

# What the Bible Teaches

**Based on the book by the same name by R. A. Torrey**

This book is a modernization of R. A. Torrey's classic book on systematic theology *What the Bible Teaches*. It includes a cross-referencing scheme to correlate with the 17th edition.

There are several kinds of updates:

- (1) Torrey used the King James Version (KJV), which many modern readers (including the Reviser) find difficult to read due to the Shakespearean-era vocabulary and syntax and difficult to pronounce. In general Torrey's extensive KJV quotes have been replaced with New International Version (NIV) quotes.
- (2) Torrey's book is actually a somewhat more organized version of his class lecture notes. The numbering scheme varies among sections, which can get confusing. Variations in the scheme have been eliminated.
- (3) All Topics and Points have been assigned a reference number, with cross-references to Torrey's work.
- (4) When the book was written the dominant religion in the United States was Protestantism. Few English speakers knew anything about Mormonism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Wicca, or other non-Christian religions. Material has been added discussing some religious concepts foreign to Christianity and non-religious philosophies that compete with Christianity such as Existentialism and macro-evolution.
- (5) The sequence of presentation has been reversed. Torrey basically presents scripture quotes followed by a "summary" "point". Modern readers are used to an introductory statement followed by supporting material. Even knowing that Torrey has the order reversed, modern readers still have a tendency to read his "point" sentence and then try to connect it with the *following* text rather than the preceding text.
- (6) A number of concepts are discussed that are common knowledge today but rarely considered in Torrey's time, e.g., the difference between intelligence and sentience.
- (7) Chapter numbers are in increments of ten except in a few cases. This was done to allow insertion of additional material or to subdivide lengthy chapters.
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## Chapter 480

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### GOD'S ANGELS

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#### Topic 5: Cautions about Angels

Jesus said that in the last days there would be a great turning away from the Church and toward the occult, i.e., witchcraft and sorcery, and "doctrines of demons." (**1 Timothy 4:1**) This began in earnest in the 1960's and has become a flood since about 1994. Especially since 1996 a substantial portion of prime-time adventure shows are based on occult themes such as vampires, "UFO" aliens (which, in the real world are actually demonic apparitions), psychics, witches, and demonic appearances.

John warned that not all spirits are from God. Mohammed, founder of Islam, claimed that he was given the Koran by the angel Gabriel. However, he himself wondered if, in fact, the angel was an evil angel. Joseph Smith Jr., founder of Mormonism, claimed that at age 15 he was visited by an angel who told him that all Christian denominations had completely distorted the teachings of the Bible.

Since the mid-1990's there has been a huge increase in the number of reports of "angels." Although some reports involve activities typical of God's angels in the Bible, most reports involve decidedly **non-biblical** activities, such as providing new "revelations" that contradict the Bible.

Contrary to modern portrayals in the media, etc., there are **no** biblical reports of angels with **female** appearance.

480.010.000      Torrey: p501, T:I

#### Topic 10: The Nature and Position of Angels

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#### POINT 5: Biblical use of the term "angel."

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek word **angelos**, meaning "messenger."

The term "angel" has several distinct meanings in the Bible:

**The** Angel of the Lord (sometimes not capitalized) refers exclusively to the Messiah, i.e., Jesus,

before His permanent incarnation. The Angel of the Lord did not appear after the birth of Jesus.

*An* angel and *an* angel (never capitalized) of the Lord refer to beings which are supernatural, ministering spirits that serve God.

The King James Version always distinguishes between the Angel of the Lord and an angel of the Lord. However, some other translations do not always maintain this distinction accurately.

**1 Kings 19:5b, 7** [5] ... All at once *an angel* touched him and said, "Get up and eat." [7] *The angel of the LORD* came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

"Angels" can also refer to those angels who rebelled:

**Revelation 12:7-9** [7] And there was war 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*.

**2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment

The book of Revelation contains seven letters where Christ instructs John to direct the letter "To the angel [Greek: *angelos*] of the church at ...." Many scholars believe that a more accurate translation is "To the messenger of the church at ...", meaning, in essence "To the church secretary of the church at ...."

480.010.010      Torrey: p501, T:I, P:1

**POINT 10: Angels are created beings -- created by, through, and unto the Son of God.**

**Colossians 1:16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

480.010.020      Torrey: p501, T:I, P:2

**POINT 20: Angels are greater than man in power and might.**

**2 Peter 2:11** yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

**Psalms 8:4-5** [4] what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? [5] You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

480.010.030      Torrey: p501, T:I, P:3

**POINT 30: Angels are mighty -- and have great power.**

**2 Thessalonians 1:7** and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

**Acts 5:19** But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

480.010.040 Torrey: p501, T:I, P:4

**POINT 40: Angels neither marry nor die.**

**Matthew 22:30** At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

**Luke 20:35-36** [35] But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, [36] and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

480.010.050 Torrey: p502, T:I, P:5

**POINT 50: Angels have great knowledge, but they are not omniscient.**

**Mark 13:32** No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

**Ephesians 3:10-11** [10] His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, [11] according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**1 Peter 1:12** It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

480.010.060 Torrey: p502, T:I, P:6

**POINT 60: It is not proper to worship angels.**

**Revelation 22:8-9** [8] I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. [9] But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

Here is a clear and broad line of distinction between Jesus and the angels.

480.010.070 Torrey: p502, T:I, P:7(a)

**POINT 70: There are ranks or orders of angels.**

**Jude 1:9** But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**1 Peter 3:22** who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand -- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

480.010.075 Torrey: p502, T:I, P:7(b)

**POINT 75: All ranks of angels are subject to Jesus Christ.**

See **Jude 1:9** and **1 Peter 3:22** in the preceding point.

480.010.080 Torrey: p502, T:I, P:8

**POINT 80: All the angels of God are bidden to worship Jesus the Son of God.**

**Hebrews 1:6** And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

480.010.090 Torrey: p502, T:I, P:9

**POINT 90: The angels are glorious beings.**

**Luke 9:26** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

**Matthew 28:2-3** [2] There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

**Revelation 10:1** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars.

**Daniel 10:6** His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

480.010.100 Torrey: p503, T:I, P:10

**POINT 100: Some of the angels sinned, and God cast them down to hell and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.**

**2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

It has been suggested that they were the earlier inhabitants of the earth, and that the earth became "without form and void" (**Genesis 1:2**) as a judgment upon their sins, just as, after it was reorganized for man's abode, it was cursed because of man's fall.

**Isaiah 34:10-11** [10] It will not be quenched night and day; its smoke will rise forever. From generation to generation it will lie desolate; no one will ever pass through it again. [11] The desert owl and screech owl will possess it; the great owl and the raven will nest there. God will stretch out over Edom the measuring line of chaos and the plumb line of desolation.

Here we read the land was made "waste" because of sin, and the line of "confusion" (same Hebrew as "without form") and plummet of "emptiness" (same Hebrew as "void") stretched over it.

**Jeremiah 4:23-27** [23] I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. [24] I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. [25] I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. [26] I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. [27] This is what the LORD says: "The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely.

**Isaiah 45:18** For this is what the LORD says -- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be



inhabited -- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

In this last verse we are told God did not create the earth a "waste." (Same Hebrew word as that translated "without form" in Genesis 1:2) It seems clear, then, that it must have become so by *someone's* sin before man's creation. Genesis 1:2 should then be translated, "And the earth *became* without form, and void" (or "waste and void"). The first verse of the chapter would then describe the creation; the second verse, the desolation visited upon the earth because of the sin of pre-Adamite inhabitants; the latter part of verse 2 and following verses, the rehabilitation of the earth to be a habitation for the new Adamite race.

480.010.110      Torrey: p504, T:I, P:11

**POINT 110: Angels shall be judged by believers.**

**1 Corinthians 6:3** Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

This may refer only to the angels who fell.

480.010.120      Torrey: p504, T:I, P:12

**POINT 120: Angels have sometimes been seen by men.**

**Luke 2:9, 13** [9] An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. [13] Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**John 20:12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**Genesis 32:1-2** [1] Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. [2] When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.

480.010.130      Torrey: p504, T:I, P:13

**POINT 130: Angels eat.**

**Psalms 78:25** Men ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.

But see the Revised Version -- "Man did eat the bread of the mighty: He sent them meat to the full.

480.020.000      Torrey: p504, T:II

**Topic 20: The Number of Angels**

480.020.010      Torrey: p504, T:II, P:1

**POINT 10: There are innumerable hosts of angels -- literally myriads of angels.**

**Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

**2 Kings 6:17** And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

480.030.000      Torrey: p504, T:III

## Topic 30: The Dwelling Place of Angels

480.030.010 Torrey: p504, T:III, P:1

**POINT 10: At the present time, God's angels dwell in heaven.**

**Matthew 22:30** At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

**Ephesians 3:10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

**John 1:51** He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**Luke 2:13, 15** [13] Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ... [15] When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

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# *What the Bible Teaches*

## **Chapter 490**

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### **THE WORK OF ANGELS**

490.010.000      Torrey: p506, T:I

**Topic 10:** The Work of Angels in behalf of the Heirs of Salvation.

490.010.010      Torrey: p506, T:I, P:1

**POINT 10:** Angels minister to the physical needs of God's children.

**Hebrews 1:14** Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

**1 Kings 19:5-8** [5] Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." [6] He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. [7] The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." [8] So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Matthew 4:11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

**Luke 22:43** An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

490.010.020      Torrey: p506, T:I, P:2

**POINT 20:** Angels are charged to protect those who follow the Lord.

**Psalms 91:11-12** [11] For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; [12] they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

490.010.030      Torrey: p507, T:I, P:3

**POINT 30:** Angels protect God's servants from their enemies.

**2 Kings 6:15-17** [15] When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. [16] "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." [17] And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all

around Elisha.

**Matthew 26:53** Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

(Generally, a **legion** is 10,000 troops. Roman legions of Jesus' time were about 6,000 troupes.)

**Genesis 19:11** Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

**2 Kings 6:18** As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

490.010.040      Torrey: p507, T:I, P:4

**POINT 40: Angels deliver God's servants from peril and evil.**

**Acts 5:19** But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

**Acts 12:8-11** [8] Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. [9] Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. [10] They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. [11] Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating."

**Daniel 6:22** My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

490.010.050      Torrey: p507, T:I, P:5

**POINT 50: Angels cheer God's servants in hardship and seeming danger.**

**Acts 27:23-24** [23] Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me [24] and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

490.010.060      Torrey: p507, T:I, P:6

**POINT 60: Angels reveal God's purposes to His servants.**

**Luke 1:11, 13, 19** [11] Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. [13] But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. [19] The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

490.010.070      Torrey: p508, T:I, P:7

**POINT 70: Angels show God's servants what to do.**

**Matthew 2:13, 19-20** [13] When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a

dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." [19] After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt [20] and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

**Matthew 1:20** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 8:26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road -- the desert road -- that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

**Acts 10:3-6** [3] One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" [4] Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. [5] Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. [6] He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

490.010.080      Torrey: p508, T:I, P:8

**POINT 80: Angels take God's servants at their death to a place of blessedness.**

**Luke 16:22** The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

490.010.090      Torrey: p508, T:I, P:9

**POINT 90: When Jesus comes He will send His angels to gather the elect.**

**Matthew 24:31** And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

490.020.000      Torrey: p508, T:II

**Topic 20: The Law Given through Angels**

490.020.010      Torrey: p508, T:II, P:1

**POINT 10: The law was given through the angels.**

**Hebrews 2:2-3a** [2] For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, [3] how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

**Galatians 3:19** What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.

**Acts 7:53** you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.

490.030.000      Torrey: p509, T:III

**Topic 30: The Presence of Angels at the Second Coming**

490.030.010      Torrey: p509, T:III, P:1

**POINT 10: Angels will come with the Son of Man when He comes to judge the nations and to**

## **execute judgment on the wicked.**

**Matthew 25:31-32** [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-8** [7] and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. [8] He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

490.040.000 Torrey: p509, T:IV

**Topic 40: The Executioners of God's Wrath toward the Wicked.**

490.040.010 Torrey: p509, T:IV, P:1

**POINT 10: At the end of the age angels will gather all things that cause stumbling and cast them into eternal fire.**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 39- 42** [24] Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. [25] But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. [26] When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. [27] "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' [28] " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' [29] " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. [30] Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" [39] and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. [40] "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. [42] They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Matthew 13:47-50** [47] Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. [48] When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. [49] This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous [50] and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

God's angels are the executioners of God's wrath toward the wicked as well as His mercy toward the righteous. In this also are they doing service for the sake of those who shall inherit salvation?

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# What the Bible Teaches

## Chapter 500

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### THE DEVIL

**Satan is the most intelligent and most powerful being ever *created*. He is the second-most intelligent, second-most powerful being in existence, second only to God.** In carrying out his activities, Satan often relies on the fact that humans, including Christians, do not give him full credit for his abilities. Non-believers, or those with weak faith, often refuse to believe he even exists. **Christians often think (at least subconsciously) that God reduced the intelligence and/or power of Satan and his followers after they rebelled; there is no scriptural basis for this belief.** Alternatively, Christians often think, at least subconsciously, that the mere fact they are good and demons are evil or the mere fact that the Christian believes in Christ is enough to protect them from demonic attacks. In fact, quite the opposite is true; someone once said "If you never meet the Devil on the road of life, it's probably because you are both headed in the same direction."

PRELIMINARY NOTE -- Distinguish carefully between the Devil and Demons. This distinction is quite overlooked in the Authorized Version, and even in the Revised Version, though the Revised Version notes it in the margin. The Devil and Demons are two entirely distinct orders of beings. The Bible doctrine regarding Satan is a very practical doctrine. There are certainly few doctrines that will go further than this in teaching us our utter dependence upon God and in driving us to prayer.

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**Topic 10: The Existence of the Devil, or Satan**

500.010.010      Torrey: p513, T:I, P:1

**POINT 10: There is a personal devil, "the evil one."**

**Note:** This does not mean that each person has his own devil, it means that the devil is a living being with thoughts, a personality, an agenda, etc., not some vague "evil force".

**Matthew 13:19, 38b-39** [19] When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. [38] ... The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

**John 13:2** The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.



**Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

**1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

**Ephesians 6:11-12** [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

The Devil's personality will come out more clearly as we study his nature.

500.020.000      Torrey: p514, T:II

**Topic 20: The Position and Nature of Satan**

500.020.010      Torrey: p514, T:II, P:1

**POINT 10: The position of the Devil was so exalted that even Michael, the archangel, did not dare to bring an accusation against him.**

**Jude 1:9** But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

## == DISCUSSION ==

"Slanderous" means defamatory. "Defame" means to ridicule, disparage, or malign. How can one defame the Prince of Lies, the Great Deceiver? In common usage, a statement does not have to be false to be slanderous or defamatory. Other texts translate this as (King James) "a railing accusation", (Authorized) "a reviling judgment", (New English Bible) "condemn him in insulting words" or (New English Bible footnote c) "to charge him with blasphemy."

The context might seem to imply that the position of the Devil was more exalted than that of Michael himself. Further on, other passages will be considered that seem to confirm this idea. Just because Satan is evil does not mean he is weak or a fool. Light, contemptuous speech about the Devil is entirely unwarranted.

500.020.020      Torrey: p514, T:II, P:2

**POINT 20: The Devil is the Prince of the Power of the Air.**

**Ephesians 2:1-2 Authorized Version** [1] And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.

**Ephesians 2:1-2** [1] As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

QUESTION: What does "the prince of the power of the air" or "the kingdom of the air" mean?

ANSWER: There are three "heavens": (a) Earth's upper atmosphere, e.g., the ionosphere, (b) outer space and (c) the "third" heaven, where God visibly manifests Himself.



**2 Corinthians 12:2, 4** [2] I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know -- God knows. [4] was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

Earth was put in the control of Man. When Adam and Eve sinned, they voluntarily handed control of the Earth to Satan. Hence, he is the prince of the "air." God could have prevented Satan from taking charge, but He voluntarily let Satan take over so He could show men how merciful He is by offering salvation to each man.

500.020.030      Torrey: p514, T:II, P:3

**POINT 30: The Devil is the Prince of this World.**

**John 12:31** Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

**John 14:30** [30] I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

**John 16:11** [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

QUESTION: When did Satan become the prince of this world? Did he become so through Adam and Eve listening to him in Eden, or was this world a department assigned to him by God as separate kingdoms have been assigned to different celestial potentates?

Compare **Daniel 10:12-13** [12] Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. [13] But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

If this world was assigned to Satan before the Fall, did Satan drag his dominion down with him in his own fall?

These are questions which the Bible does not seem to answer very clearly, and we should not speculate.

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

This much is clear: Satan is now "the Prince of this World." This is clear also from a study of the social and commercial life of the day.

500.020.040      Torrey: p515, T:II, P:4

**POINT 40: The Devil is the god of this Age.**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

500.030.000      Torrey: p515, T:III

**Topic 30: The Devil's Power**

500.030.010     Torrey: p515, T:III, P:1

**POINT 10: The Devil has far greater power than men -- flesh and blood.**

**Ephesians 6:11-12** [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Satan has under him beings so great in power and dignity as to be spoken of as "the Principalities, the Powers, the World-Rulers, Spiritual Hosts (spiritual beings) of wickedness in the heavenly places." The conflict we have on hand is terrific. Let us not underestimate it.

500.030.020     Torrey: p515, T:III, P:2

**POINT 20: Satan is king over the realm of the demons.**

**Luke 11:14-18** [14] Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. [15] But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." [16] Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven. [17] Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. [18] If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub.

500.030.030     Torrey: p516, T:III, P:3

**POINT 30: The Devil, or one of his subordinates, has power to resist and retard a glorious angel many days.**

**Daniel 10:5-6, 12-13** [5] I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. [6] His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. [12] Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. [13] But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

500.030.040     Torrey: p516, T:III, P:4

**POINT 40: The whole mass of unsaved men are in Satan's power.**

**Acts 26:17-18** [17] I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them [18] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

500.030.050     Torrey: p516, T:III, P:5

**POINT 50: The whole world - - i.e., the entire mass of men, except those who have been called out, the Church -- lies in the Evil One. They rest supinely in his embrace.**

**1 John 5:19** We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

500.030.060     Torrey: p516, T:III, P:6

**POINT 60: Satan can exert his vast power only so far as Jehovah suffers him to do so.**

**Job 1:10-12** [10] "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. [11] But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." [12] The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

500.040.000 Torrey: p516, T:IV

**Topic 40: The Devil's Cunning**

500.040.010 Torrey: p516, T:IV, P:1

**POINT 10: The Devil has many and subtle devices.**

**2 Corinthians 2:11** in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

500.040.020 Torrey: p516, T:IV, P:2

**POINT 20: The Devil has many and such cunning wiles that we need to put on the full armor of God to stand against them.**

**Ephesians 6:11-13** [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

The Devil doubtless gets the mastery of many through his wiles and devices, that he could not overcome by an open exercise of his power. We have an illustration of his wiles in the temptation of Eve and of Christ. The "old serpent" is more dangerous than the "roaring lion."

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**POINT 22: What is 'the full armor of God?'**

**Ephesians 6:13** [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Exactly what is this 'full armor of God?'

**Ephesians 6:14-17** [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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**POINT 24: 'The full armor of God' is not really 'full'.**

The 'full armor of God' protects the chest with a breastplate, the hips with a belt, the feet with readiness, the head with salvation and the arms and legs with a shield. Furthermore, the armor is not merely passive or defensive, as it includes a sword -- the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Many students of the Bible have noted that this leaves the back totally unprotected. This is not an

oversight.

**Psalms 27:1** [1] The LORD is my light and my salvation -- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life -- of whom shall I be afraid? [2] When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

**Psalms 23:4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

In battle, the only reason a soldier would be turning his back on the enemy is if he is in full retreat. If we trust in the Lord, He will conduct the battle on our behalf. We have no need of retreat; we can face the Evil One with full confidence that the victory is already won by the blood of Christ. The only ones who need their back protected are the only ones God will not protect -- those who do not trust in Him.

500.040.030      Torrey: p517, T:IV, P:3

**POINT 30: Satan displays counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders that utterly deceive those who do not receive the love of the truth.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10** [9] The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, [10] and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Compare **Matthew 24:24** For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect -- if that were possible.

Many have pointed out that Satan imitates God's work.

500.040.040      Torrey: p517, T:IV, P:4

**POINT 40: Satan masquerades as an angel of light.**

**2 Corinthians 11:14** And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

The Devil is never more dangerous than when he does this. When Satan gets into the pulpit, or the theological chair, and pretends to teach Christianity, when in reality he is corrupting it; pretends to be teaching Christian evidences when in reality he is undermining the very foundations of faith; pretends to be teaching Biblical Introduction, when in reality he is making the Bible out to be a book that is not worthy of being introduced -- then look out for him; he is at most dangerous work. There was never a science more really godless and subversive of true Christian faith than that which Satan is now exploiting under the pseudonym, "Christian Science." Happy is the man in these days who is not ignorant of the devices of the Devil, and realizes that he frequently masquerades as an angel of light.

500.050.000      Torrey: p517, T:V

**Topic 50: The Devil's Wickedness**

500.050.010      Torrey: p517, T:V, P:1

**POINT 10: The Devil is the Evil One. He is the personification of evil and the source of it in others.**

**1 John 5:19** We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

**Matthew 5:37** Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

**Matthew 6:13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

500.050.020 Torrey: p518, T:V, P:2

**POINT 20: The Devil has been sinning from the beginning.**

**1 John 3:8** He 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.

QUESTION: What beginning is referred to here? Does this mean that the Devil sinned from the very origin of all things, and that he was created sinful? We shall see later that Ezekiel 28:15 refers to Satan, and that the Devil was created upright. The verse means, then, that Satan was the first to sin. The expression "from the beginning" is characteristic of this epistle, and does not necessarily mean from the origin of things.

500.050.030 Torrey: p518, T:V, P:3

**POINT 30: The Devil was a murderer from the beginning. He is a liar and the father of lying. There is absolutely no truth in him.**

**John 8:44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

## == DISCUSSION ==

CAVEAT: Many people fear that Satan can physically kill them. This is not entirely true. The proof is quite simple: Satan hates all that is holy. If he had authority to kill whenever he wished, he would simply kill all who try to live righteously.

There are *natural* consequences to our actions and *supernatural* consequences, e.g., damnation. Although God will normally cancel adverse supernatural consequences if we repent, he normally will *not* cancel natural consequences. For instance, if a woman has an adulterous encounter and becomes pregnant, God will forgive the adultery if she repents, but He will not change the natural consequences -- the baby will still be born, and He will hold her responsible to take care of it.

Similarly, a person can go down the road of destruction by using narcotics or alcohol. Satan can seduce the person into a course of action that will result in physical death, and, in that sense Satan can "kill" him, but Satan cannot simply execute those he opposes, the way God sometimes did in the Old Testament, e.g., Korah in Numbers, Ezekiel, all the first-born Egyptian males in Exodus.

When the Bible calls Satan a "murderer" it is not referring to physical death, but rather spiritual death, i.e., perdition.

500.060.000 Torrey: p518, T:VI

**Topic 60: The Malignity of the Devil**

500.060.010 Torrey: p518, T:VI, P:1

**POINT 10: The Devil was a murderer from the beginning.**

**John 8:44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

500.060.020      Torrey: p519, T:VI, P:2

**POINT 20: The Devil blinds the minds of men to the end that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, may not dawn upon them.**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

What amazing incredible malignity is that!

500.060.030      Torrey: p519, T:VI, P:3

**POINT 30: The Devil comes and takes away the saving Word of God out of the hearts of men where it has been sown, in order to keep them from believing and being saved.**

**Luke 8:12** Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

We will have further evidence and illustration of his malignity under his own work.

500.070.000      Torrey: p519, T:VII

**Topic 70: The Cowardice of the Devil**

500.070.010      Torrey: p519, T:VII, P:1

**POINT 10: When the Devil is resisted he flees.**

**James 4:7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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# What the Bible Teaches

## Chapter 510

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### SATAN - THE PRINCE AND KING OF TYRE

**Ezekiel 28:1-10** [1] The word of the LORD came to me: [2] "Son of man, say to the ruler [*most translations*: prince] of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'In the pride of your heart you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas." But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god. [3] Are you wiser than Daniel? Is no secret hidden from you? [4] By your wisdom and understanding you have gained wealth for yourself and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries. [5] By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud. [6] "'Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'Because you think you are wise, as wise as a god, [7] I am going to bring foreigners against you, the most ruthless of nations; they will draw their swords against your beauty and wisdom and pierce your shining splendor. [8] They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die a violent death in the heart of the seas. [9] Will you then say, "I am a god," in the presence of those who kill you? You will be but a man, not a god, in the hands of those who slay you. [10] You will die the death of the uncircumcised at the hands of foreigners. I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"

(Note that these excerpts are actually consecutive.)

**Ezekiel 28:11-19** [11] The word of the LORD came to me: [12] "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'*You were the model of perfection, full of* wisdom and perfect in beauty. [13] *You were in Eden, the garden of God*; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. [14] *You were anointed as a guardian cherub*, for so I ordained you. *You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.* [15] You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. [16] Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. [17] Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. [18] By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. [19]



All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

To whom do these remarkable passages refer?

Verses 1-10 refer at least primarily to the prince of Tyre then reigning, Ittiobalus by name, according to Josephus. They were fulfilled in the siege of Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar.

Tyre was a great seafaring, naval, and financial power, the Wall Street of its time. Its core was on a highly fortified island, which made it practically impervious to attack. Ultimately, Alexander the Great completed the conquest of Tyre by taking rubble from the ruins of the mainland construction and using it to build a road to the island so his armies could mount a sustained assault on the fortifications.

Verses 11-19 have expressions which it is difficult, if not impossible, to refer to any mere man, e.g., verses 12-14. There are however, other verses that seem to indicate an earthly kingdom, e.g., 16 and 18.

What is the explanation of this enigma?

We frequently find in prophecy that the prophet is borne on from speaking of a contemporaneous event to some event of the last times, of which the contemporaneous event is in some respects a type.

For instance, in **Matthew 24:15-21** Christ speaks of the destruction of Jerusalem, which was in a very true sense a Day of the Lord:

**Matthew 24:15-21** [15] "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel -- let the reader understand -- [16] then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. [17] Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. [18] Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. [19] How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! [20] Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. [21] For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now -- and never to be equaled again.

From this, he passes on to speak of the great Day of the Lord yet to come:

**Matthew 24:22-31** [22] If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. [23] At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. [24] For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect -- if that were possible. [25] See, I have told you ahead of time. [26] "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. [27] For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [28] Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. [29] "Immediately after the distress of those days " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' [30] "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. [31] And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

So swift is the transition from the one to the other that it is difficult to mark exactly where it takes place. It is the same in Ezekiel's prophecy. Ittiobalus was in important respects an archetype of "the man of lawlessness."



**Ezekiel 28:2** Son of man, say to the ruler [*most translations*: prince] of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: '"In the pride of your heart *you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas."* But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god.'"

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** [3] Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and *the man of lawlessness* is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. [4] He will oppose and *will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.*

**Daniel 11:41-45** [41] He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. [42] He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. [43] He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Nubians in submission. [44] But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. [45] He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Turning our focus again to **Ezekiel 28:11-19** dealing with the king of Tyre, there are some things that seem to apply to a supernatural and some to an earthly king. This earthly king is to have control over enormous commerce. Compare the great development of commerce in the last days.

**Revelation 13:16-17** [16] He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, [17] so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

**Revelation 18:3, 9-19** [3] For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries. [9] When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. [10] Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: "Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour your doom has come!" [11] The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more -- [12] cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; [13] cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men. [14] They will say, "The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your riches and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered." [15] The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn [16] and cry out: "Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! [17] In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!" Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. [18] When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, "Was there ever a city like this great city?" [19] They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: "Woe! Woe, O great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin!"

The simplest explanation of all this is that the King of Tyre represents the Anti-Christ (as the Prince of Tyre was the archetype of the Anti-Christ and that he is to be an incarnation of Satan as the true Christ was an incarnation of God.)

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-9** [8] And then the lawless one will be revealed, .... [9] The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

If this is the true interpretation, **Ezekiel 28:1-19** teach us much about Satan.

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**Topic 10:**

510.010.010      Torrey: p522, T:I, P:1

**POINT 10: Satan was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty, the model of perfection.**

**Ezekiel 28:12** "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "***You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.***

510.010.020      Torrey: p522, T:I, P:2

**POINT 20: Satan was in Eden, the garden of God.**

**Ezekiel 28:13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

This does not appear to have been the Adamic Eden, but an earlier one. The Adamic Eden was remarkable for its vegetable glory. (**Genesis 2:9**) This early Eden was remarkable for its mineral glory. Compare the New Jerusalem which is to be:

**Revelation 21:19 10-21** [10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. [11] It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. [12] It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. [13] There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. [14] The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [15] The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. [16] The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. [17] He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using. [18] The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. [19] The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, [20] the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. [21] The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

In the Adamic Eden Satan was present not as here, as a minister of God, but as an apostate spirit and a tempter. The glory of this early Eden seems to have been specially prepared for Satan. There was also the pomp of royalty, tabrets and pipes.

**Ezekiel 28:13** ... Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created

they were prepared.

510.010.030 Torrey: p522, T:I, P:3

**POINT 30: Satan was chosen as a guardian cherub.**

**Ezekiel 28:14a (King James Version)** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;

**Reviser's Note:** The Hebrew here is uncertain. Many translations indicate 'I placed you *with* a cherub', e.g., "With an anointed guardian cherub I placed you;" (Revised Standard Version).

**Ezekiel 28:14a (New International Version)** You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.

The rest of this Point is based on Torrey's interpretation, based on the King James Version. "Covereth" refers to the Mercy Seat -- the Father's throne. In other words, the King James Version says that Lucifer was specially chosen to guard God's throne.

Satan was anointed and set apart as the priest of God.

Compare **Leviticus 8:12** He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

A cherub is a high, perhaps the highest, rank in the angelic world. Compare this to the living creatures leading the worship of the universe in Revelation:

**Revelation 4:9-10a** [9] Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, [10] the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever.

He was not *a* cherub but *the* cherub.

He was the cherub "*that covers*", i.e., that guards. There may be an allusion to this in the covering cherubim.

**Exodus 37:9** The cherubim had their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim faced each other, looking toward the cover.

It seems to be hinted that Satan was the one who led the worship of the universe. If so, he tried to direct to himself what properly belonged to God. This is a danger with all priests and ministers.

510.010.040 Torrey: p524, T:I, P:4

**POINT 40: The Devil was "upon the holy mountain of God" -- i.e., the place where God visibly manifested His glory.**

**Ezekiel 28:14b** You were on the holy mount of God;

510.010.050 Torrey: p524, T:I, P:5

**POINT 50: The Devil "walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."**

**Ezekiel 28:14c** you walked among the fiery stones.

The living creatures of **Ezekiel 1:15, 22, 25, 26** were just beneath a "firmament, like the color of the

terrible crystal." "and above the firmament was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone." In **Exodus 24:10**, when the seventy elders "saw the God of Israel," "there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness." In the 17th verse "the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel." This may give us an idea of what "the stones of fire" were. Satan seems to have been very near to God.

510.010.060 Torrey: p524, T:I, P:6

**POINT 60: Satan is a created being.**

**Ezekiel 28:15** You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

510.010.065 Torrey: p524, T:I, P:6

**POINT 65: Satan was perfect in his ways from the day that he was created until unrighteousness was found in him.**

**Ezekiel 28:15** You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

510.010.070 Torrey: p525, T:I, P:7

**POINT 70: Satan's heart was lifted up because of his beauty; he corrupted his wisdom because of his brightness.**

**Ezekiel 28:17a-b** Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.

**1 Timothy 3:6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

510.010.080 Torrey: p525, T:I, P:8

**POINT 80: Satan shall be (or is) cast out of the mountain of God and destroyed from the midst of the stones of fire.**

**Ezekiel 28:16** Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

510.010.090 Torrey: p525, T:I, P:9

**POINT 90: Satan shall be cast to the earth and made a spectacle, and "turned to ashes" before kings and all who behold him.**

**Ezekiel 28:17b-c** [17] ... So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

Compare the following:

**Revelation 12:9-10** [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. [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 Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

**Revelation 19:20** But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

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# *What the Bible Teaches*

## Chapter 520

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520.000.000      Torrey: p526

### THE ABODE AND WORK OF SATAN

520.010.000      Torrey: p526, T:I

Topic 10: The Abode of Satan

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**POINT 10: Satan and the principalities, the powers, the world-rulers of this darkness, the spiritual hosts of wickedness are in the heavenly places, or heavenlies.**

**Ephesians 6:11-12** [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**Job 1:6** One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.

**Revelation 12:9** 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.

The prophecy of this latter verse seems to refer to a time yet to come.

On the other hand we are told that God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell.

**2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

However, it does not say, as in the Authorized Version "the angels that sinned," which might imply all of them, but simply "angels sinning," without specifying whether some or all.

520.010.020      Torrey: p526, T:I, P:1

**POINT 20: Satan goes to and fro in the earth and walks up and down in it.**

**Job 1:7** The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD,

"From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Compare **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

The earth seems to be the special field of his activity. As in the coming day, Christ and His Church, though heavenly beings, will rule an earthly kingdom, so now Satan and his hosts, heavenly beings, exercise their activity among an earthly people.

520.020.000 Torrey: p527, T:II

**Topic 20: The Work of Satan**

520.020.010 Torrey: p527, T:II, P:1

**POINT 10: Satan is the author of sin in this world.**

**Genesis 3:1-6** [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?'" [2] The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, [3] but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" [4] "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. [5] "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." [6] When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

**Revelation 12:9** 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.

520.020.020 Torrey: p527, T:II, P:1

**POINT 20: Satan is the author of sickness.**

**Acts 10:37-38** [37] You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached -- [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.

**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?

520.020.030 Torrey: p527, T:II, P:3

**POINT 30: Satan has the power of death.**

**Hebrews 2:14** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death -- that is, the devil --

He is the author of death. Every cemetery and every funeral, and every separation by death, owes its existence to the Devil.

Note that Satan cannot simply execute those who oppose him.

520.020.040 Torrey: p528, T:II, P:4

**POINT 40: The Devil tempts men to sin. He is the "tempter."**



**1 Chronicles 21:1** Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.

**Matthew 4:1, 3, 5-6, 8- 9** [1] Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. [3] The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." [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." [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."

520.020.050      Torrey: p528, T:II, P:5

**POINT 50: The Devil lays snares for men.**

**1 Timothy 3:7** He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

**2 Timothy 2:25-26** [25] Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Compare **1 Thessalonians 3:5** For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

520.020.060      Torrey: p528, T:II, P:6

**POINT 60: The Devil puts wicked purposes into the hearts of men.**

**Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?

**John 13:2** The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.

This is, of course, by their consent, or when they leave an opening, e.g., by dabbling in occultic practices such as ouija boards, tarot cards, fortune tellers, astrology, seances, "psychics", etc.

**Ephesians 4:26-27** [26] "In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] and do not give the devil a foothold.

520.020.070      Torrey: p528, T:II, P:7

**POINT 70: The Devil personally enters into men.**

**John 13:27a** [27] As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

Satan caricatures God's work.

**John 14:23** Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.



Compare the following two excerpts:

**Ephesians 2:1-2** [1] As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

**Philippians 2:12-13** [12] Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed -- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence -- continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

520.020.080      Torrey: p528, T:II, P:8

**POINT 80: Satan blinds the minds of the unbelieving so that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, may not dawn upon them.**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to illuminate the minds of men -- especially believers -- and reveal Jesus. It is the work of the Evil One to blind the minds of men -- especially unbelievers -- so that they cannot see the glory that is in Jesus. It is for each individual to say to the work of which he will surrender himself. The awful, almost incredible blindness of men who are intelligent on other subjects to the simplest and plainest truth about Christ is due to this blinding work of Satan.

520.020.090      Torrey: p5299 T:II, P:9

**POINT 90: Satan takes away the word out of the hearts of those who hear it but do not understand and hold it fast.**

**Mark 4:15** Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

See **Matthew 13:19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

Wherever the word is preached Satan is present, either in person or through his agents, to snatch away the seed sown. It is needful for us to pray to God to keep guard over the seed sown. It is also needful to hold fast to the truth we have heard, lest Satan snatch it away.

**Luke 8:15** But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

It is the work of the Spirit to "bring to remembrance" what Christ has spoken.

**John 14:26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

It is the work of Satan to make men forget the word. The world and the flesh are quite ready to co-operate with the Devil in this work.

520.020.100      Torrey: p529, T:II, P:10

**POINT 100: The Devil sows weeds in God's field.**

**Matthew 13:38-39** [38] The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

God's field is the world. Satan mixes his children up with God's. He does this also in the visible Church. Satan is ever busy corrupting the Church and its doctrine. He gets the woman to mix the leaven in the childrens' meal, and the rotten stuff goes on putrefying, and all is fermented. (Leaven -- yeast -- is the Biblical symbol for false doctrine.)

**Matthew 13:33** He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast [leaven] that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

**1 Corinthians 5:6-7** [6] Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast [leaven] works through the whole batch of dough? [7] Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast -- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

520.020.110      Torrey: p529, T:II, P:11

**POINT 110: Satan will give power to the lawless one to utterly deceive the perishing, those who do not receive the love of truth.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10** [9] The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, [10] and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Men can have truth or lies, which they prefer. If they will to do God's will, He will give them truth and the Spirit will guide them ultimately into all the truth.

**John 7:17** If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

**John 16:13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

But if men will not have truth Satan will lead them step by step into all manner of delusion and falsehood.

520.020.120      Torrey: p530, T:II, P:12

**POINT 120: Satan has ministers and his church to carry on his work.**

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15** [14] And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. [15] It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

**Revelation 3:9** I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars -- I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

520.020.130      Torrey: p530, T:II, P:13

**POINT 130: Satan, by his messengers, buffets God's servants.**

**2 Corinthians 12:7** To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

This, however, results in good to them. It keeps them humble and drives them to prayer.

520.020.140 Torrey: p530, T:II, P:14

**POINT 140: Satan resists the servants of God in the prosecution of their work.**

**Zechariah 3:1** Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

**Daniel 10:13** But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

520.020.150 Torrey: p530, T:II, P:15

**POINT 150: Satan hinders Christ's servants in the carrying out of their desires.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:18** For we wanted to come to you -- certainly I, Paul, did, again and again -- but Satan stopped us.

But good may come of that. This hindering of Paul going to Thessalonica give to the saints there, and to coming generations, this precious epistle.

520.020.160 Torrey: p531, T:II, P:16

**POINT 160: Satan shakes Christ's disciples up and sifts them.**

**Luke 22:31** Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.

Only good comes of this in the end. Simon came out of Satan's merciless sieve purer wheat than he was before. Satan simply succeeded in sifting some of the chaff out of him.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

520.020.170 Torrey: p531, T:II, P:17

**POINT 170: Satan accuses the brethren before God day and night.**

**Revelation 12:9-10** [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. [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 Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

The Greek word for "devil" means "traducer", "accuser", "slanderer." Compare the following:

**Job 1:6-9** [6] One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. [7] The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." [8] Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." [9] "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.

**Job 2:3-5** [3] Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." [4] "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. [5] But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."

520.020.180      Torrey: p531, T:II, P:18

**POINT 180: The Devil casts Christ's servants into prison.**

**Revelation 2:10** Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Only good need come of that. They are thus tried and purified and obtain the crown of life.

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# *What the Bible Teaches*

## **Chapter 530**

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530.000.000     Torrey: p532

### **OUR DUTY REGARDING THE DEVIL**

530.010.000     Torrey: p532, T:I

**Topic 10: Our Duty Regarding the Devil**

530.010.010     Torrey: p532, T:I, P:1

**POINT 10: The fact of the Devil's existence, activity and power should make us circumspect and watchful.**

**1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Careless and heedlessness are out of the question when such an enemy is abroad.

530.010.0210     Torrey: p532, T:I, P:2

**POINT 20: We must give no place to the Devil.**

**Ephesians 4:27** and do not give the devil a foothold.

The Devil is always seeking an opening. We should see to it that he gets none. The context suggests how such an opening is often given, e.g., by being angry and continuing in wrath. This door into the heart is a favorite one with the Devil.

530.010.040     Torrey: p532, T:I, P:3

**POINT 30: We should resist the Devil.**

**James 4:7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Though the Devil is strong it is ours in God's strength, and by the power of the Word, to withstand him.

**1 John 2:14** I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

**POINT 40: We should put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.**

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

The full armor is described in the following:

**Ephesians 6:14-18** [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

**1 John 5:18** We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

**Colossians 1:13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Christ guards and delivers God's children from the Devil's power.

**John 10:28-29** [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

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# *What the Bible Teaches*

## Chapter 540

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### THE DEVIL'S FINAL DESTINY

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Topic 10: The Devil's Destiny

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**POINT 10: Ever since he tempted man, Satan has been under a special curse.**

**Genesis 3:14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

The serpent does not share in the coming redemption of the animal world. He shall still eat dust.

**Isaiah 65:25** "The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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**POINT 20: The eternal fire is prepared for the Devil and his angels.**

**Matthew 25:41** Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

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**POINT 30: The Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the Devil. Utter failure, disappointment and torment awaits him on every hand.**

**1 John 3:8** He 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.

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**POINT 40: Jesus Christ has already brought him to naught (or made him utterly ineffective) through His death.**

**Hebrews 2:14** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death -- that is, the devil --

Satan's power was utterly undermined and doomed by the death of Christ.

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**POINT 50: Christ made an open show of Satan's hosts and triumphed over them in the cross.**

**Colossians 2:15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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**POINT 60: By Christ's death Satan, as the prince of this world, was cast out.**

**John 12:31** Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Satan's dominion received its death blow at Calvary. The actual casting out thus secured may be in the future, but the death of Christ secured it and it is now assured. Potentially, Satan is already cast out. He is an already conquered enemy:

**Luke 10:18** He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

Satan may still bother us, but he has got to go.

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**POINT 70: The God of peace shall bruise Satan under our feet shortly.**

**Romans 16:20** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

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**POINT 80: At the coming of Christ Satan shall be bound with a great chain and cast into the abyss for a thousand years.**

**Revelation 20:1-3** [1] And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. [2] He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. [3] He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

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**POINT 90: At the end of the thousand years Satan shall for a little season be loosed out of his prison and come forth to deceive the nations.**

**Revelation 20:7-8** [7] When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison [8] and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth -- Gog and Magog -- to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

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**POINT 100: Finally, the Devil shall be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, and shall be**



**tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

**Revelation 20:10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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