

Satan: Adversary

I. Satan Is Our Mortal Enemy (Adversary)

Not merely evil, but enemy

- Adversary of every Christian
- His greatest enemy: Christ Himself
 - Gn.3:15
 - Sin brings curses
 - Serpent ♦ Seed of woman to crush head of serpent
 - First gospel promise of redemption
- From that moment: satan is adversary of Christ. 2 Co.2:5-11

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II. Distorted Views Of Satan

Illusion

- Satan is not real; don't take him seriously
- Funny creature in red suit...

Illusion

Omnipotent

- Credit him with greater power than he has
- Dualism is false

Dualism: world is ruled by antagonistic forces: **good vs evil**

- Satan is a created being, under sovereignty of God.
- He is NOT God's equal adversary.

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Omnipotent

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- Dualism is false
- No creature has attributes (qualities, characteristics) of God.

No communicable attributes
in satan. ■ 'Goodness'

No incommunicable attributes in
satan. ■ Create another God?

- Do not credit God's attributes to satan.

Illusion
Omnipotent

Omnipresent.

- Wrong! No creature is omnipresent.
 - Satan cannot be in two places at once.
 - Demonic hosts help him. Ep.6:12.

Illusion
Omnipotent
Omnipresent

Omniscient

- Wrong! If he were, he would not have crucified Jesus.
- Col.2¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

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III. What Is Satan Like?

Crafty / Subtle

- Gn.3:13 – purpose: seduce them with guile
 - Satan's question: has God said you can't eat from any tree?
 - Distortion. Could eat of all except one
 - Implication: God opposes your 'freedom'

Crafty / Subtle

Liar

- “You will not die; will be as God” – outright lie
- Jn.8:44.
 - “If you want to be free, eat this fruit!”
 - “Overthrow the dictator”
 - “Be autonomous.”

When we sin we believe his lies –
put our desires over will of God.

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Strong

- No match for God (not omnipotent) . . . but potent; stronger than we are.
- Lk.22:31-34, off guard
- 1 Pt.5:8-9, lion attack
 - Ro.12:10, this is a test
- Ja.4:7, resistance movement
 - Mt.4:1-11, the Example
 - Ep.4:26-27, the setting sun

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Strong

History of Hostility (1/3)

- Gn.3-4, first family
- Gn.6, flood
- Gn.27, Esau and Jacob
- Ex.1, Pharaoh and Israel
- Ex.32, golden calf
- 2 Sm.7, 11-12, David's extreme fall

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Strong

History of Hostility (2/3)

- 2 K.11:1ff., Athaliah
- 1 Chr.21:1ff., David numbered Israel
- Dn.8, Antiochus Epiphanes
- Mt.1-2, Herod tries to kill Jesus
- Mt.4, temptation of Jesus
- Lk.4, Nazareth

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Strong

History of Hostility (3/3)

- Lk.22:3, entered Judas
- Lk.23, crucifixion
- Jn.6:70, infiltrated his apostles
- Ac.5:3, Ananias and Sapphira
- 1 Th.2:18, satan hindered us
- Rv.2:10, cast Christians into prison

What to do?

- When satan is working double time, be in prayer overtime.