

What We Need To Know About Satan

Matthew 4:1-11

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Matthew 4:1-11, *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.* ² *After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.* ³ *The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."* ⁴ *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* ⁵ *Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.* ⁶ *"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"* ⁷ *Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"* ⁸ *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.* ⁹ *"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."* ¹⁰ *Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"* ¹¹ *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

Satan – Accuser or Adversary

Quotes About Satan

- "There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second is claimed by God, and counter-claimed by Satan."
–C.S. Lewis
- 'The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist.'
–Charles Baudelaire

- "There are two great forces, God's force of good and the devil's force of evil, and I believe Satan is alive and he is working, and he is working harder than ever, and we have many mysteries that we don't understand."
–Billy Graham
- "I believe Satan exists for two reasons: first, the Bible says so, and second, I've done business with him."
–D.L. Moody

What the Bible Says About Satan

1. He's a Liar

John 8:44a, *"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires."*

2. Former Angel Kicked Out of Heaven

Revelation 12:7-9, *Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.* ⁸ *But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.* ⁹ *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.*

3. Accuser of the Brethren

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 Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."*

4. He's the Father of All Lies

John 8:44b, *"When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

5. Author of Sin

1 John 3:8, *The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

6. He Seeks to Devour

1 Peter 5:8, *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

7. He Has a Strategy

2 Corinthians 2:11b, *For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

8. He Waits at the Door

Genesis 4:7, *"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."*

9. He Has a Game Plan to Destroy

Ephesians 6:11, *Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

10. He Asks Questions to Confuse

Adam & Eve

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'?"*

11. He Steals the Word of God

Mark 4:3-7, *"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain."*

12. He Keeps People in Bondage

Luke 13:16, *"Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"*

13. He Oppresses People

Acts 10:38, *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."*

14. He is a Murderer

1 John 3:12, *Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brothers were righteous.*

15. He Tempts with Skill

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.*

16. He Does Counterfeit Signs and Wonders

2 Thessalonians 2:9, *The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie.*

17. He Disguises Himself

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, *For such people are false Apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.*

18. He Fights Against the Spread of the Gospel

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18, *But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. ¹⁸For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way.*

In case you missed it...

Answers:

1. Liar
2. Kicked
3. Accuser
4. Lies
5. Sin
6. Devour
7. Strategy
8. Door
9. Game Plan
10. Confuse
11. Steals
12. Bondage
13. Oppresses
14. Murderer
15. Skill
16. Signs
17. Disguises
18. Gospel