

# The Devil

Satan is a created being:

Eph 3:9 –

Col 1:16 –

The devil is a 'fallen angel' originally called 'Lucifer':

Isa 14:12 –

Luke 10:18 –

Ezekiel 8:12-17 is addressed to the king of Tyre and is comparing him to the devil.

It appears that the devil was a 'cherub' – one of the angels surrounding the throne of God. Ezekiel describes the cherubim in Ezek 10:14, 21.

The devil's sin was brought about by his pride and wanting to take the place of God:

The pride of the king of Babylon is compared to the devil's pride in Isa 14:12-15:

1Tim 3:6 –

Because of his sin, the devil was cast out of heaven:

Rev 12:7 –9 -

The devil was able to convince other angels to follow him in his rebellion against God:

Rev 12:3-4-

The devil now resides on earth:

Job 2:2 –

Rev 12:12 –

1Pet 5:8 –

Like other angels, the devil was created before the world and so was present in Eden:

Gen 3:1-5 –

The devil initiated sin in the beginning:

1John 3:8 –

The devil brings temptation by offering things that appeal to our fleshly (human) nature:

Matt 4:1-3 –

The devil is a liar – he is incapable of telling the truth:

John 8:44 –

The devil is a thief:

John 10:10 –

Satan tries to seem like an angel of light (on God's side):

2Cor 11:14-15 –

But in reality, he is the adversary of God:

Rev 12:9 –

Devil means =>

Satan means =>

Satan does have 'some' power:

Rev 2:10 –

Satan is not like God. He is not the 'dark side' of God.

Satan is NOT omnipresent:

Ps 139:7-10 –

Satan is NOT omniscient:

Job 1:8-11 –

Job 2:4-5 –

Satan is NOT omnipotent: He is limited by God in what he can do-

Job 1:12 –

Job 2:6 –

1Cor 10:13 –

Satan uses many tactics against us to attempt to draw us away from God:

- He will deceive, misquote the Bible, persecutes us
- He will falsely accuse us, tries to trap us, attempts to murder us
- He will cause some to betray us, and makes war against God's people
- He will imprison those who stand for God, and do all he can to hinder the preaching of the truth
- He tries to look like an angel of light, may seem to work false miracles
- Brings diseases and afflictions, and slanders those who stand for God
- Blinds the minds of unbelievers - 2Cor 4:4 –
- He quickly removes the truth from the hearts of those whose heart is hard and are not seeking to know the truth: Matt 13:19 -
- -He wants people to worship anything but God, even angels (which he claims to be)  
Matt 4:9-10 –  
Rev 22:8-9 –

The devils methods are effective:

-Convinced other angels to follow him – those who followed him were cast out of heaven also and are called 'demons' in the scriptures.

-Deceived Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden

-Was in control of all but 8 people in Noah's time -1Pet 3:28 –

Eph 2:1-2 –

-He is control of almost the whole world and most will be follow him and be lost forever- Matt 7:13-14 –

Matt 7:21-23 –

Satan will ultimately be punished by being cast into the lake of fire (hell) along with all of those who follow him.

Matt 25:41 -

Rev 20:10 –

We can overcome Satan only by the power of God:

1John 4:4 –

James 4:7 –

**It is not a matter of God vs Satan**

**or**

**Good vs Evil**

God and Satan are NOT 'equal, but opposite' – there is no comparing them. God is far above Satan in power and knowledge and glory, but Satan tries to convince you (and has done so with most of the world) that he is equal to God.

**BUT Satan is only a created being, God is eternal !**