

# THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS

I. WE ARE NOT TO BE IGNORANT OF THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES – 2 Corinthians 2:10

II. THE DOWNFALL OF LUCIFER, AND THE RISE OF THE DEVIL

Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:13-14, Ephesians 6:10-13

III. WHAT IS THE DEVIL LIKE?

- A. The devil is a spiritual being.
- B. The devil is invisible.
- C. The devil is very strong. Psalm 18:17
- D. The devil can only be in one place at a time. He is not omnipresent.
- E. The devil is very smart. 1 John 4:4
- F. The devil is a talker. 1 Peter 5:8
- G. The devil is diligent. He is a hard worker.

IV. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVIL?

- A. The devil wants to stop God from fulfilling His purpose. Revelation 12:1-5
- B. The devil wants to be worshiped. He doesn't want people to worship God.  
Matthew 4:1-11, Revelation 13:4

V. THE DEVIL'S WORK AS DESCRIBED IN GOD'S WORD

- A. The devil was tempting Adam and Eve to sin. Genesis 3:1-5, 1 John 5:19
- B. The demons are promoting idol worship. Deuteronomy 32:17
- C. Satan was tempting David to sin. God was sovereignly and permissively using him to achieve His purposes. God allowed and permitted Satan to tempt David, and it was David then who chose to sin. 1Chronicles 21:1, 2Samuel 24:1-25
- D. Satan was allowed by God to hurt Job's family, livestock, and his own health. We see that God puts limits on what Satan can do. Job 1:7-12, Luke 22:31
- E. There is spiritual warfare between the good angels and bad angels. This warfare of Satan takes place in cities, nations and countries, and is also taking place in this country. Daniel 10:13, 20; Psalm 55:11

F. Satan is accusing Joshua, but the Lord is with Joshua, and then rebukes Satan. We have no power against the enemy. Zechariah 3:1, Jude 9, Luke 10:17-20

G. There is the battle between Satan and Jesus. Satan wants the Jesus to be dethroned, and then be worshiped. But Jesus wins. Matthew 4:1-11

## VI. THE DEVIL WORKS THROUGH DEMONS

A. The demons are unclean spirits. They can possess people. They are evil. They are powerful. They know who Jesus is. They are afraid of Jesus. Jesus has power over all the demons. Mark 1:21-28, Acts 19:13-16

B. The devil works through demons, who work through unsaved people. The demons are deceiving spirits, are liars, and are promoting the lies of the devil. They are usually inconspicuous and hidden. 1 Timothy 4:1-3

C. The demons work through so-called religious leaders, who are often disguised as angels of light. Matthew 23:13-15; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 11:13-15

D. Our greatest enemies aren't the Satanists or atheists, they're false religions and false churches teaching a false gospel, teaching salvation by good works, instead of by Jesus Christ. Revelation 2:9

E. Satan works in countries and cities. He works through governments, academia, Hollywood, and through corporations. Revelation 2:13, Psalm 55:11

## VII. THE DEVIL AND HIS SCHEMES – Ephesians 6:10-18

A. The devil tempts us to sin. He tries to discourage us, divide us, and get us to believe his lies. He tries to get a foothold in our lives. Ephesians 4:30

B. We need to put on the armor of God. We need to be both defensive and offensive in our fight with the enemy. Our principle and primary weapon is the word of God. John 17:17

I HAVE WRITEN TO YOUNG MEN,  
BECAUSE YOU ARE STRONG,  
AND THE WORD OF GOD ABIDES IN YOU,  
AND YOU HAVE OVERCOME THE EVIL ONE.

1 John 2:14