John 17:14-15 (NIV)

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. [15] My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:11-12 (NIV)

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms

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.

We BELIEVE... Satan IS the ACCUSER

1 Peter 5:6-9

Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

Now the SERPENT was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say.... 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 (NIV) ...I saw Satan FALL like lightning FROM heaven.

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 Slander
- Evil One Fundamentally evil
- god of this world Blinds Minds to the Light
- Father of LIES Perverts the Truth
- Prince of the Power of the Air -Controls unbelievers
- Accuser Condemning Believers before God
- Serpent Deceiver
- Dragon Destroyer

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; WILL make myself LIKE the Most High.

→ God HATES Pride and ARROGANCE

Proverbs 16:18 (HCS) **PRIDE** comes before destruction, and an **ARROGANT** spirit before a fall. Daniel 4:37 (NIV) ... And those who walk in **PRIDE** He is able to humble. 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV) The god of this age has BLINDED the MINDS of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the <u>light of the gospel</u> 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
- CREATED Beings
- only ONE THIRD of all Angelic beings
- not Omnipresent
- not Omniscient
- not Omnipotent

Satan and Demons STILL ANSWER to God

Job 1:6-12 (NIV)

One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. ...[8] Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

...[12] The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he HAS is in your hands, but <u>on the man</u> himself <u>do not lay a finger</u>." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Satan has access to God's presence

Satan cannot go AGAINST what God says

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

Demons are evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world. Grudem

Demon possession is when demons reside within a person, exerting direct control on that person's mind and or body. Ryrie 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)

Do you not know that your **body is a TEMPLE** of the Holy Spirit, who is IN you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

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 (NIV) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we <u>take captive</u> EVERY thought to make it obedient to Christ. Philippians 4:6-8 (NIV)

Do not be **ANXIOUS** about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will GUARD your hearts and your minds IN Christ Jesus. [8] Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -**THINK ABOUT** such things.

Satan has already been DEFEATED

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

When you were DEAD in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you ALIVE with Christ. He FORGAVE us all our sins, [14] having **canceled** the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. [15] And having disarmed the POWERS and AUTHORITIES, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Danger - Spiritual PRIDE is DEADLY

Luke 10:17-20 (NIV)

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." [18] He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19] I have GIVEN you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to OVERCOME all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
[20] However, DO NOT REJOICE that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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. Gruden

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
Accusation not the Conviction of Holy Spirit

Whose Voice are we Hearing? Thrasher Conviction: Is CLEAR Accusation: Is VAGUE

Conviction: Is HELPFUL **Accusation:** Is HARASSING

Conviction: Is HOPEFUL **Accusation:** Is DESPAIRING

Conviction: Is TRUTH-FILLED **Accusation:** Is DECEITFUL

Conviction: Results in a FREEDOM **Accusation:** Results in BONDAGE of people

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.