

## Lesson 8: Satan

*Christians are in a life long struggle against the  
embodiment of evil called Satan.*

1. Satan's existence
  - a. His reality is doubted by the world
  - b. His existence is declared by the Bible.
    - i. He is mentioned seven times in the Old Testament –
    - ii. He is found in 19 New Testament books and is mentioned by all the authors.
    - iii. He is mentioned 15 times by the Lord Jesus himself. Mt 4:10 [1] Mt 25:41 [2] Lk 22:31 [3]
2. His origin and fall. Two Bible passages
  - a. Ezekiel 28: 12-19
    - i. Verse 12 - full of wisdom and perfect in beauty
    - ii. Verse 13 –He had been in Eden the garden of God –
    - iii. Verse 13 – He was a created being...
    - iv. Verse 14 – He was an anointed guardian cherub
    - v. Verse 17 – His heart was lifted up because of his beauty.
    - vi. Verse 15 iniquity was found in him.
  - b. Isaiah 14:12-15 – Note the abandonment of God's will and promotion of self-will.
    - i. I will ascend – see 2 cor 12:2 [4]
    - ii. I will exalt my throne
    - iii. I will sit upon the Mount... - he wanted God's seat and authority.
    - iv. I will ascend about the heights of the clouds.
    - v. I will be like the most high. (el El-Elyon)
3. The personality of Satan
  - a. He is a real person (entity) 1 Cor 15:39-40 [4]
  - b. He possesses intelligence
    - i. 2 Co 2:11[5]
    - ii. 2 Co 11:3 [6]
  - c. He possesses a memory - Mt 4:1-11 (Mt 4:6) [7]
  - d. He has a will - 2 Tim 2:26 [8]

- e. He has emotions
    - i. Desire - Lk 22:31 [9]
    - ii. Pride – 1 Tim 3:6 [10]
    - iii. Wrath – Revelation 12:12 [11] – He is coming down to earth with Great Wrath.
  - f. He is organized – he takes over churches and synagogues (Rev 2:9)[12]; he promotes his own doctrines (1 Tim 4:1)[13] and reveals deep musings (Rev 2:4)
    - i. It is the Devil that organized the first rebellion against God (Rev 12:4) [14]
    - ii. It is the Devil that will organize the last rebellion against God (Rev 20:7-9). [15] This happens after he is loosed from the bottomless pit.
    - iii. It was the Devil that organized the systematic attack on Job – Job 1-2
    - iv. The devil has his hierarchy - Eph 6:12. [16]
4. Descriptive names of Satan –
- a. Satan (adversary) used 52 times and the most common name.
  - b. Devil – (slanderer) used 35 times
  - c. The prince of the power of the air Eph 2:2 [17]
  - d. The god of this age 2 Cor 4:4 [18]
  - e. The ruler of death Heb 2:14 -15[19]
  - f. The price of this world Jn 12:31 [20]
  - g. The ruler of darkness Eph 6:12 [16]
  - h. Lucifer – Light bearer; shining one. Isa 14:12 [21]
  - i. The dragon - Rev 12:7 [22]
  - j. The serpent - Rev 12:9 [23]
  - k. The deceiver – Rev 20:10 [24]
  - l. Apollyon - (the destroyer) Rev 9:11[25]
  - m. Beelzebub – (Prince of demons, Lord of Flies) Mt 12:24 [26]
  - n. Beliel (vileness, ruthless) 2 Cor 6:15. [27]
  - o. The wicked one – Mt 13:38; 1 Jn 5:19 [28]
  - p. The Tempter – 1 Thes 3:5 [29] ; Gen 3
  - q. The accuser of the brethren – Rev 12:10 [30]
  - r. Angel of Light – 2 Cor 11:14 [31]
  - s. Father of Lies – John 8:44; Gen 3:4-5

- t. Murderer – Jn 8:44 [32]
  - u. The enemy – Mt 13:39 [33]
  - v. A roaring Lion – 1 Pet 5:8 [34]
5. Activities of Satan - he is not lazy.
- a. He imitates God
    - i. He has a false trinity. Rev 13:2 [35]; Rev 16:13 [36]
    - ii. He has his synagogues. - Rev 2:9 [37]
    - iii. He has his doctrines – 1 Tim 4:1 [38]
    - iv. He has his mysteries – Rev 2:24 [39]
    - v. He has his throne – Rev 2:13; Rev 13:2 [40]
    - vi. He has his Kingdom – Lk 4:6; 1 jn 5:19 [41]
    - vii. He has his worshippers – Rev 13:4[42]
    - viii. He has his angels – Rev 12:7 [43]
    - ix. He has his ministers 2 Cor 11:15 [44]
    - x. He has his miracles- 2 Thes 2:9 [45]
    - xi. He has his sacrifices- 1 Cor 10:20 [46]
    - xii. He has his fellowship – 1 Cor 10:20 [46]
    - xiii. He has his armies – Rev 19:11-16 Look up
  - b. He sows tares among the wheat Mt 13:36-43 ref only
  - c. He instigates false doctrine – 1 Tim 4:1-3 ref only
  - d. He twists true doctrine – Gen 3:1-4; Mt 4:6 [7]
  - e. He hinders the work of God. 1 Thes 2:18 [47]
  - f. He resist the prayers of God servants – Dan. 10:12-13
  - g. He blinds the lost – 2 Cor 4:4 [18]
  - h. He accuses the servants of God - Zech 3:1-4 (look up); Rev 12:9-10 [23,30]
  - i. He lays snares or traps for believers. 1 Tim 3:7 [48}
  - j. He tempts –
  - k. He afflicts – Lk 13:16; Acts 10:38 [49]
  - l. He deceives – Rev 20:8-10 [50]
  - m. He destroys homes – 1 Cor 7:3-5 [51]
  - n. He prompts disobedience to God – 1 Chron 21:1 [52]; Jn 13:2 [53]; Acts 5:3 [54]
6. Satan's physical location(s)
- a. **In heaven** as Lucifer the shining cherub and music leader of heaven.

- b. **In heaven** as the accuser of believers
  - c. **On earth** only, which will happen in the middle of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
  - d. In the **bottomless pit** under chains – during the 1000 year reign of Christ
  - e. **On earth** for one last time to recruit and reveal the rebellious. Rev 20:7-9
  - f. In the **Lake of fire forever**. Let's look up that passage in Rev 20:1-10
7. Satan's limitations
- a. He is not **omnipresent**
  - b. He is **omnipotent**
  - c. He is not **omniscient**
8. The Christians victory 1 John 4:4 [55]
- a. Know our weakness - Without Jesus we can do nothing. Jn 15:5-6 Vine and Branches
  - b. Know our strength – I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me. Phil 4:13 [56] ; Gal 2:20 [57]
  - c. Know Satan's weakness –1 Cor 10:13 [ 58] He hates resistance. (James 4:7) [59] and he cannot stand up to the blood of Jesus. (Rev 12:11) [60]
  - d. Know Satan's strengths, strategies and schemes. The deadly d's.
    - i. **Disappointment, discouragement, despair, doubt, disbelief, distraction, doublemindedness, dishonesty, deceit, delay, discord, and disobedience.**