

KNOWING THE ENEMY

II Cor. 2:5-11



1 → Satan Is A Real Being.

- *The unbelieving view:*
 - Satan is an imaginary figure, personification of evil, product of superstition, anti-intellectualism, invention of preachers, or just a cartoonish type character.
- The word of God:
 - Satan is a personal being with personal names, pronouns, actions, interactions and descriptions.
 - **Matt. 4:3** → "and when the tempter came to him, he said...



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– The word of God:

- Names for Satan:

- **Devil** (36 x in N.T.) Slanderer, accuser.
» Matt. 4:1,5,8,11; Cf. Gen. 1; Job 3.
- **Satan** (33x in N.T.) Adversary, opponent.
- **Adversary** (I Pet. 5:8) Enemy.
- **Serpent** (II Cor. 11:3) Cunning, crafty.
- **Wicked One** (Matt. 13:19) Evil, bad.
- **Father of lies, murderer** (Jn. 8:44)
- **god of this world** (II Cor. 4:4)
- **Tempter** (Matt. 4:3)
- **Cf. also Rev. 12:9**



2 → Satan's Origin...

- The Devil is not Deity. (**James 1:13**)
- All things were created by God. (**Col. 1:16**)
- All that God created was good. (**Gen. 1:31**)
- Satan must have fallen from a state of "good".
 - The devil sinneth from the beginning. (**I Jn. 3:8**)
 - N.T. passages speak of fallen angels:
 - **II Pet. 2:4** → God spared not the angels that sinned...
 - **Jude 6** → Angels which kept not their first estate...
 - Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. (**Matt. 25:41**)
 - Not Lucifer of **Isa. 14:12**.
 - (cf. 13:1,17,14:4, etc.)



3→ Satan's Evil Work...

- *Satan In Eden.* (Gen. 3)
 - Satan lies, twists God's word and accuses God to Eve. (Gen. 3:1-7)
 - Satan appeals to the lusts of the flesh, eyes and pride of life. (Gen. 3:6)
 - Satan brings separation into the world.
 - Separation from God.
 - Conflict between themselves.
 - Spiritual death upon the sinners and physical death to all the world.



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- *Satan's Attack on Job.*

- Accuses Job to God. (*Job. 1:9-11*)
- We see the pain, loss, and estrangement that is brought on by the devil.
- We see that God will allow us to face fiery trials, but will not allow us be tested beyond our power to endure. (*I Pet. 1:7-9; I Cor. 10:13*)
- The truly malicious, malevolent, nature of Satan.



3→ Satan's Evil Work...

- *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.*
(Matt. 4:1-11)
 - The tempter. *(4:1,3)*
 - The appeal to lusts of flesh, eyes, pride of life.
(4:3,5,8-9)
 - The misuse of scripture by Satan. *(4:6)*
 - Jesus response with "it is written". *(4:4,7,10)*
 - The humanity of Jesus -- he was tempted in all points as we are. *(Heb. 4:15)*
 - Satan's failure to thwart God's plan of bringing a perfect sacrifice for our sins.
 - *(I Pet. 2:21-24)*



4 → Satan's Ultimate Purpose

- **Rev. 12:17** → 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- **I Pet. 5:8** → 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:



4 → Overcoming The Devil

- "It is written" (*Matt. 4:4,7,10; Ps. 119:11*)
- "Put on the whole armor of God. (*Eph. 6:10-11*)
- **Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. (*Matt. 26:41*)**
- "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." *Rev. 12:11*)

