

## A PROFILE OF SATAN

*We'll examine some verses about the adversary, also known as the devil. A description of him is given in:*

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

*We need to realize that God did not and has not hap-hazardly set things in motion, just to let time run its course. God had an objective based upon His supreme wisdom and power, and He is executing it.*

**Eph 3:8-11** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to **the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus** our Lord:

*There are two major spheres in God's design:*

**Gen. 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

*God's title is the sovereign ruler of both places:*

**Gen. 14:22** And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, **the possessor of heaven and earth,**

*Satan was called Lucifer before his fall. Lucifer wanted that for himself. He desired God's glory:*

**Isa 14:12-14** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.**

*But God decreed otherwise:*

**Isa 14:15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

*Nevertheless, Satan went to work until 'that time.' He convinced one-third of the angels to follow his rebellion:*

**Rev 12:4** And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

*Angels are sometimes known as stars (and sons of God) in the scriptures. When God created the earth (Job 38:4), the angels rejoiced:*

**Job 38:7** When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

**Ezek. 28:11-18** Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,  
12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, **full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.**

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom** by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, **by the iniquity of thy traffick**; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

*Satan 'trafficked' his great merchandising plan among the angels, and because of his beauty and wisdom, he persuaded many of them to give him their allegiance.*

*Thus, the Devil corrupted God's authority in heaven:*

**Job 15:15** Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

*Then he came to earth, and defiled God's dominion through mankind here:*

**Rom. 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

*Thus for a while, Satan is developing his control over planet earth:*

**Matt 4:8-9** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

**2 Cor. 4:3-4** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

**Eph 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

*So, now, the Devil has made a mess of both places .... heaven and earth.*

*Through PROPHECY, God revealed how He purposed to repossess the earth back for His glory .... through the nation Israel, ruling it. This is the basic subject throughout most of the Bible ....*

*Genesis through Malachi,  
Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the early part of Acts,  
and then skip over Paul's epistles, and pick back up with  
Hebrews through Revelation.*

*But for a long time, God kept a SECRET .... hidden in Himself .... It was through the MYSTERY program, committed to the Apostle Paul, that God disclosed His wise plan to redeem the heaven for His honor.*

*The Devil did NOT know what the cross would accomplish (no one did until God revealed it through Paul) .... otherwise, Satan would not have crucified Christ.*

**1 Cor. 2:7-8** But we speak the wisdom of God **in a mystery**,  
 even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:  
 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew:  
 for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

*Yes, God used the very thing that Satan thought would bring about his victory  
 --- to bring about his DEFEAT!*

**1 Cor. 3:19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.  
 For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. (Job 5:13)

*Satan had made his brags. He thought he was so 'high and mighty' .... that  
 there was nothing he couldn't or didn't know. But God kept a secret from him:*

**Ezek. 28:1-9** The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,  
 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine  
 heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst  
 of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart  
 of God:  
 3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; **there is no secret that they can hide from  
 thee:**  
 4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast  
 gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:  
 5 By thy great wisdom and **by thy traffick** hast thou increased thy riches, and thine  
 heart is lifted up because of thy riches:  
 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart  
 of God;  
 7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and  
 they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy  
 brightness.  
 8 They shall **bring thee down to the pit**, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that  
 are slain in the midst of the seas.  
 9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man,  
 and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee.

*God put out the prophecy to tell that He was going to take Satan down, but He  
 kept the 'mystery' a secret about the 'means' He would use to do it. Now through  
 Paul's revelation, we learn that God paid for that plan **by the blood of the cross**. It  
 is now our responsibility, as the church, to make that known to the angelic realm:*

**Eph 3:10** To the intent that **NOW** .... unto the principalities and powers in heavenly  
 places .... might be known .... by the church .... the manifold wisdom of God,

*Satan made the fatal mistake in his evil plan to gain control of the heaven and the earth of doing just what God wanted him to do. Now God uses the cross of Christ to expose the Devil's foolishness. What an embarrassing exhibit of the Conceited Enemy:*

**Col 2:14-15** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;  
15 And having spoiled principalities and powers,  
he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

*Now, with the cross 'in his face' (so to speak) .... the Devil tries to hide THAT message! The message of the cross is what shames him, and therefore, IT is what Satan wants to cover up!*

**1 Cor 1:18-24** For the **preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it **is the power of God**.  
19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.  
20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world?  
hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?  
21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God,  
it pleased God **by the foolishness of preaching** to save them that believe.  
22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:  
23 But we preach Christ crucified,  
unto the Jews a stumblingblock,  
and unto the Greeks foolishness;  
24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

*.... then drop on down about 3 verses:*

**1 Cor 1:27-29** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;  
28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:  
29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

*God never revealed the accomplishments of the cross work of Christ --- until He gave the revelation of the 'mystery' to the apostle Paul.*

*The Devil uses **religious LIES** to hide God's truth. He wants to make people feel religious, rather than have true knowledge of God.*

*Satan attempts to deceive people with things that appear to be spiritual ....  
such as keeping the LAW:*

**Gal 6:12-14** As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the **cross** of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

*This next passage plainly teaches that **Satan's realm of business is in religion:***

**2 Cor 11:12-15** But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For **such are false apostles,  
deceitful workers,**

transforming themselves into the **apostles of Christ.**

14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

15 Therefore it is **no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;** whose end shall be according to their works.

*That's the way he worked in the Garden of Eden with Eve. He questioned God's word, and caused her to doubt it:*

**Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said,** Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

*Then he 'flat out' LIED about it. God had told Adam and Eve they would die if they ate the forbidden fruit, yet Satan specifically said they would NOT die:*

**Gen 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

*It's no wonder that he did this, considering WHO he is:*

**John 8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

He was a murderer from the beginning,

and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Along with being known as the **serpent** and the **devil**, Satan is also known (throughout the book of the Revelation) as the **dragon**:

**Rev 20:2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

*He is called **levi-a-than** in Job, Psalms, and Isaiah:*

**Isa 27:1** In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

**Job 26:13** By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

*Just as that serpent twisted the truth into a lie for Eve in the Garden, Paul was afraid that serpent would also deceive the Corinthians:*

**2 Cor 11:3-4** 3 But I fear, lest by any means,  
as the serpent beguiled Eve through his **subtilty**,  
so your minds should be **corrupted from the simplicity** that is in Christ.

*The word 'subtilty' means 'slyness in design, cunning, indirectly crafty, tricky.'*

*It is important to realize that Satan uses religion to deceive people.*

*Satan uses the NAME of Jesus .... He uses the 'spirit' .... He uses the 'gospel' ---- BUT it is not the RIGHT Jesus .... nor the RIGHT spirit .... nor the RIGHT gospel! The very next verse warns about those things:*

**2 Cor 11:3-4** 4 For if he that cometh preacheth  
**another Jesus**, whom we have not preached,  
or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received,  
or another gospel, which ye have not accepted,  
ye might well bear with him.

*The Devil's arena is religious and deceptive. There's no need to waste his time on things that people do naturally in their own sinful FLESH:*

**Matt 15:18-19** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed **evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:**

**Gal 5:19-21** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

- Adultery,
  - fornication,
  - uncleanness,
  - lasciviousness, (looseness, lewdness, lustful, wanton, irregular indulgence of animalistic desires)
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- Idolatry,
  - witchcraft,
  - hatred,
  - variance, (that is altering or changing something declared to be ... by disputing or controversy)
  - emulations, (that is imitations or to resemble ... striving to be equal or excel)
  - wrath, (violent anger)
  - strife, (opposition in anger or quarrel)
  - seditions, (commotions and uprising in opposition to authority)
  - heresies, (fundamental errors in doctrines)
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- Envyings,
  - murders,
  - drunkenness,
  - revellings, (feasting with loose and clamorous noise or merriment, carousing)
- and
- such like:

*That's the kind of stuff your own FLESH does. The devil's field is dishonesty with the teachings of God.*

*Rather than getting completely AWAY from the Bible, he USES it to put people in the wrong dispensation .... trying to convince them that they are serving God --- under the LAW --- rather than the correct way for TODAY --- under GRACE.*

**1 Tim 4:1-3** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to**

- **seducing spirits,** and
- **doctrines of devils;**

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

*To 'seduce' means to 'LURE into corruption, to entice into defilement, to persuade to do wrong, to lead astray into violation.' You 'seduce' a fish into biting a plastic bait .... that's why it is called a 'lure.' The fish thinks it is another real fish .... but it isn't. The devils' doctrines are biblical and scriptural (they can be found in the Bible) ---- but they are NOT dispensational ---- NOR 'rightly divided.'*

*Paul specifically writes about many people who were like the serpent --- making the scriptures crooked. But he defended his own ministry:*

**2 Cor 2:17** For we are not as many, which **corrupt the word of God:**  
but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

**2 Cor 4:1-2** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have

- renounced the hidden things of dishonesty,
- not walking in craftiness,
- **nor handling the word of God deceitfully;**

but by manifestation of the truth

commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

*Hopefully, you are aware of the fact that there are people who TWIST the scriptures:*

**Rom 1:25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

**2 Peter 3:15-16** And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which **they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

*To 'wrest' means 'to twist, or distort' .... to pull or force by violent wringing... (as in the sport of wrestling, where opponents strive and struggle).*

*The thing that they are 'wresting' is the scriptures! That is the work of the 'angel of light' ---- not in a red suit, with a pitchfork and a pointed tail.*

*Satan's ministry has the appearance of good .... except it is LIES:*

**2 Thess 2:8-10** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after **the working of Satan**

- **with all power and**
- **signs and**
- **lying wonders,**

**10 And** • **with all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

*Paul defended his own ministry, as being one of truth, and not flattery:*

**1 Cor 2:4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

*Again, Paul WARNS believers to be careful of those that teach different than the message God committed to HIS trust:*

**Rom 16:17-18** Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **avoid them.**

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

*In closing, it is the devil's agenda to mislead people. It is obviously easier for him, when they don't THINK about what the VERSES say, but just listen to interesting stories!*

*Satan has mislead many people with FALSE translations of what is called the Holy Bible, in ANY and ALL other English versions, other than the King James Version (which is the very words of God). Those other books are not translated word for word (like the KJV is). The people who wrote them even admit they just put in the 'sense' of the meaning, like para-phrasing. Add that to the fact that the manuscripts they used were corrupted, and even not the 'Majority Texts.'*

*When we read this next verse, we could become discouraged:*

**2 Tim. 3:13** But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

*But, when we read the verse after that, we should become ENCOURAGED again:*

**2 Tim. 3:14** But **continue thou** in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

*We, as soldiers, get our 'marching orders' from the pen of Paul, whom God chose to be OUR apostle for the church today, living in the dispensation of the grace of God. Hopefully, this message has helped you become more aware of the religious devices Satan uses to LURE men away from the TRUTH.*

*This is David Dowell, saying, "Think About It!"*