

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 7

OUTLINE:

- 1) *Satan – His Existence*
- 2) *Satan – His Names*

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

We are now beginning our look at the subject of evil in the world and its connection with Satan. We will begin by considering just what or who Satan is. The Christian needs to know the best way to overcome evil, recognize and resist temptation, and counter the plans of evil that seem to run rampant throughout the land. This, and future lessons, will be of help in the Christians fight to live above defeat.

SATAN – HIS EXISTENCE

Is the Devil a living reality, or is he nothing more than a figment of the imagination? Is the word “Satan” merely a synonym for wickedness, or does it stand for a real being? In intellectual circles it has long been the custom to flatly deny the actual existence of a personal Satan. By many, Satan is now looked upon as a product of witchcraft, a relic of superstition, the myth of a bygone age. With others, Satan is nothing more than a principle of evil, a word used to identify all that is bad. Even those who still believe in a real Devil have a somewhat weird conception of his appearance. He is always portrayed as a monster in human form, having horns, hoofs and forked tail, dressed in red and carrying a pitchfork. Such a conception is an insult to intelligent people, and in consequence, the Devil has come to be regarded either as a “bogey man” with which to frighten naughty children, or as a fit subject for jest and joke.

The present disbelief in a real Devil is largely due to ignorance-ignorance concerning the teachings of God’s Word, ignorance concerning the real Satan set forth in the Scriptures. It must be said, from the start, that the existence of Satan is taken for granted in the Bible from the opening of man’s history. The Bible nowhere attempts to argue the existence of God. It assumes His being and asks the reader to exercise his faith and believe. In like manner, the Devil is mentioned. He appears in the Garden to tempt man without any explanation of where he came from. We are expected to take for granted the existence of God. Likewise, we are asked to do the same regarding Satan. The Bible offers as much proof for one as it does the other. Man’s reason will always be a hindrance to believing and understanding spiritual truths.

Does the Bible teach the existence of a Devil? Let us take a look and see.

Who is God seen speaking to in a vision had by the prophet Zechariah?

Zechariah 3:2 _____

Who is said to be responsible for causing Judas to finally betray Jesus?

John 13:2 _____

Paul warns the Christians of their necessity to do what?

Ephesians 6:11 _____

What happened to Jesus following His baptism?

Matthew 4:1 _____

What two famous descriptions did Jesus give of the Devil?

John 8:44 _____

In the Old Testament Satan is referred to in many Books, under different names. In the New Testament he is referred to by all the writers and mentioned in all 19 Books. There can be no denying that the Bible teaches the existence of a Devil. It has been stated that the Devil is mentioned by one name or another at least 174 times. What Jesus alone had to say should be sufficient proof that a real Devil exists. The Bible further points out that the Devil is not just evil in itself or merely some type of evil influence, but that the Devil is a person in every respect.

We will now attempt to study a few of the many Scriptures which prove that Satan is a real person and not just some abnormal influence in nature. Scriptures reveal Satan as having a high degree of intelligence.

Satan is never referred to as an it, but always by what pronoun, which proves him to be a person?

Matthew 4:3 _____

In a parable Christ pictures Himself as a Person sowing. How is Satan pictured?

Matthew 13:24-26,38-39 _____

What charge is brought against Satan which shows he has a scheming intelligence?

Revelation 12:9 _____

We know Satan has a memory, for he was able to do what when tempting Christ?

Matthew 4:6 _____

What is Satan able to do that is possible only for a person of intelligence?

Job 1:9 _____

What is Jesus seen doing on one occasion that proved Satan to be intelligent?

Matthew 4:7 _____

Jesus pointed out in John 8:44 the personality of Satan by saying:

He was the “_____” of the unsaved.

He was able to speak “_____”.

Satan possesses the power of choice and has a will he wants to satisfy. We see this in what Jesus said to Peter on one occasion. What was it?

Luke 22:31 _____

Like persons, Satan has emotions. What emotion does Revelation 12:12 speak of Satan having?

Like a person, Satan is able to organize. At the close of Christ’s rule on earth for 1,000 years, what is Satan seen doing?

Revelation 20:7-8 _____

Satan has great power. What did Jesus say of it regarding an afflicted women?

Luke 13:16 _____

SATAN – HIS NAMES

The names of Satan are many and in each case they tell us something about either his work, his power or his personality. Write the name given Satan in each of the following passages found in the Bible.

2 Corinthians 6:15 _____

(A Jewish name for Satan which meant “worthless person”.)

Revelation 9:11 _____

(Both the Hebrew and Greek word mean “destroyer”.)

Isaiah 14:12 _____

(Means “Morning Star” and was his name before he sinned and fell.)

James 4:7 _____
(Means "accuser" or "slanderer" and is used 35 times)

2 Corinthians 11:14 _____
(Means "enemy" or "adversary" and is used 52 times)

Matthew 12:27 _____
(Refers to his being head of the demons)

Matthew 13:19 _____
(A descriptive title referring to him as the primary instigator of all wickedness)

Ephesians 2:2 _____
(A descriptive title which indicates his present home and sphere of operation)

2 Corinthians 4:4 _____
(A descriptive title showing he is the one behind all false religions)

John 8:44 _____
(A descriptive title which reveals his intent as well as how he opposes the truth and desires to mislead, deceive and confuse)

Revelation 12:9 (besides Satan & Devil) _____

(A descriptive title that reveals his nature and character)

1 Thessalonians 3:5 _____
(A descriptive title which shows how he works to bring about his ends)

