

**Loris First Baptist Church**  
**“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”**

**Doctrine #23 - Satan: His Personality and Power**

**Note:** Most information based on pages 156-160 of the book “Major Bible Themes” by Lewis Sperry Chaffer.

**Opening Comments**

1. Satan was originally created as the highest being above all the moral creatures of God, named Lucifer, which means “morning star”.

Isaiah 14:12 “*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!”*”

2. The name “Satan” means “adversary”. Other common names for Satan include “the dragon”, “the serpent”, and “the devil” (which means “accuser”).

Revelation 12:9 “*The GREAT DRAGON was hurled down—that ANCEINT SERPENT called THE DEVIL, or SATAN, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*”

3. Though very special amongst God’s original “creations” an immeasurable gulf exists between him and the “uncreated”, self-existent, and eternal persons of the Godhead.
4. As will be presented in Doctrine#24, Satan, although originally a holy angel, fell from his holy estate and became the enemy of God and the leader of other fallen angels.

**The Personality of Satan**

Since he does not appear in corporeal (i.e. “bodily”) form, Satan’s personality, like that of the Godhead and like all the angelic host, must be accepted upon the evidence set forth in Scripture. Considering this evidence, it is revealed:

1. Satan was created as a person.
  - a. The bible clearly states as a fact that all things that are in heaven and in earth, outside of the Godhead, has been created; therefore Satan is included amongst the “created” beings.

Colossians 1:16 “*For by Him ALL THINGS WERE CREATED: THINGS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM.”*”

- b. The “time” of the creation of the angelic host is not stated beyond the fact that their creation probably “preceded” all “material things” and was itself preceded by the eternal existence of the Godhead.

Job 38:4-7 *“Where were you WHEN I LAID THE EARTH’S FOUNDATIONS? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— while the morning stars sang together and ALL THE ANGELS SHOUTED FOR JOY?”*

John 1:1-3 *“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”*

- c. Among all the heavenly host, Satan’s creation alone is mentioned in particular.

- 1) This fact suggests the supreme place which Satan holds in relation to all the invisible creatures of God.
- 2) In Ezekiel 28:11-19 there is recorded a lamentation addressed to “the king of Tyrus”:

Ezekiel 28:11-19 *“The word of the Lord came to me: ‘Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.’”*

- 3) While this may have had some partial and immediate application to a king of Tyre, it is evident that the supreme one among all the creatures of God (i.e. “Satan”) is in view:
  - a) The one here addressed was said to be the “model” (NIV) or “sum” (KJV) of “wisdom” and “perfect” in beauty, which could not possibly apply to a human being.
  - b) The King of Tyre was not in “Eden the garden of God” but we know that Satan was.

Genesis 3:1 *“NOW THE SERPENT was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree IN THE GARDEN?’”*

- 4) By divine design, Satan was originally created and anointed as a covering cherub over the holy mountain of God (v. 14), which in biblical imagery represents the throne or center of God's governing power.
- 5) Satan was originally created "blameless" (v. 15), until the "wickedness of pride" was found in him (v. 17). Thus, God did not create "Satan" to be evil; rather, Satan chose to rebel against God's design and plan for him.
- 6) Satan lost his "ordained" position in heaven as a guardian angel. He currently has access to both heaven and earth, but will eventually be banned from heaven and thrown to earth (v. 17) and then he will finally be thrown into hell by God (Revelation 20:10).

2. Satan exercises all the functions of a "person".

- a. A "person" is a unique creation of God because a person, by God's design, has three things that "non-persons" do not have:
  - 1) The Ability to Think (i.e. "Reason")
  - 2) The Ability to Feel (i.e. "Emotions")
  - 3) The Ability to Make Decisions (i.e. "Self Will")
- b. Of many Scriptures which set forth the personality of Satan, the following may be noted:
  - 1) Isaiah 14:12-17.

Isaiah 14:12-17 *"How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star (Lucifer), son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! YOU SAID IN YOUR HEART, 'I WILL ascend to heaven; I WILL raise my throne above the stars of God; I WILL sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I WILL ascend above the tops of the clouds; I WILL make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: 'Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?'"*

- a) Contemplating Satan as having completed his course and having been judged finally at the end of time, the prophet addresses him in this passage under the heavenly title of "Lucifer, son of the morning" and sees him as fallen from his primal estate and glory.
- b) His characteristic as a "person" is seen in his ability to "think" because verse 13 says that Satan "said in his heart" (i.e. "was thinking within himself").
- c) His characteristic as a "person" is also seen in his ability to choose his "own will" (vv. 13-14) against the will of God (v. 15).

2) Genesis 3:1-15, the account of Satan's temptation of Eve and Adam in the garden.

- a) By the events recorded in this passage, Satan gains the title of "Serpent," for through the serpent he appeared to Adam and Eve.
- b) Every word here spoken by Satan to Eve and Satan's design revealed are evidence of Satan's personality.

2 Corinthians 11:3 "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived BY THE SERPENT'S CUNNING, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, FOR SATAN HIMSELF MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve."

Revelation 12:9-10 "The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, WHO LEADS THE WHOLE WORLD ASTRAY. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, WHO ACCUSES THEM before our God day and night, has been hurled down.'"

Revelation 12:12 "Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! HE IS FILLED WITH FURY (i.e. "hostile emotions"), because he knows that his time is short."

Revelation 20:2-3 "He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, TO KEEP HIM FROM DECEIVING THE NATIONS anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time."

3) Job 1:6-12; 2:1-13.

Job 1:6-12 "One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and SATAN ALSO CAME WITH THEM. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'FROM ROAMING THROUGH THE EARTH and going back and forth in it.' Then the Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.' 'Does Job fear God for nothing?' Satan replied. 'Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.' THEN SATAN WENT OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD."

- a) Scriptures in Job reveal that Satan currently has access to God. This is confirmed elsewhere in Scripture.

Luke 22:31 *“Simon, Simon, SATAN HAS ASKED to sift you as wheat.”*

Revelation 12:10 *“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, WHO ACCUSES THEM BEFORE OUR GOD DAY AND NIGHT, has been hurled down.’”*

- b) Scriptures in Job also reveal that Satan currently has access to harm mankind. This is also confirmed elsewhere in Scripture.

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking FOR SOMEONE TO DEVOUR.”*

Ephesians 6:10-12 *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against THE DEVIL’S SCHEMES. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL in the heavenly realms.”*

NOTE: There is no mention in Scripture of a warfare by Satan against the “unregenerate”: they are his own and therefore under his authority.

John 8:44 *“You belong to your father, the devil, and YOU WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR FATHER’S DESIRES..”*

Ephesians 2:1-2 *“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world AND OF THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR (i.e. “Satan”), the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”*

1John 5:19 *“We know that we are children of God, and THAT THE WHOLE WORLD IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EVIL ONE.”*

- c) Through the Scriptures in Job, we see that Satan displays all the characteristics of a person because He thinks, talks, accuses, attacks, and schemes as he tries to impose his own will against that of God who created him.

4) Luke 4:1-13.

Luke 4:1-13 “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to Him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, ‘I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I CAN GIVE IT TO ANYONE I WANT TO. SO IF YOU WORSHIP ME, IT WILL BE YOURS.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down from here. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ Jesus answered, ‘It says: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.”

- a) Again the personality of Satan is revealed when in the wilderness he comes into conflict with the Son of God—the last Adam.
- b) He who purposed to become like the Most High (Isa. 14:14), and who recommended this purpose to the first man and woman (Gen. 3:5), is now seen offering all his earthly possessions to Christ if only He will worship him.
- c) This proffered authority and power which Christ refused will yet be received and administered by the Man of Sin, the Anti-Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10 “And then THE LAWLESS ONE (i.e. “the Antichrist”) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of THE LAWLESS ONE will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”

1 John 4:3 “but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”

Revelation 13:1-2 “And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. THE DRAGON (i.e. “Satan”) GAVE THE BEAST (i.e. “Antichrist”) HIS POWER AND HIS THRONE AND GREAT AUTHORITY.”

## The Power of Satan

Though morally fallen and now judged in the Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col. 2:15), Satan has not lost his position, and he has lost but little of his power. His power both as to personal strength and authority is disclosed in two forms.

1. His personal strength cannot be estimated.
  - a. According to Satan's own declaration, which Christ did not deny, he has power over the kingdoms of this world, which kingdoms he said were delivered unto him, and which power he bestows on whom he will.

Luke 4:5-7 *"The devil led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to Him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME, and I CAN GIVE IT TO ANYONE I WANT TO. SO IF YOU WORSHIP ME, IT WILL BE YOURS.'"*

- b. Satan was said to have had the power of death because of the sin of Adam, but Christ took back the power over death from Satan by gaining victory through the cross.

Hebrews 2:14 *"Since the children have flesh and blood, He (i.e. Jesus Christ) too shared in their humanity so that by His death HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM WHO HOLDS THE POWER OF DEATH—that is, THE DEVIL..."*

Revelation 1:18 *"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I HOLD THE KEYS OF DEATH and Hades."*

- c. With God's permission, Satan had the power over sickness in the case of Job.

Job 2:7 *"So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and AFFLICTED JOB WITH PAINFUL SORES from the soles of his feet to the top of his head."*

- d. If permission had been granted by God, Satan had the power to sift Peter as wheat in a sieve.

Luke 22:31 *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked TO SIFT YOU AS WHEAT."*

1 Corinthians 5:5 *"hand this man over to Satan, SO THAT THE SINFUL NATURE MAY BE DESTROYED and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord."*

NOTE: Satan's power and authority are exercised always and only within the permissive will of God.

- e. Satan, according to Scriptures, is said to have weakened the nations, to have made the earth to tremble, to have shaken kingdoms, to have made the earth a wilderness, destroying the cities thereof, and not to have opened the house of his prisoners (see Isaiah 14:12-17).

- f. Even powerful angels are very careful to not carelessly “contend” with the evil one.

Jude 9 *“But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’”*

- g. The child of God can have victory over Satan but “only” through the power of the Spirit and the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 6:10-13 *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL’S SCHEMES. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND YOUR GROUND, and after you have done everything, to stand.”*

1 John 4:4 *“You, dear children, are from God and HAVE OVERCOME THEM, because THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN the one who is in the world.”*

Revelation 12:10-11 *“...For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”*

## 2. Satan is aided by demons.

- a. Satan’s power is increased by the innumerable host of demons who do his will and serve him.

Mark 5:8-9 *“For Jesus had said to him, ‘Come out of this man, YOU EVIL SPIRIT!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ ‘My name is Legion,’ he replied, ‘FOR WE ARE MANY.’”*

- b. Though Satan is NOT omnipresent, omnipotent, or omniscient, through the wicked spirits he is in touch with the whole world.
- c. They are capable of indwelling and controlling animals as well as men and apparently desire to be possessed of physical bodies.

Mark 5:2-5, 11-13 *“When Jesus got out of the boat, A MAN WITH AN EVIL SPIRIT came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones... A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, ‘Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.’ He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and WENT INTO PIGS. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.”*



Matthew 12:43-45 “*WHEN AN EVIL SPIRIT COMES OUT OF A MAN, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and THEY GO IN AND LIVE THERE. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.”*

- d. Sometimes demons merely influence men and in other cases actually possess them so that men’s physical bodies as well as their speech are controlled by the demons.

Matthew 4:24 “*News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to Him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, THE DEMON-POSSESSED, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and He healed them.*”

Matthew 8:16 “*When evening came, many who were DEMON-POSSESSED were brought to Him, and He DROVE OUT THE SPIRITS with a word and healed all the sick.*”

Matthew 9:32 “*While they were going out, A MAN WHO WAS DEMON-POSSESSED and could not talk was brought to Jesus.*”

Matthew 12:22 “*Then they brought Him A DEMON-POSSESSED MAN who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.*”

Mark 1:32 “*That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and DEMON-POSSESSED.*”

Luke 8:36 “*Those who had seen it told the people how THE DEMON-POSSESSED MAN had been cured.*”

Acts 8:7 “*With shrieks, EVIL SPIRITS CAME OUT OF MANY, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.*”

Acts 16:16 “*Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl WHO HAD A SPIRIT by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.*”

NOTE: While mental disorders may be due to physical causes, unquestionably some forms of insanity are due to demon control.

- e. Like Satan, they are totally evil and malicious and affect those they control in this way.

Matthew 8:28 “*When He arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, TWO DEMON-POSSESSED MEN coming from the tombs met Him. They were SO VIOLENT THAT NO ONE COULD PASS THAT WAY.”*

Matthew 10:1 “*He called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out EVIL SPIRITS and to heal every disease and sickness.*”

Mark 9:17-18 “A man in the crowd answered, ‘Teacher, I brought you my son, who is POSSESSED BY A SPIRIT that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, IT THROWS HIM TO THE GROUND. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.’”

Luke 9:38-39 “A man in the crowd called out, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; IT THROWS HIM INTO CONVULSIONS so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and IS DESTROYING HIM.”

Acts 19:13-16 “Some Jews who went around DRIVING OUT EVIL SPIRITS tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon–possessed. They would say, ‘In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.’ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, ‘Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, BUT WHO ARE YOU? Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. HE GAVE THEM SUCH A BEATING THAT THEY RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE BLEEDING AND NAKED.”

- f. In numerous cases Demon show that they know Jesus Christ to be God and, like Satan, know they are destined to be condemned by Him to eternal punishment.

Matthew 8:28-29 “When He arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon–possessed men coming from the tombs met Him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. ‘WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, SON OF GOD?’ they shouted. ‘Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?’”

Mark 1:23-24 “Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ‘WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the HOLY ONE OF GOD!”

Acts 19:15 “One day the evil spirit answered them, ‘JESUS I KNOW, and I know about Paul, but who are you?’”

James 2:19 “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”

- g. Demon influence may lead to false religion, asceticism, and unbelief.

2Thessalonians 2:9-11 “The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with THE WORK OF SATAN displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that DECEIVES THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING. They perish because THEY REFUSED TO LOVE THE TRUTH and so be saved.”

1Timothy 4:1-3 “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and FOLLOW DECEIVING SPIRITS AND THINGS TAUGHT BY DEMONS. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.”

- h. Satan and Demons can try to “deceive” or “defeat” believers with schemes, lies, and temptations; however, believers can NOT be possessed by them, since, they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

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Romans 8:9 *“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, IF THE SPIRIT OF GOD LIVES IN YOU. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, HE DOES NOT BELONG TO CHRIST.”*

### **Final Comments about Satan’s Personality and Power**

1. Although Satan (i.e. “man’s adversary”), the Devil (i.e. “man’s accuser”), “masquerades” as an angel of light (1Corinthians 11:14), he is not just an evil thought, an evil force, or the “personification” of all evil. He is a person with the ability to think, to feel, and make decisions.
2. Satan was originally created by God as a “blameless” chief guardian cherub named “Lucifer”. He only became an “evil” being when he became “proud” and tried to overthrow God from His throne.
3. Although Satan will eventually be cast into the “lake of fire” by Jesus Christ, he currently has access to both earth and heaven where he travels back and forth.
  - a. On earth he works with his vast host of fallen angels (i.e. “demons”) to “tempt” believers and “deceive” non-believers to keep mankind from obeying the gospel or wanting to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - b. In heaven, he constantly accuses mankind of everything evil they are doing to try and “tempt” God to destroy mankind and/or regret saving His children.
4. Satan is extremely “powerful”, but His schemes can be “resisted” (James 4:7) and “defeated” (Ephesians 6:10-17) by believers who draw near to God, who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and who put on the full armor of God. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit also prevents believers from being “possessed” by Satan and/or demons.

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1. Read Pages 1-11 from the Doctrine#23 Study Guide by next Wednesday.
2. Answer the following Questions about “Satan” as you read:

**a. Opening Comments**

- 1) What was Satan’s “original name” given to him by God? (page 1, top; Isaiah 14:12)
  
- 2) What does the name Satan “mean”? (page 1, top)
  
- 3) Satan is commonly called by another name which means “accuser”. What is this name?  
(page 1, top)
  
- 4) True or False. Although originally created as an angel, Satan evolved into one of the most powerful creatures in the universe with abilities that are almost equal to that of the Trinity.  
(page 1, middle)
  
- 5) True or False. Satan was originally created by God to be evil so that he could be used by God to tempt man in the garden and provide an enemy that would scare mankind to want to be saved.  
(page 1, middle)

**b. The Personality of Satan**

- 1) True or False. Satan is a real person and not just an evil “thought” or man’s personification of evil.  
(page 1, bottom)

- 2) Who created “Lucifer”, who later became known as Satan? (Colossians 1:16; John 1:1-3)
  
- 3) True or False. Satan is the only angel in the Bible in which his creation is specifically mentioned.  
(page 2, middle; Ezekiel 28:11-19)
  
- 4) In Ezekiel 28:11-19, what king was lamented as a “metaphor” for Satan? (page 2, bottom)
  
- 5) What was Satan originally created to be and do? (page 3, top; Ezekiel 28:14)
  
- 6) What was the original sin that was “found” to be in the heart of Satan? (page 3, top; Ezekiel 28:15)
  
- 7) True or False. The moment Satan rebelled against God, he was kicked out of heaven and was thrown immediately into Hell where he currently reigns as king. (page 3, top)
  
- 8) What are the three characteristics that constitutes a “person” that Scriptures confirm Satan displays?  
(page 3, middle; see also Isaiah 14:12-17; 2Corinthians 11:3, 13-15; Revelation 12:9-12)
  
- 9) What is a “title” given to Satan because of how he appeared to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden?  
(page 4, top; see also Genesis 3:1-15; 2Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 20:2)
  
- 10) What “emotion” is expressed by Satan in Revelation 12:12 which is one of the Scriptural proofs he is a  
“person” and not just the “idea” of evil?

- 11) True or False. Satan is currently either roaming throughout the earth tempting and trying to destroy man with evil or he is standing in the presence of God accusing mankind of sin. (Job 1:6-12, 2:1-13; Revelation 12:10)
  
- 12) True or False. There is no mention in Scripture of Satan making “warfare” against “un-saved” (i.e. “unregenerate”) people, because they are actually already under his influence and evil domain. (page 5, middle; see also John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1-2; 1John 5:19)
  
- 13) According to 1John 5:19, who is the whole world (i.e. “all lost people”) under the control of?
  
- 14) When Satan offered Jesus all the “power” and “authority” over all of the nations, Jesus refused it. What are the given “titles” of the man who will “worship” Satan and actually accept this power and authority from him? (page 6, middle; see also 2Thessalonians 2:8-10; 1John 4:3; Revelation 13:1-2)

### **c. The Power of Satan**

- 1) True or False. The reason Jesus Christ did not worship Satan in order to gain “authority” over all the kingdoms of the world, is because Jesus knew that Satan did not actually have any power over the nations of the earth. (page 7, top; Luke 4:5-7)
  
- 2) What is something that Satan had “power over” because of the sin of Adam, that Jesus Christ took back from Satan because of His victory through the cross? (page 7, middle; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 1:18)
  
- 3) True or False. Currently, Satan has the power on the earth to make anyone “sick” and/or “sift” any man, woman, or child he chooses. (page 7, middle-bottom; Job 2:1-13; Luke 22:31)

- 4) True or False. Even powerful archangels like “Michael” are very careful to “contend” with Satan.  
(page 8, top; Jude 9)
  
- 5) What is the only way that a child of God can have victory over Satan? (page 8, top; Revelation 12:11)
  
- 6) According to 1John 4:4, believers can overcome Satan because we have “what” that is greater than him?  
(page 8; top)
  
- 7) What does Paul warn believers to “put on” in order to withstand the “schemes” of Satan and all of the evil forces on this earth? (Ephesians 6:10-13)
  
- 8) True or False. Satan can wreak havoc all over the earth, while also standing in the presence of God accusing His children of sin, because Satan has “God-like” powers of being in multiple places all at the exact same time. (page 8, middle; Mark 5:8-9)
  
- 9) True or False. Demons are “fallen angels” who are under the leadership of Satan to do his will.  
(page 8, middle-bottom)
  
- 10) True or False. Demons prefer to indwell “bodies” while they are on the earth and will “possess” human or animal bodies. (page 8, bottom; Mark 5:2-13; Matthew 12:43-45)
  
- 11) True or False. It is only possible for a person to be possessed by one demon at a time.  
(Mark 5:2-13; Matthew 12:43-45)

- 12) True or False. All sicknesses, paralysis, mental illnesses, and seizures are caused by demon possession. (page 9, middle-bottom)
- 13) True or False. When demons possess a person, they can give that person supernatural strength and/or make that person mutilate their own body. (Matthew 8:28; Mark 9:17-18; Luke 9:38-39)
- 14) True or False. Demons know who Jesus Christ is and that He is the one who will one day sentence them to eternal punishment. (page 10, middle; Matthew 8:28-29; Mark 1:23-24; Acts 19:15)
- 15) What does Satan use as a part of modern day “religion” to “deceive” people who refuse to believe the spoken gospel of Jesus Christ? (2Thessalonians 2:9-11)
- 16) According to 1 Timothy 4:1-3, the bible says in the “later times” even some “believers” will abandon their simple faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ and begin doing what?
- 17) True or False. Even true believers in Jesus Christ must always be on their guard to protect themselves from being “possessed” by demons. (page 11, top)
- 18) What is something the “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit assures a “believer” when it comes to “demons”? (page 11, top; 1John 4:4; Matthew 12:43-45; Romans 8:9)
- 19) According to Matthew 12:43-45, what does Jesus say can happen to a person when an evil spirit finds that person’s “house” (i.e. “heart”) “unoccupied” (i.e. “not indwelt by God, the Holy Spirit”)?



**d. Final Comments about Satan's Personality and Power**

- 1) According to 1Corinthians 11:14, Satan can “masquerade” as an angel of “what”?
  
- 2) According to Revelation 20:10, where will Satan eventually be thrown into?
  
- 3) True or False. According to James 4:7, all you have to do to get Satan to “flee” from you is “resist” him with all of your strength.
  
- 4) True or False. According to Jude 9, since Jesus Christ has defeated him at the cross, Satan is really not that “scary” or “powerful” now. Therefore, a believer should not be afraid to make “fun” of him, “dress up” like him, or play around with demonic devices (i.e. “Ouija boards”, “Tarrot Cards”, “Crystals”, etc.).