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- Since those who sin are of the devil (1John 3:8), we must:
  - Not give place to him - Eph. 4:27
  - Resist him - James 4:7

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- Satan is determined to get people to serve him.
  - He walks about as a roaring lion - 1Peter 5:8
  - He uses “wiles” (scheming) - Eph. 6:11
- We must not be ignorant of his devices - 2Cor. 2:11

# Who And What Is Satan?

- The supreme evil spirit
- The Adversary
  - Satan means “adversary”
- The old serpent
  - Rev. 12:9 - “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
  - Rev. 20:2 - “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years”

# Who And What Is Satan?

- Dragon
  - Rev. 12:7 - “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought”
- The god of this age
  - 2Cor. 4:4 - “Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them”

# Who And What Is Satan?

- The ruler of this world
  - John 12:31 - “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”
- The ruler of darkness
  - Eph. 6:12 - “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

# Who And What Is Satan?

- The accuser
  - Rev. 12:10 - “Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”
- The Devil: diabolos - “false accuser, devil, slanderer”

# Who And What Is Satan?

- A liar and the father of lies
  - John 8:44 - “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”
- A roaring, devouring lion
  - 1Peter. 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- He is accountable before God
  - Job 1:6 - “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.”
  - Job 2:1 - “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- God knows his mind
  - Job 1:8 - “Then the LORD said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- He is behind every sin committed on the earth
  - Job 1:7 - “And the LORD said to Satan, From where do you come? So Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”
  - Job 2:2 - “And the LORD said to Satan, From where do you come? So Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”
- His is an unceasing activity
  - 1Peter 5:8 - “Be sober, be vigilant”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- He is the author of most of the suffering in this world.
  - He is not the author of all of it.
- There are other reasons for the existence of suffering and sorrow in this world:
  - The chastening of the Lord (correction) - Heb. 12:5-13
  - The training of the Lord (preparing the subject) - James 1:2-3; Gen. 22
  - The teaching of the Lord (an example for others) - James 5:11
  - Time and chance (random occurrences that are part of life under the sun) - Ecc. 9:11

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- Because God is God, infinitely wiser than man
  - Job 36:22-23 - “Behold, God is exalted by His power; Who teaches like Him? 23 Who has assigned Him His way, Or who has said, 'You have done wrong'?” (Spoken by Elihu)
  - Sometimes God allows suffering to occur, and we may never receive a satisfying answer in this life. Be content to trust God.

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- Anyone who believes all suffering is a result of sin makes the same ignorant error as Job's three foolish counselors
  - Job 42:7 - “And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- He is not omniscient; he cannot see into the mind of man.
  - Job 1:9-11 - “So Satan answered the LORD and said, Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”
  - Job 2:10 - “But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- He can do nothing apart from the will of God (without permission)
  - Luke 22:31-32 - “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

# Satan Through Job's Eyes

- With approval there is limitation.
  - 1Cor. 10:13 - “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”
  - John 19:11 - “Jesus answered, You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

# Lessons:

- In spite of what Satan may do, or how we may suffer, God cares.
- We must constantly be on guard against our adversary Satan
- At the same time we must realize we can, with the help of God, overcome him