

THE DEVIL AND HIS WORK

The Prince Of This World
John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Ephesians 2:2

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The Names Of Satan

Satan (*satan*): Matthew 4:1, 10
"adversary; the prince of evil spirits, the inveterate adversary of God and of Christ" (Thayer).

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Devil (*diabolos*) "prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely; false accuser; Satan, the prince of demons, the author of evil, persecuting good men" (Thayer). Matthew 4:1

Examples:

Job 1:9-11

- Satan accused Job of serving God out of selfish motives.
- Satan accused Job of being weak and that he would not serve the Lord if he were in pain (2:1-7).

John 6:70 – Judas – "One of you is a devil." (Just like the devil.)

- The devil accuses every Christian. Revelation 12:9-10
- The devil accuses God. cf. Genesis 3:4-5

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The Adversary. (*antidikos*) 1 Peter 5:8 "An opponent in a suit at law; devil ... because he accuses men before God" (Thayer).

Tempter (*peirazo*) (Matthew 4:3), "to test one maliciously, craftily to put to the proof his feelings or judgment, Matthew 16:1; 19:3; 22:18, 35; to try or test one's faith, virtue, character, by enticement to sin; hence; to solicit to sin, to tempt; James 1:13" (Thayer).

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Beelzebub (*beelzeboul*) (Matthew 12:24) "Lord of dung or of filth, i.e. of idolatry" ... "Lord of flies, a false god of the Ekronites (2 Kings 1:2) having the power to drive away troublesome flies, and think the Jews transferred the name to Satan in contempt." (Thayer)

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The enemy (*echthros*) (Matthew 13:39) "The hostile one; i.e. the most bitter enemy of the divine government" (Thayer).

Belial (*belial*) "worthlessness, wickedness; a name for Satan 2 Corinthians 6:15" (Thayer).

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The "god of this world" (*theos tou aionos*)

2 Corinthians 4:4

- ▣ "World" (*aionos*): Age, referring to an age or time in contrast to *kósmos*, referring to people or space. Denotes duration or continuance of time" (Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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Prince of the power of the air

(Ephesians 2:2):

- ▣ "Air" (*aeros*) is defined as used in Ephesians 2:2 indicates the "ruler of the powers (spirits) in the air, i.e. the devil, the prince of the demons that according to Jewish opinion fill the realm of the air" (Thayer).

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Prince of the world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11):

- ▣ *kosmos* is used in connection with the realm of the Devil. *kosmos* is used in connection with the above passages as "the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, therefore hostile to the cause of Christ" (Thayer).
- ▣ The devil is therefore the spiritual father of all those who reject the authority of Jesus Christ (John 8:44; cf. 1 Corinthians 5:4-5).

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Father of lies and liars (John 8:44):

- ▣ "Father" as it is used in John 8:44 as, "the originator and transmitter of anything ... one who has infused his own spirit into others, who actuates and governs their minds." (Thayer)
- ▣ The governing powers of Satan are produced through lies. He lied to Eve and he lies to us today.

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The deceiver (Revelation 12:9):

- ▣ "To cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way" (Thayer)
cf. Galatians 1:6 and Ephesians 4:14-15

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The destroyer (*apollyon*) (Revelation 9:11):

- ▣ "In Rev 9:11 *Apollyon* is a translation and personification of the Hebrew and means Destroyer (usually seen as a play on Apollo, the god of pestilence, who was regarded as the god of the empire and had the locust as his creature)." (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament)
- ▣ The devil is one who is out to ruin man spiritually through his lies, deceptions and temptations that he may truly be the god of your life.
- ▣ Indeed he is "the evil one" (1 John 2:13).

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- The dragon or serpent** (Revelation 12:3-17):
- ▣ "A figurative term for the devil" (AG).

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The Work Of Satan - 1 Peter 5:8

- ▣ Tempt you to sin that you might be separated from God - DEATH. cf. 1 John 2:15ff; cf. 1 Corinthians 7:5
- ▣ **He is crafty.** 2 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 6:11
 - May fashion himself into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:10-15
 - May work through false religion or false teachers. 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 2:1; Galatians 2:4
 - Snatches the word from your heart. Matthew 13:19
 - Blinds the minds of unbelievers. 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - Makes you think you are right. Matthew 7:21-23
 - Creates doubt. Genesis 3:1-6

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The Work Of Christ And The Work Of Satan

LIFE

- ▣ Speaks divine truth. Hebrews 1:1-2
- ▣ Offered himself as a sacrifice. Hebrews 8:3; Matthew 26:26
- ▣ Makes propitiation for sins. Hebrews 2:17; Romans 3:23ff
- ▣ Tempted in order to help. Hebrews 2:18; 4:16

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The Work Of The Church And The Work Of Satan

LIFE

- ▣ Pillar and ground of the truth. 1 Timothy 3:15
- ▣ Preaches the saving gospel. Philippians 1:3-5; 4:15; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9
- ▣ Builds up. Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Acts 11:26
- ▣ Provides physically. Acts 4:32; 6:1; Romans 15:25-26

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The Work Of The Christian And The Work Of Satan

LIFE

- ▣ Preach saving gospel to the lost. 2 Timothy 2:2
- ▣ Test the spirits. 1 John 4:1
- ▣ Watch and restore others. Galatians 6:1
- ▣ Provide for self and family. 2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8

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Is There Hope Or Defense Against Such An Enemy?

- **Yes!** Deliverance is through Jesus.
 - Jesus overcame sin. Hebrews 4:16; John 8:32
 - Jesus overcame death. Acts 2; 1 Corinthians 15; Hebrews 2:14-18; Revelation 1:17b-18
- **Yes!** We can make him flee. James 4:7; Matthew 4:10-11
- **Yes!** Satan to be cast into the lake of fire. Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10
- **Yes!** Assurance is in Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

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