

# Satan, Our Enemy

## Introduction

Satan is real. He is our number one enemy. He is very dangerous! Satan's objective is to keep every person from doing God's will. The purpose of this lesson is not to scare you; rather the lesson is designed to prepare you. The more we can know about Satan, the better prepared we will be to defend ourselves. We must be vigilant!

**This lesson will help us understand Satan and teach us how to stand against him. The lesson will answer the following questions:**

- I. Who is Satan?
- II. What is the primary method of Satan?
- III. How does Satan deceive us?
- IV. How can we have victory over Satan?

## I. Who is Satan?

### **1. Matthew 13:38-39**

In these verses the devil is the \_\_\_\_\_ who sowed the tares.

### **2. I Peter 5:8**

This verse tells us to be sober and vigilant (watchful) because of our \_\_\_\_\_ the devil. This means that the devil is our opponent, or he is against us.

### **3. Ephesians 6:11-12**

From these verses we see that we need armor because we are in a spiritual battle. In this spiritual battle, our enemy is the \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 11).

#### **4. Revelation 12:9-10**

In verse 10 Satan is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the brethren.

### **In Conclusion**

We realize from these verses that Satan is our enemy, he is our adversary, and he is our opponent. He hates God and those who do the will of God. He will fight against anyone furthering the work of God.

## **II. What is the primary method of Satan?**

The first appearance of Satan in Scripture is in Genesis. Genesis is the book of foundations. One principle of Bible study is the “Principle of the First Mention.” The first mention of something in the Bible is often very revealing about the substance and character of that something. This is the case with, “that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan” (Revelation 12:9). Let’s look at his method of work.

### **1. Genesis 3:1-6, 13**

Genesis 3:1 tells us that the serpent was more \_\_\_\_\_ than any beast of the field. The word subtle means crafty, cunning, or tricky. The serpent (Satan) used his trickery to get Eve to do what he wanted her to do.

Read Genesis 2:17. What did God tell Adam would happen if he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Genesis 3:4. What did Satan tell Eve regarding the same command? \_\_\_\_\_

When God came to question Eve about her disobedience, what did Eve say that the serpent did to her? (Genesis 3:13) \_\_\_\_\_

**Beguide** means “to lead astray, to seduce, or to deceive.”

Here at the fall of man, we find the serpent beguiling or lying to Eve. From the beginning, Satan has been a deceiver!

To deceive means to cause someone to believe something that is not true. Satan is the master of deception! He is the great deceiver.

## 2. **John 8:44**

The devil is a \_ \_ \_ \_ and the father of lies. Satan uses deception to get people to believe his lies.

## 3. **Revelation 12:9**

We find in this verse that Satan is the one which  
\_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. **Revelation 20:2, 3, 7-10**

Why is Satan shut up in the bottomless pit in verse 3?

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When Satan is set free, what does he set out to do to the nations? (verse 8) \_\_\_\_\_

## **In Conclusion**

Satan's primary method is deceit. From Genesis to Revelation, the Devil is a liar and deceiver. Throughout Scripture, Satan tried to deceive mankind and thus thwart the plans of God. He is still trying to deceive mankind today, and he is very good at what he does.

### **III. How does Satan deceive us?**

#### **1. Matthew 24:11, 24**

What kind of prophets are talked about in these two verses? \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, these prophets would \_\_\_\_\_ the very elect.

#### **2. I John 4:1**

We are admonished in this verse not to believe (or trust) every spirit. Why?

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#### **3. Matthew 7:15**

We are to beware of \_\_\_\_\_ prophets.

One of the ways Satan deceives people is by using false teachers who pretend to be servants of Christ, but are actually servants of Satan.

In Matthew 7:15, these false prophets are described as "ravening wolves." ("Ravening" means "violently devouring" as an animal tearing apart its prey in order to

satisfy extreme hunger.) How are these predators disguised? \_\_\_\_\_

Not only are the words of a false prophet deceitful, but his appearance may be deceitful as well.

#### 4. II Corinthians 11:13-15

These verses teach us that Satan's ministers (false prophets) appear to be apostles of \_\_\_\_\_, and they appear to be ministers of \_\_\_\_\_. Satan himself appears to be an \_\_\_\_\_ of light.

Satan is an imitator or counterfeiter. The goal of a counterfeiter is to make a fake object appear to be the real thing. The goal is to deceive people into thinking that what they have is genuine when in reality they only possess an imitation.

Satan specializes in getting people to believe his lies. He even mixes some truth with his lies. His false prophets (many of whom are deceived themselves) might be very nice, sincere people. His false doctrines might sound good. Therefore, we must beware of Satan and how he works.

**EXAMPLE:** The book of Galatians was written by Paul to the churches in Galatia. These churches had been deceived by some who came to them preaching a false Gospel. (Read Galatians 1:6-9) Paul uses the much of the book of Galatians to convince these churches of the truth that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. (Specifically Galatians 2:16-21 & Galatians 3:1-11, 21-26) I do not believe these churches would have deliberately

chosen to forsake the truth; yet they were accepting false doctrine taught to them by false prophets who appeared to be the apostles of Christ. **THEY WERE DECEIVED.**

## **5. Ephesians 4:14**

God does not want us to remain as children, tossed about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight (fraud) of man, and cunning \_\_\_\_\_, whereby they lie in wait to \_\_\_\_\_.

Satan uses false prophets. Satan uses false appearances. Satan uses false doctrine or false teaching. As the father of lies, Satan is the author of every false doctrine taught in the world today. The false doctrines are lies meant to deceive us. This explains the great variety of religions and churches in the world today.

## **In Conclusion**

Satan is working all the time to destroy the faith of Christians. Satan uses all kinds of trickery and deceptions by perverting God's Word to make people believe that man-made doctrines are the divine truth.

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 2:11, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his \_\_\_\_\_." Satan has many devices or methods of deceit. He sends false prophets. He disguises evil as good.

Satan is a master at what he does. Those who are deceived by Satan are not even aware that they are deceived. This should cause us to be aware and watchful and motivate us to seek to know the truth and to get victory over Satan.

## IV. How can we have victory over Satan?

The answer to this question is found in Ephesians chapter 6.

### 1. Ephesians 6:11-18

What does verse 11 tell us to do that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil?

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(Notice that we must **put on** the armor. God has provided the armor we need, but we must **put it on**. Notice it also says to put on the **whole** armor; we cannot afford to be partially prepared for this battle. )

In verse 14 we are told to have our loins girt about with \_\_\_\_\_ . Knowing the truth of God protects us from the lies of Satan. It is important for us to study the Bible on our own to help us to know the truth. It is also important for us to be faithful members of a church where the truth is preached and taught clearly.

Verse 14 also tells us to have on the breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_ . Righteousness protects our heart, and draws us closer to God. God hates wickedness! We cannot have close fellowship with God while we knowingly continue in our wicked ways.

Verse 15 tells us to have our feet shod with the preparation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of peace. The Christian should always be ready and eager to go and spread the Gospel to others. We are commanded to **GO** into all the world and **PREACH THE GOSPEL** to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

Above all, we are to take the shield of \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 16)  
If we are weak in the faith, we will be vulnerable to Satan.  
Without faith it is impossible to please \_\_\_\_ (Hebrews  
11:6). We overcome temptation and persecution by our  
faith in God.

Verse 17 tells us to take the helmet of \_\_\_\_\_.  
I Thessalonians 5:8 is a parallel passage and gives us some  
more information about this piece of armor. This verse  
tells us to put on the helmet of the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.  
(See also Titus 1:2) A helmet is a vital piece of armor and  
can make the difference between life and death!

A soldier will not fight well without hope of victory.  
Having a clear understanding of what God has promised  
us gives us hope. We, who have put our faith in Jesus  
Christ for salvation, have been promised eternal life in  
Heaven. We have been promised a rescue from the fires  
of Hell. We have been promised salvation.

We cannot currently see Heaven or Hell. Yet, we can  
place our hope in the promise of God. (Read Hebrews  
6:17-19) It is impossible for God to \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 18). We  
are to \_\_\_\_\_ upon the hope set before us (verse  
18). This hope is an \_\_\_\_\_ of the soul (verse 19). It  
is the hope of our salvation, which has been promised by  
God, that we are to hold onto. This hope of salvation will  
protect us from Satan's attempts to fill our heads (minds)  
with doubt. It will protect us from despair and  
discouragement as we fight our spiritual battle.

Ephesians 6:17 tells us to take the sword of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
which is the word of \_\_\_\_\_. We have a powerful weapon



to use in our fight against Satan! The Word of God can help us to defeat our enemy and win the battle.

**EXAMPLE:** In Matthew chapter 4 Jesus was tempted by Satan. Three times Jesus responded to the temptation with the words, “It is \_\_\_\_\_.” (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10) Jesus used Scripture to resist Satan’s attacks. The Word of God is a powerful weapon! (See Hebrews 4:12)

This should challenge us to study and learn what the Word of God teaches so that we can use our spiritual sword more skillfully. We ought to also hide God’s Word in our heart so that we will be ready to use it when needed.

## 2. I Peter 5:8

Because we have an adversary - the devil, we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sober** means “To exercise self-control; to be temperate; to be serious-minded.” In other words, we are thinking clearly and we are in control of our self. We should avoid that which would cause us to make bad decisions or to be out of control—wild emotions, alcohol, etc.

**Vigilant** means “Awake, watchful, and attentive to discover and avoid danger.” We have a very real and dangerous enemy. He is not to be messed with. We are no match to fight Satan on our own. We must be watchful and careful as we go through life.

NOTE: We do not need to live our lives in fear that Satan will defeat us. Yet, we ought to respect his power and be consistent to wear the spiritual armor that God has provided for us.

### 3. II Timothy 2:3-4

As soldiers of Jesus Christ we are called upon to endure \_\_\_\_\_ . We must be willing to fight and continue even when life gets hard. We must press on through our difficulties. If we are going to stand against Satan, we must be resolved and firm in our decision to fight.

**DON'T QUIT! Keep on fighting! We are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ! (Romans 8:37) Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world! (I John 4:4) We are on the winning side!**

### CONCLUSION

Satan, our enemy, is actively trying to deceive, harm, and tempt us to prevent us from serving God. We can be prepared to face our enemy. We have spiritual armor provided by God for us to wear. We can stand against Satan because we have the ALL POWERFUL Creator of Heaven and earth on our side!

## **REVIEW – Satan, Our Enemy**

### **I. Who is Satan?**

- A. Satan is our \_\_\_\_\_ (our opponent).
- B. We are in a spiritual battle and the \_\_\_\_\_ is our enemy.
- C. Satan is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the brethren.

### **II. What is the primary method of Satan?**

A. How did Satan get Eve to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

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B. Satan is the father of \_ \_ \_ \_.

C. Satan is a master at deceiving people. What does it mean to deceive?

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### **III. How does Satan deceive us?**

A. Satan uses \_ \_ \_ \_ prophets to deceive people.

B. Satan's ministers will often appear as \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness.

C. Satan's ministers will also appear as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

D. Satan is an imitator or counterfeiter. What is the goal of a counterfeiter?

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E. We should not be \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan's devices.

### **IV. How can we have victory over Satan?**

A. God has provided spiritual \_ \_ \_ \_ for us to use in our battle against the Devil.

B. We must \_ \_ \_ on this armor.

C. We need to have our loins girt about with \_\_\_\_\_, and to have on the breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_.

- D. We need the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith, for without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please God.
- E. We need the helmet of \_\_\_\_\_. The hope of our salvation will protect us from Satan's attempts to fill our minds with \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. We need the sword of the Spirit, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. We must be vigilant because Satan seeks to destroy us. What does it mean to be vigilant?
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**Assignment:** Choose at least 2 of the following verses, memorize them, and say them to your teacher.

- II Corinthians 2:11
- I Peter 5:8
- Ephesians 6:11
- I John 4:1

**Application:** What will you do based on the truth you learned in this lesson?

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