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Isaiah 14:13-14

¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! ¹³And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High (ASV, 1901).

Sin originated in Satan (Ezekiel 28: 15). He is a king with a kingdom and a portion of that kingdom consists of demons (Matthew 12: 24, 26). Scripture does not give us the exact origin of the demons. The New Testament tells of the angels who defected with Satan, and “kept not their first estate” and “are reserved unto judgment of the great day” (II Peter 2: 4; Jude 1:6). Most competent conservative Bible teachers view the demons as the fallen angels. Some refer to them as disembodied spirits. This fall happened during Satan’s second domain in the Jeweled Garden of Eden. The Bible is vastly superior in its exposition of demonology compared to the superstitious exaggeration in the general population.

The Bible says demons exist. In the Old Testament they were the power behind the idols which the Israelites worshipped. In Hebrew, the demons are called *Shedhim* (Deuteronomy 32: 17; Psalm 106: 36-37) as well as *Seirim* (Leviticus 17:7; II Chronicles 11: 15; Isaiah 13:21; 34: 14).

The New Testament scripture has much to say about the demons:

- They exist (James 2: 19; Revelation 9:20).
- They know who Jesus is (Luke 4: 41).
- They cannot disobey Jesus’ commands (Matthew 12:29).
- They are organized under Satan (Matthew 12:26; Ephesians 6:12).
- They know their rulers (Luke 8:31; Revelation 9:11).
- They are characterized as foul, unclean spirits (Luke 4:33; 6:18; Revelation 18:2).
- They are deceitful and perform miracles through unsaved human beings (1 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 16:14).
- They can possess humans (Mark 1:32).
- They are cast out of humans by Jesus and his disciples (Matthew 15:22, 28; Luke 9:1, 42; 10:17).
- They can be rebuked (Mark 5:8).
- They know their final doom (Matthew 25:41).
- They are served by the unsaved (1 Corinthians 10:20).
- They cannot be served by those that are in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:21).

The demons have a keen supernatural knowledge. It is not as powerful as God's holy knowledge, or our saving knowledge. They are confirmed in evil, never seek forgiveness and never plead for purity. They know that Jesus is the Lord of the spirit-world, but do not have any trust in Him, nor will they submit to Him. They worship Christ, but not in adoration or joy in Holy Communion. They bend to His will in resentment and hate. Like Satan, they have limited knowledge, and ceaselessly attempt to thwart God's plans and purposes. They are depraved, and completely morally corrupt. These evil beings have the desire to corrupt, and are frequently called "unclean" in the Bible (Matthew 10:1; Mark 1: 27; 3: 11; Luke 4: 36; Acts 8:7; Revelation 16: 13).

SATAN'S THIRD DOMAIN: THE ATMOSPHERIC HEAVENS (PRESENT)

Satan, in this domain, is the great tempter who causes man to fall. This is the domain of Satan that has been disclosed in the book of Ephesians:

Ephesians 2: 2

"²Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (KJV)

Ephesians 6: 12

"¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (KJV)

In these two verses Satan is described as "*the prince of the power of the air*", and he lives in the atmospheric heavens, or in the air. God has allowed him access two places, Heaven, and the earth. We read of his Heavenly access in Job 1:6; 2:1. In Revelation 12:10, he is the accuser of the brethren. He also accuses the Nation Israel as found in Zechariah 3:1. When Adam fell, Satan became the prince of the power of this world (John 12:31), the god of this age (II Corinthians 4:4) and the prince of the kingdom of this world and can offer worldly riches to whomsoever he wills, just as he tried to do with Jesus (Luke 4: 5-7).

He comes to earth in two forms. The first manifestation is as "*an angel of light*" (II Corinthians 11: 14). In this form he is a master deceiver. In nominally Christian polite society, Satan has to deceive people to turn away from God in order to achieve his goals. The general population regions of the world have standards of living that are based on Biblical standards. This drives the demons into using tools of deception. Some of the deceptions are:

- Rejecting supernaturalism altogether.
- Rejecting the authority of God's Word.
- Teaching that the entire Bible is not all God's Word.
- Giving rise to rational thought instead of revealed truth.
- Causing people to be unaware of the origin of their thoughts.
- Causing people to think that no disease has a direct demonic cause.

- Causing people to think that some sins are really “not so bad”.
- Corrupting doctrinal integrity of the Scriptures so some parts of Scripture are thought of as more important than others.
- Causing the belief that black magic is harmless (not referencing sleight of hand).
- Causing a belief that paganism is harmless in its three root forms of magic, divination (seeking fortune tellers), and necromancy (seeking communication with the dead).
- Corrupting the Hebrew Mazzeroth, which is God’s message in the star constellations of Christ and the Gospel with astrology.
- Causing myth to come into Christianity replacing truth.
- Causing a belief that all religions are equal, whatever the doctrine.
- Causing schisms in Christian fellowship over doctrine.
- Bringing deception in governments controlled by the wicked so as to renounce Christianity, and provide a channel for the demons to have a great effect on large numbers of people.

He has instigated a counterfeit program trying to be like the Most High. His program has been successful as he deceives believers, and draws them away from a careful study of God’s Word. His deception has been carried out against both unbelievers (Revelation 20: 3) and believers (II Corinthians 11: 3). It is crucial that a believer study the Word of God in a line-by-line, verse-by-verse basis to know and recognize the genuine word of God. By knowing the genuine Word well. We quickly recognize false and inaccurate words attributed to God when it is presented.

II Corinthians 11: 3-4

“³But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (KJV)

The passage above speaks to hearing the counterfeit version of the “Word”. Many people who embrace aberrant theologies depart from the genuine Word of God because they do not know God’s Word well. They listen to bad teachers, and fall for their poor teaching because they do not know the genuine Word. In II Corinthians 11: 4 the phrases “another Jesus,” “another spirit” and “another gospel” need clarification. The word “another” is also translated as “different”. There are two Greek words for the word “another”, or “different”, and they are *allos* and *heteros*. *Allos* means “another of the same kind”, and *heteros* means “another of a different kind”. Therefore, verse 4 of II Corinthians 11 could read: “³But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. ⁴You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed (NLT).” Poor, or false teachers will present Jesus as being like the genuine, but what they present is actually a counterfeit because the Spirit and the gospel presented with him are a “different” kind, and therefore false.

By far the greatest field of activity for Satan and his demons is the Church because Satan can influence believers. Within the Church setting, their accomplishments are significant. They can cast out demons, prophecy future events and do miraculous healings. They are doing the things

that Satan can do. Outward miracles are not the proof of representing the genuine God Almighty. Proof of the genuine preaching and teaching is *conformity to God's Word*. The sensational is never going to replace the genuine. Those believers who stay at a superficial knowledge of Christ and His Word never mature in Christ, and will receive no rewards or any position when the Kingdom is established on the earth. If they have no desire to grow, they should also be concerned about the sincerity of their salvation.

The body of believers is charged with bringing converts into a saving grace knowledge of Christ and His work. The Church is to teach the truth of the Bible. The powers of darkness are increasing in our day and age and turn the world against the truth of the Bible and historic Christianity. Satan is dedicated to turning people from God. When men do believe the gospel, Satan exerts every effort to stop God's will for them (Matthew 13:19). Satan knows that once they are saved, they are beyond his power to destroy so he seeks to corrupt them (Numbers 25: 1-3; 31: 16; James 4: 4; Revelation 2: 14). Therefore, he determines to do them as much damage as he can:

II Corinthians 11: 13-14

"¹³For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (KJV)

The counterfeit teachers, who called themselves "*apostles*", do not seem to be false because they "transform", or "present", themselves as being genuine. They are reflecting the leading of their true lord, Satan the angel of darkness who fashions himself as "*an angel of light*", and it is in this form we find him in the Church. Jesus talked of the extent of their program as a warning:

Matthew 7: 22-23

"²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (KJV)

The second manifestation of Satan is as a "*roaring lion*" that destroys and devours (I Peter 5: 8). He uses this characteristic to lead the demons. This form frequently results in physical persecution of Christians and the Jews throughout human history. In the primitive societies the Devil can move about openly as "*a roaring lion*". Missionaries within these societies report much open demonic activity and possession, and only unbelievers can be possessed.

Satan is unrelenting and pitiless in his hatred for God and the people of God. What makes the devil a fearful foe is the fact of his great power, augmented by the assistance of a vast number of fallen angels or demons. Consequently, satanic forces constitute a mighty, evil spiritual reality to be seriously reckoned with by the entire human race, both redeemed and unredeemed. We must be aware of the demonic activity and what we are charged with to resist it.

In the spiritual war, the Church must be knowledgeable about the stratagems of our enemy. In

physical wars, military strategists are keenly aware of the necessity of knowing the enemy. Accordingly, intricate networks of intelligence and counterintelligence are employed. Yet believers mostly display an obvious disinterest in what the Bible reveals about Satan and demons. The only sound approach is to know the enemy. As his wiles are revealed, the believer will be able to anticipate and outmaneuver him. Satan's chief tactics are to hide his identity and his attacks. The Christian must recognize this, anticipate his moves, and be ready to confront them in the Church. Believer need to know the powers of darkness will not win against them because of their superior position and strength in Christ. The rampant demon activity of these last days means we must "Know our enemy" (1 Timothy 4:1). Two major errors related to demons and Satan are that they do not exist or overemphasizing their abilities and seeing them in all our lives.

SATAN'S FOURTH DOMAIN: THE EARTH (FUTURE)

The fourth domain is yet future to us, and is best described by the Revelation:

Revelation 12: 7-12

"¹²And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (KJV)

In the middle of the Great Tribulation Satan will be cast down to the earth, and confined to the earth with no access to Heaven for the rest of the Great Tribulation time. He will launch the biggest attempt yet to destroy the Jews once and for all by working through the Antichrist and the False Prophet (Revelation 13).

SATAN'S FIFTH DOMAIN: THE ABYSS (FUTURE)

Satan being thrown into the Abyss is described in Revelation:

Revelation 20: 1-3

"¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive

the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.” (KJV)

At the end of the Great Tribulation, Satan will be confined in the “*bottomless pit*” during the one-thousand-year Millennial, also known as the Messianic Kingdom period. During this time sin will be greatly reduced on the earth, but not eliminated. Jesus, the God-Man, will rule the earth for this period, and mankind will not have Satan the accuser to ruin his authority over the earth.

Hebrews 2: 5-9

“⁵For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. ⁶But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? ⁷Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. ⁹But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” (KJV)

SATAN’S SIXTH DOMAIN: THE LAKE OF FIRE (FUTURE)

Revelation 20: 7-10

“⁷And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. ⁹And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (KJV)

Satan can do no more harm when he is finally cast into an everlasting punishment in the “*lake of fire*”, along with the fallen angels and unredeemed humanity. Death will finally be permanently removed (I Corinthians 15: 24-26). The seas and oceans will no longer exist just, as the earth had no seas in the first creation:

Revelation 21:1

“¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” (KJV)

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