

Doctrine of Satan

Various scriptures

“So the great dragon was thrown out- the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.” -Revelation 12:9

In your opinion, what would you say is our biggest misunderstanding about Satan?

*He has _____ power.

*He and God are _____.

● Satan in the beginning

When it comes to understanding who Satan is, there are a wide range of opinions. Some think of him as a short, red guy, with horns and a pitch fork. Others say he’s someone who gives us another perspective of life. In looking at the Bible however, we see a clear picture of his true nature, personality and desires.

Satan: Hebrew word meaning *adversary or accuser*; Numbers 22:32; 1 Samuel 29:4; Job 1:9-11; 2:4; Zechariah 3:1-2

Historically speaking, who/what was Satan in the beginning?

Ezekiel 28:13-19

His appearance:

*The seal of _____. Ezek. 28:13

*Full of _____.

*Perfect in beauty.

*Covered in precious _____.

His ministry:

*Timbrels and pipes... Ezek. 28:14

*Guardian _____.

*Anointed and established by _____.

*Great worker...

His nature:

*Perfect in his _____. Ezek. 28:15

As you reflect on this list describing who Lucifer was, what is the most surprising and why?

What happened to Lucifer?

Supporting Scriptures Ezekiel 28:15-19; Isaiah 14:11-12

He was also called the “Shining morning _____.”

Why was he thrown out of heaven?

Because he _____ against God. Ultimately God gave Lucifer the right to choose, meaning, to serve Him from a willing heart and not by force. Notice what Lucifer says...

Isaiah 14:13-14

*I will _____ to the heavens.

*I will _____ my throne above the stars of God.

*I will _____ on the mount of the gods assembly, into the remotest part of the north.

*I will ascend above the highest clouds.

*I will _____ myself like the most high.

What does this teach us about speaking negatively against God in a prideful manner?

Supportive scripture: Matthew 15:11; Luke 10:18

Did Lucifer fall alone? _____ Revelation 12:3-9

What does this teach us about following others who rebel and speak negatively against God?

Supportive scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:33

- **Satan in the world: John 14:30**

Once God created and established everything in the world for His glory, Satan set out to oppose man as the overseer of this world. As a result, Satan and his demons are adversaries to the following:

- ✓ God's creation: Genesis 3:13; John 10:10
- ✓ God's people: 1 Peter 5:8
- ✓ God's will: 2 Timothy 2:26
- ✓ God's Word: Matthew 13:19

Although we're caught in the middle of an ongoing war between God and Satan, the good news is Satan is limited in his powers!

Can do vs. Can't do

He can...

- ✓ Tempt us: Matthew 4:3
- ✓ Deceive us: Matthew 24:24; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 11:14
- ✓ Accuse us: Revelation 12:10

He can't...

- ✓ Touch us without God's permission: Luke 22:31
- ✓ Know everything
- ✓ Create anything
- ✓ Be _____. Isaiah 40:25

There are instances when God uses Satan as an instrument to chasten or correct erring saints. Can you think of any in the Bible?

Supporting scripture: 1 John 5:18

As you reflect on what Satan can and can not do in this world, why do we give him so much credit when we sin against God?

● **Satan in the end: Revelation 20:1-3; 7-10**

This text reminds us that one day Satan's reign in the world will come to an end. He will be bound for _____ years, after this time is up he will be released. Upon his release many more will be deceived than Satan and his demons will be thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

*Believer's in Christ/Church will be raised _____ the millennium period.

*Non believer's will be raised _____ the millennium and brought before the great white throne of judgement.

How does knowing Satan's end encourage you to live out your life today?

What is one thing you learned today that you are willing to share with someone else?

“There has to be evil so that good can prove its purity above it.”