

The Doctrine Of Satan

As Written in the Bible

I. Satan's Existence

- A. The existence of Satan is taught in seven Old Testament books and by every New Testament writer. The word Satan is mentioned 52 times in the Bible. The word devil is mentioned 61 times and the word demons is mentioned 54 times.
- B. Even in the teaching of Christ, He acknowledges and taught the existence of Satan (**Matt. 13:39, Luke 10:18, 11:18**).

II. Satan's Character

- A. He is a Creature (**Ezek. 28:14**).
- B. He is a spirit being (**Eph. 6:11,12**).
- C. He is of the order of angels called Cherubim (**Ezek. 28:12**).
- D. He was the highest of all the angelic creatures (**Ezek. 28:12**).
- E. He possesses intellect (**2 Cor.11:3**).
- F. He has emotion (**Rev. 12:17**).
- G. He has a will (**2 Tim. 2:26**).
- H. He is treated as a morally responsible person (**Matt. 25:41**).
- I. Personal pronouns are used of him (**Job 1**).

III. Satan's Designation

A. His Names

- 1. He is called Satan (adversary).
- 2. He is called the Devil (slanderer).
- 3. He was called Son of the Morning or Morning Star (**Isa. 14:12-20**) He still masquerades as an angel of light (**2 Cor.11:14**).
- 4. He is called Beelzebub (**Matt. 12:24**) (Prince of flies).

- 5. He is called Belial (**2 Cor. 6:15**). (worthless destructive, wicked one).

B. His Titles

- 1. Evil One (**1 John 5:19**).
- 2. Tempter (**1 Thess. 3:5**).
- 3. Prince of this world (**John 12:31**).
- 4. God of this age (**2 Cor. 4:4**).
- 5. Prince of the power of the air (**Eph. 2:2**).
- 6. Accuser of the brethren (**Rev. 12:31**).

C. His Representations

- 1. Serpent (**Rev. 12:9**).
- 2. Dragon (**Rev. 12:3**).
- 3. Angel of light (**2 Cor. 11:14**).

IV. Satan's Nature

A. His personality traits

- 1. He is a murderer (**John 8:44, 10:10**)
- 2. He is a Liar (**John 8:44**).
- 3. He is a confirmed Sinner (**1 John 3:8**).
- 4. He is an accuser (**Rev. 12:10**).
- 5. He is an adversary (**1 Pet. 5:8**).

B. His Limitations.

- 1. He is a creature and therefore not omniscient or infinite (**Ezek. 28:13-19**).
- 2. He can be resisted by the Christian (**James 4:7**).
- 3. God placed limitations on him (**Job 1:12**).

V. The Original State and Fall of Satan

A. Satan's Sin (**Isa. 14:12-20**)

- 1. Satan said , I will ascend to Heaven.
- 2. I will raise my throne above the stars of God.
- 3. I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights.
- 4. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.

- 5. I will make myself like the Most High (Satan wanted to be characterized as counterfeiting God).

B. Satan's punishment can be read about in (**Ezekiel 28: 16-19**).

VI. Satan's Judgments

- A. Satan was cast out of his original position in Heaven (**Ezek, 28:16**).
- B. His judgment was pronounced in Eden (**Gen. 3:14-15**).
- C. He was judged at the cross (**John12:31**).
- D. He will be cast out in the midst of the tribulation period (**Rev. 12:13**).
- E. He will be confined in the abyss at the beginning of the Millennium (**Rev. 20:2**).
- F. He will be cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennium (**Rev. 20:10**).

VII. The Work of Satan

A. In Relation to the Redemptive Work of Christ.

- 1. (**Gen.3:15**) predicts conflict between Satan and People.
- 2. (**Matt. 4:1-11**) shows us the temptations of Christ.
- 3. (**Matt. 2:16, John 8:44, 16:32**) shows us Satan used various people to attempt to thwart the work of Christ.
- 4. (**John 13:27**) says he possessed Judas' body for the betrayal.

B. In Relation to the Nations.

- 1. (**Rev. 20:3**) shows us that he deceives the Nations. (If he can deceive the nations, will you admit that Satan can deceive you ?).
- 2. (**Rev. 16:13-14**) says he will gather the nations to the battle of Armageddon (doesn't this show that Satan has a lot of control).

**C. In Relation To Individuals
(Christian and Non-Christians).**

- . 1. (**2 Cor. 4:4**) says he Blinds Their Minds.
- . 2. (**Luke 8:12**) says he snatches the word from their hearts.
- . 3. (**Rev. 2:13**) says he uses men to oppose God's Work.
- . 4. (**Acts 5:3**) says he tempts the individual.
- . 5. (**Rev. 12:10**) says he accuses and slanders the individual.
- . 6. (**1 Thess. 2:18**) say he hinders the Christian's work.
- . 7. (**Eph. 6: 11-12**) says he employs demons to attempt to defeat the individual.
- . 8. (**1 Cor. 7:5**) says he tempts the Christian into immorality.
- . 9. (**Matt. 13:38-39**) says he sows weeds (false believers) among believers.
- . 10. (**Rev. 2:10**) says he incites persecution against Christians.

V111. Defense of the Christian Against Satan

- . **A.** The present Intercessory work of Christ (**John 17:15; Eph. 1:22; 1 John 3:8**).
- . **B.** The Christian has authority over Satan (**Luke 10:19; Eph. 1:19-21; Eph. 2:6**).
- . **C.** The Christian should take authority over Satan and bind him in spiritual chains when he is under attack and send him to the pit (**Matt.18:18; Eph. 1:19-21; Eph. 2:6**).
- . **D.** The Christian should be on guard (**1 Pet.5:8**).
- . **E.** The Christian should take a stand against Satan (**James 4:7**).
- . **F.** The Christian Should use his armor (**Eph. 6:11-18**).
- . **G.** The Christian should ask God to Put a protective hedge around him daily. (**Job 1:10**).

Suggested Reading

- The Bondage Breaker- Dr. Neil Anderson .
Victory Over The Darkness- Dr. Neil Anderson.
The Adversary- Dr. Mark Bubeck.
Overcoming The Adversary- Dr. Mark Bubeck .
Demon Possession and the Christian – Dr. C Fred Dickason.
Warfare Prayer Tract- Dr. Victor Matthews.
The Affirmation of Faith Tract- Dr. Victor Matthews.
The 3 Tract Series- by Greg McCully.
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. The Doctrine of Demons.
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