



Satan's Devices

2 Cor. 2:11

Satan

- Like a roaring lion
- Serpent
- Murderer
- Father of lies
- Deceives the whole world
- The devil
- Tempter
- Accuser of our brethren
- Destroyer
- Enemy
- Evil one
- Prince of the power of the air
- Great dragon
- “transformed into an angel of light”

Satan: adversary, “the prince of evil spirits”

Devil: *diabolos* (diabolical): Slanderous, accusing falsely

- Thayer

- Slandered God to man – Gen. 3:1-4
- Slandered man to God – Job. 1:8-12

Origin of Satan

- Many questions are left unanswered
- Where did Satan *not* come from?
 - Lucifer – Isa. 14:12
 - Luke 10:18 – Satan
 - Matt. 12:27-29 – Strong man
 - Rev. 12:7-10 – War in heaven
 - These passages cannot be used to prove the origin of Satan

Origin of Satan

- Must have been created – Col. 1:16-17
 - If not, then eternal (deity) – entEph. 4:4-6
 - Opposite of God?
 - 3 Omnis – 1 John 4:4
- Must have been created good
 - God is truth – Tit. 1:2; Jn. 8:44
 - God does not tempt us – Jas. 1:13; Matt. 4:3

How Satan Works

- Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life
 - Eve – Gen. 3:1-7
 - Jesus – Matt. 4:1-11
- Uses things that are good
 - Money – necessary for life
 - Marriage – instituted by God
 - Leadership – part of God's plan
 - Others – sports, food, music, our bodies

How Satan Works

- Uses pleasure
 - But pleasure is fleeting – Heb. 11:25
- Uses peer pressure – John 12:42-43
 - Evil influences – 1 Cor. 15:33; Eph. 2:1-3
- Uses false teachers, prophets, apostles, gods, etc.
 - These are deceptions (and deceivers)
 - The father of lies uses liars – John 8:44
 - Disguises himself as good – 2 Cor. 1:13-15

“The louder he talked of his honor,
the faster we counted our spoons.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

How To Overcome Satan

- Through Christ who lives in me
 - Gal. 2:20; 1 John 4:4
- Open your eyes; be watchful
 - 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 5:15-16
- Resist Satan – draw near to God
 - Jas. 4:7-8; 1 Pet 5:8-9
- Don't give him an opportunity
 - Eph. 4:27 – context of lying, anger, and stealing
- Put on the whole armor of God
 - Eph. 6:10-18

How To Overcome Satan

- Use God's way of escape
 - 1 Cor. 10:13
- Run! Flee!
 - 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 6:18 (Gen. 39)