

KNOWING OUR ENEMY

Understanding His Strategies – Resisting His Attacks

Part 4: Fighting the Devil



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Introduction:

I. CHRIST'S CONQUEST OF SATAN (Colossians 2:9-10, 13-15)

Exposition:

- “He is the head over all rule and authority” (vs. 12)
- “canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us” (vs. 14)
- “disarmed the rulers and authorities” (vs. 15a)
- “He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him” (vs. 15b)

Observations:

Satan's activity directed at unbelievers:

- 1) blinds the mind (II Cor. 4:4)
- 2) snatches away the seed (Matt. 13:19)
- 3) confuses by sowing tares (Matt. 13:39)
- 4) possesses their bodies (Matt. 8:28)
- 5) produces physical sickness and mental derangement (Matt. 28:; Mk. 5:2-5)
- 6) appears as an angel of light to deceive (II Cor. 11:14)
- 7) can enter into a man (Lk. 22:3)
- 8) deceives nations (Rev. 20:6)
- 9) deceives nation's leaders through miracles (Rev. 16:14)
- 10) speaks as a lying spirit through prophets (II Ki. 22:22)
- 11) produces apostasy through the teaching of demons (I Tim. 4:1)

Satan's activity directed at believers:

- 1) a believer may “give place” to the devil (Eph. 4:27)
- 2) Satan may fill the heart to lie (Acts 5:3)
- 3) Satan wants to “sift” the believer (Lk. 22:31-32)
- 4) Satan may attack a believer physically, materially, or spiritually (Job 1:2)
- 5) he may be the target of “fiery darts” (Eph. 6:16)
- 6) he is the object of Satan's wiles (Eph. 6:11)
- 7) he must wrestle against evil powers (Eph. 6:12)
- 8) Satan would “devour” believers (I Pet. 5:8)
- 9) Satan takes advantage of an unforgiving spirit (II Cor. 2:5-11)
- 10) a believer may be ensnared by the devil (I Tim. 3:7; II Tim. 2:26)
- 11) Satan tempts a believer through a lack of wisdom (I Cor. 7:5)
- 12) he induces pride and condemnation through poor church administration (I Tim. 3:6)
- 13) gains the advantage because of a believer's ignorance (II Cor. 2:11)
- 14) Satan accuses the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
- 15) corrupts the mind (II Cor. 11:3)
- 16) destroys the flesh (I Cor. 5:5)
- 17) hinders the believer's purpose and work (I Thess. 2:18)

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S PREPARATION FOR BATTLE (Ephesians 6:10-17)

Exposition:

- “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might” (vs. 10)
- “Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.” (vs. 11)
- “our struggle is...against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (vs. 12)
- “girdle, breastplate, sandals, shield, helmet” (vs. 14-17)
- “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (vs. 17)

Observations:

- Satan has always been an inveterate schemer.
- *Sola scriptura* was the battle cry of the Reformation.

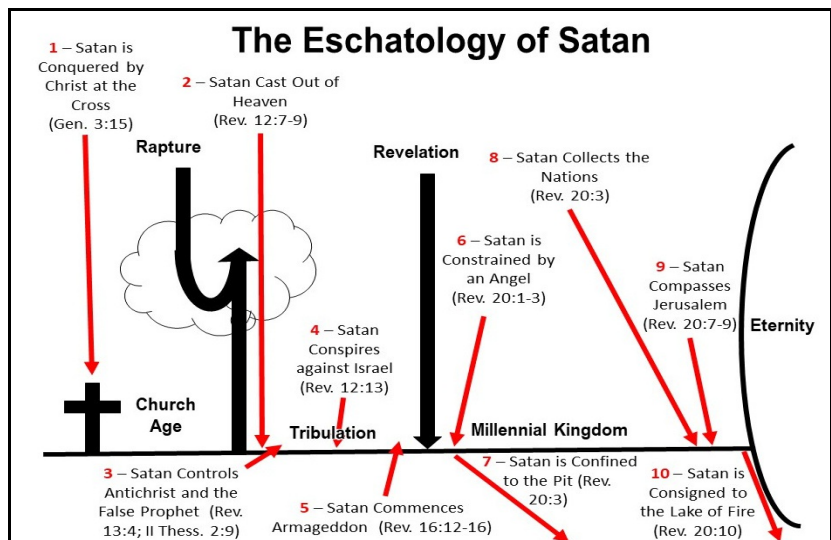
III. SATAN'S FINAL DESTINY (Revelation 20:1-10)

Exposition:

- “an angel...holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand” (vs. 1)
- “he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan” (vs. 2)
- “bound him for a thousand years and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer” (vs. 2-3)
- “after these things he must be released for a short time” (vs. 3)
- “when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison” (vs. 7)
- “will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth” (vs. 8)
- “the number of them is like the sand of the seashore” (vs. 8)
- “fire came down from heaven and devoured them” (vs. 9)
- “the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also” (vs. 10)
- “and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (vs. 10)

Observations: The judgments of Satan:

- 1) barred from the mountain of God (Ezek. 28:16)
- 2) judged in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:14-15)
- 3) condemned at the cross of Calvary (Jn. 12:31; 16:11)
- 4) driven from heaven during the tribulation period (Rev. 12:7-13)
- 5) confined to the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:2)
- 6) consigned to the lake of fire (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:14)



Conclusion:

- 1) Resolve to overcome the present, evil world by faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2) Resolve to defeat the flesh in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Resolve to resist the devil with the Word of God.