

Conviction: Results in a FREEDOM - Gal. 5: 22

Accusation: Results in BONDAGE of people.

TAKE AWAY??

1 Peter 5:6-9 (NIV) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. [8] Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a ROARING LION looking for someone to devour. [9] RESIST him, standing FIRM in the FAITH, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

James 4:7 (NIV) SUBMIT yourselves, then, to God. RESIST the devil, and he will FLEE from you.

1 John 4:4 (NIV) ...the ONE who is IN YOU is greater than the one who is in the world.