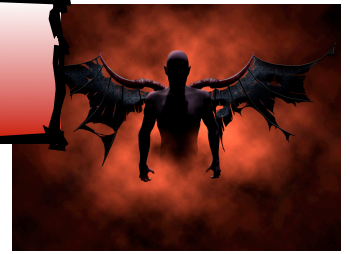




# SATAN AND HIS DEMONS



The Reality of Evil Spirits.

## I. SATAN THE PRINCE OF DEMONS:

- A. Key Scriptures Matthew 12:24, Luke 11:15
- B. Satan's Name comes from the Hebrew root meaning \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. 52 OT references / 33 NT references
  - 2. Also referred to as Diablos - meaning the accuser (Num 22:22, 1 Kings 11:23, Ps 109:6) Over 30 references in NT
  - 3. Other names: Abaddon, Apollyon, Belial, Beliar, Beelzebub, Beelzebul (this name refers to the pagan deity meaning "Lord of Flies, Lord of Dung") Lucifer (which means light bearer), the serpent, the dragon, tempter, a deceiver, liar and "father of lies".
- C. Power and Position:
  - 1. He is described as the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
  - 2. "Ruler of Demons" (Matt 9:34, 12:24, Luke 11:15)
  - 3. "The God of this Age" 2 Cor 4:4
  - 4. "Prince of the Power of the Air" (Eph 2:2)
  - 5. THE EVIL ONE

## II. THE DEMONS: SATAN'S ANGELS

- A. The bible speaks of hosts of evil spirits commonly referred to as demons.
  - 1. 63x in NT "Demon" comes from Greek "the disrupting knowing ones"
    - A) "Evil Spirits" - (Luke 7:21, 8:2, 11:26, Acts 19:12, 15-16)
    - B) "Unclean Spirits" - (Matt 10:1, 12:43, Acts 5:16, Rev 16:13)
  - 2. OT Demons are called Shedim = "Shades" (Dt 32:17, Ps 106:37)
    - A) Image of horned being - "se'irim" - Goat Like (the God of Pan) -  
deceptiveness and deceitfulness is associated with this and sticks today.
- B. The fact that demons are called spirits indicates their basic metaphysical nature as a part of the invisible universe. They are called evil because of their moral nature.

## III. THE NATURE OF EVIL SPIRITS

- A. They are bad. Fallen Angels (2 Peter 2:4) In Jude 9 Satan is the equivalent of Michael the archangel, which suggests that he might have been a very powerful angel before he fell.
- B. The Nature described as
  - 1. Spiritual, Powerful, Immortal (Matt 25:41-42) part of hierarchical order
  - 2. They are living on Earth and in the pits and prison cells. (Rev 20) However they do not seem to be bound as even Satan himself accessed God's throne in Job 1/2, and the demons still interact with the physical universe. Indeed they are hard at work, engaged in spiritual work against God and against mankind.
  - 3. Re 12:12 - Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, **because he knows that his time is short.**"



## IV. THE WORKS OF EVIL SPIRITS

- A. In general, their overall goal is to defeat God's plan and purpose by all possible means.
  1. In the beginning Satan tried to do this in Gen. 3:1. For-knowing this, God had already prepared his plan of redemption through Christ and was waiting for Satan to make his move.
  2. He then tried to attack Jesus himself! (Matthew 4:1)
  3. He then attacked Judas, Herod, Pilate (Matthew 26 / all 4 Gospels)
  4. He then tempted Jesus to abandon his mission, not knowing that this would be the means of his own defeat. (Heb 2:14)
- B. Having failed at destroying God's plan he now focuses on the individual.
  1. Satan wants to cut us off from God's Grace, through guilt and accusation. (1 Peter 5:8) He uses his minions in his mission to destroy people.
  2. Satan's main strategy is to attack our minds.
    - A) He tells us lies and deceives us (Jn 8:44, Rev. 12:9, 20:3,7-10)
    - B) He lies about God and his word. (Gen 3:4-5, Luke 8:12)
    - C) He disguises himself as an angel of light and blinds the minds of unbelievers. (2 Cor 11:13-15, 2 Cor 4:4)
    - D) He uses deceitful schemes and snares (2 Co 2:11, Eph 6:11, 2 Tim 2:26)
  3. His second strategy is to use temptation.
    - A) SATAN is evil and wants us to be like him.
      - (1) He wants to share his sin so that we share condemnation (Mt 25:41).
      - (2) The mechanics of temptation are not always clear, but this is why we are train ourselves to stand against his schemes. The will be different for each individual person.
      - (3) He will lead us, drag us away and then kill us. (James 1:14-15)
  4. His third strategy is demon possession - WATCH OUT!
    - A) THERE ARE MANY INSTANCES IN NT WHERE ONE IS POSSESSED.
    - B) They can cause illness, hallucinations, mind control. (Matt 9, Mark 9, Luke 13:11,16, Acts 10:38)

## V. THE WAR AGAINST EVIL

- A. THIS IS YOUR BATTLE, SATAN IS ATTACKING YOU!
- B. WE HAVE ARMOR TO FIGHT Ephesians 6:10-17
- C. 3 ways to fight off Satan and his Demons: NT commands are to be alert (1Pet 5:8) James 4:7 says resist the devil, Eph 4:27 says do not give the devil and opportunity.
  1. Protect Your Mind
    - A) Know the truth- You must love the truth not just believe it (2 Thes 2:10:12)
    - B) Delight in God, knowing that it is by his strength that you can overcome
  2. Resist Temptation
    - A) Romans 8 - Feed the spirit not the flesh. Which dog are you feeding, the spiritual dog or the sinful demonic dog, Whichever you feed wins.
    - B) Recieve the gift of the Holy Spirit through baptism (Acts 2:36-40)
  3. Avoid Activity of Sin
    - A) REMOVE YOURSELF FROM BAD SITUATIONS WHERE DEMONS COULD HIT!

**REMEMBER GOD HAS THE ULTIMATE VICTORY -1 JOHN 3:8**