

# Job's Exposé of Satan

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## Introduction:

1. Since those who sin are of the devil (1John 3:8), we must:
  - a. Not give place to him - Eph. 4:27
  - b. Resist him - James 4:7
2. Satan is determined to get people to serve him.
  - a. He walks about as a roaring lion - 1Peter 5:8
  - b. He uses "wiles" - scheming - Eph. 6:11
  - c. We must not be ignorant of his devices - 2Cor. 2:11
3. To properly resist Satan, we must know about him and the threat he poses.
  - a. We must go to God's word to find out what he is and what he does.
  - b. Job is helpful in exposing Satan and his behaviors.

## I. WHO AND WHAT IS SATAN?

- A. The supreme evil spirit.
- B. The adversary. ("Satan," by definition means "adversary.")
- C. The old serpent - Rev. 12:9, 20:2
- D. Dragon - Rev. 12:7
- E. The god of this age - 2Cor. 4:4
- F. The ruler of this world - John 12:31
- G. The ruler of darkness - Eph. 6:12
- H. The accuser - Rev. 12:10
- I. The devil - diabolos - "false accuser, devil, slanderer"
- J. A liar and the father of lies - John 8:44
- K. A roaring, devouring lion - 1Peter. 5:8

## II. SATAN THROUGH JOB'S EYES - Job 1:6-12

- A. He is accountable before God - Job 1:6, 2:1
  1. However unwilling he may be, like all beings in existence, he is subject to Divine authority. He is compelled to render and account to God.
- B. God knows his mind - Job 1:8
  1. God is not provoking him, but rather He already knew what was on Satan's mind.
  2. God already knew that Job was on the mind of Satan, because there was no one like Job.
- C. He is behind every sin committed on the earth - Job 1:7, 2:2
  1. His is an unceasing activity - 1Peter 5:8 - "Be sober, be vigilant"
  2. 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 its existence:
    - a. The chastening of the Lord (correction) - Heb. 12:5-13
    - b. The training of the Lord (preparing the subject) - James 1:2-3
      - 1) Abraham offering Isaac - Gen. 22
    - c. The teaching of the Lord (an example for others) - James 5:11

- d. Time and chance (random occurrences that are part of life under the sun) - Ecc. 9:11
- e. Because God is God, infinitely wiser than man - Job 36:22-23
  - 1) 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.
- 3. Anyone who believes all suffering is a result of sin makes the same error as Job's three foolish counselors - Job 42:7
- D. He is not omniscient.
  - 1. He cannot see into the mind of man.
    - a. He could not see into the mind of Job - Job 1:9-11, 2:10
    - b. He thought he knew what was in Job's mind but he was mistaken and then defeated.
  - 2. God can see into the mind of man, but He is divine; Satan is not.
- E. He can do nothing apart from the will of God
  - 1. Luke 22:31-32
  - 2. Sometimes permission is granted (Job, Peter); sometimes it is refused.
- F. With approval there is limitation.
  - 1. Satan was twice limited in regard to Job.
  - 2. He is limited in regard to us - 1Cor. 10:13
  - 3. Satan has absolutely no power against anyone beyond that which God allows, much in the same way Pilate's power over Christ was only what God allowed - John 19:11

### III. LESSONS

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