

# Satan Our Enemy

***Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:  
for we are not ignorant of his devices.  
2 Corinthians 2:11***

## **1. The nature of Satan is to lie, hate, destroy and rebel against truth. He works to make people exactly like he is.**

John 8:44 "Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

## **2. We know he is extremely subtle and seeks to distort what is right.**

Genesis 3:1-5 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.  
Acts 13:10 "And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

## **3. Satan twists the Word of God just enough to confuse or mislead people.**

And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: "But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. "

### **Satan tries to cast doubt on God's character and goodness so we will not trust Him.**

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

### **Satan hates the Word of God and attempts to keep people from believing it or discovering it since it is the truth of God's Word that sets people free from his control.**

Matthew 13:19 "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

## **4. We know that Satan seizes opportunities to provoke us when we are self-willed or failing to obey God.**

1 Chronicles 21:1-3 "And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. "And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*. "And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

### **Satan desires to destroy Christians, but can not apart from our yielding to our own selfish lusts.**

Luke 22:31 "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

### **Satan loves to influence Christians to lie and sin, so he can mock them and accuse them, since a Christian has the Holy Spirit indwelling him and His nature is not to sin.**

Acts 5:3 "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

1 Timothy 3:6 "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Corinthians 7:5 "Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

1 Thessalonians 3:5 "For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

### **Satan uses people who claim to be Christians and imitate Christians to deceive true believers and sap them of their spiritual strength.**

Matthew 13:38-39 "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; "The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

## 5. Satan's battle field is the mind.

2 Corinthians 11:3 <sup>3</sup>But 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.

2 Corinthians 4:4 <sup>4</sup>In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

## 6. Satan uses, or completely controls, those who are not saved. The lost person has no real freedom from desires to sin.

2 Timothy 2:26 <sup>26</sup>And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Acts 26:18 <sup>18</sup>To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

## 7. Satan has limited power--he must have God's permission before he is allowed to oppress us.

Job 1:11-12 <sup>11</sup> But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

### No one could harm Jesus until He allowed it to accomplish a necessary purpose.

Luke 22:53 <sup>53</sup>When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

## 8. The way to make Satan flee from you is to submit to God. He is a defeated foe who can not stand against the Word of God and *obedience* to the Word!

Ephesians 4:27 <sup>27</sup>Neither give place to the devil.

James 4:7 <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: <sup>9</sup>Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

### Satan is defeated by the work of Christ at Calvary and our faith in Christ.

Revelation 12:9-11 <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And 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.

### The only offensive weapon given to Christians is the Word of God - Satan must always flee from truth! God's Word is truth!

Ephesians 6:11-16 <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For 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*. <sup>13</sup>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup>And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

### Satan looks for opportunities to appeal to our flesh or to our pride, and incites us to sin against God. Our victory is always in submission to the Word of God. We must always live by the principle, "It is written..."

Matthew 4:1-6 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. <sup>2</sup>And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. <sup>3</sup>And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. <sup>4</sup>But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.