

# Satan's Place

## Introduction

- **What should the Christian's attitude toward Satan be?**
1. The introduction of Satan in the scriptures is found in Genesis chapter 3.
    - A. From the temptation that he set before Eve and her yielding to it, sin entered the world.
    - B. Throughout the entire existence of mankind, Satan's purpose and objective has been to overthrow man as God's crowning creation and mar his happiness.
  2. Therefore, Satan's place is here on this earth doing what he can to get as many as possible to live in his eternal hell.

## Names and Phrases Used to Describe Satan

1. This chart shows some of the names and phrases that are used in the Bible to describe Satan.
  - A. **Satan** (Job 1:6; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
  - B. **Devil** (Matthew 25:41; James 4:7)
  - C. **Old serpent** (Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 11:3)
  - D. **The Tempter** (Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5)
  - E. **Prince of the power of the air** (Ephesians 2:2)
  - F. **god of this world** (2 Corinthians 4:4)
  - G. **Prince of this world** (John 12:31)
  - H. **Adversary** (1 Peter 5:8)

## How are Christians to Think of Satan?

1. **Christians must think or judge Satan as he truly is – a real and active being and personality.**
  - A. **The same book that reveals God relates the existence of Satan.**
  - B. **Can we believe the Bible as true by acknowledging the existence of one and not the other?**
    - 1) **Satan walks up and down in the earth**

Job 2:2 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

- 2) **Satan is like a "roaring lion."**

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

- C. **Satan is not spoken of as a fable or a figment of our imagination.**

## How are Christians to Recognize Satan?

**1. Christians need to be able to recognize the character and devices of Satan.**

**A. He is crafty and cunning and subtle. It is evident that he awaits for the most opportune time to do his work.**

**Genesis 3:1-5**

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so **your minds may be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ.

**(Opportune time – Christ was hungry)**

Matthew 4:3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

**B. He does not appear as he really is. He is not some hideous, terrible looking creature. Scripture speaks of him as one who transforms himself.**

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an **angel of light**.

**C. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has no truth in him and he is referred to as the father of lies.**

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Genesis 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, **"You will not surely die."**

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

**D. Satan has ministers.**

2 Corinthians 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

**1) A preacher who perverts God's word is a minister of Satan. He is one who attempts to blind men's eyes.**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

**E. He hates the Word of God and even tries to steal it away.**

Mark 4:15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

**F. He knows the word of God and perverts it.**

Matthew 4:6 and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'

**(Omitted a key part of the passage from Psalms)**

Psalms 91:11-12 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**G. Satan will leave you when you resist him.**

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

## The Christian Should Never Underestimate Satan

- 1. By His death on the cross, Christ gave the serpent a great blow, but he is still dangerous.**

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.

Hebrews 2:14-15 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

- 2. Resist the devil and avoid his snare**

2 Timothy 2:26 and that they may **come to their senses** and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

## Conclusion

- 1. The destiny of Satan is everlasting fire (Matthew 25:41).**
- 2. Those who serve and walk with him here will live and dwell with him in eternity.**

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- 3. Those that do not know or obey God will join him in Hell's eternity.**

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who **do not know God**, and on those who **do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

