

## LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO ---- SATAN!

**TEXT:** Ezek. 28:11-14 & 17

**INTRO.:** A. You probably think you already know him pretty well...through your personal experience as a believer. But what does God's Word reveal about him that perhaps goes beyond your experience.

B. Why bother to preach a message about Satan, our arch enemy? (I have preached 2 messages each on the members of the Trinity: 2 on the Heavenly Father, 2 on His Honorable Son and 2 on the Holy Spirit.) But there is another super being God created that we need to know more about. One way to defeat your enemy is to know as much about him as possible, so you can anticipate and counter his attacks. Another reason is that so much is revealed about him in God's Word.\* Apparently the Lord wants us to know about our enemy so we can recognize him and defeat him.

C. What do YOU really know about him? What does God reveal about him that will help us? We know that God alone is "*TOTALLY AWESOME*" – but according to the Bible Satan was and is pretty awesome as well. He is NOT all powerful (but limited) NOT omniscient (but brilliant) and NOT omnipresent (but has legions of servants to help him – called "*devils*" [not "demons"] in a KJB).

D. Contrary to popular literature and thinking Satan is not necessarily some hideous, ugly and scary looking being ...in fact he may have been the crowning achievement of God's creation...

## **I. HE WAS ORIGINALLY A BEAUTIFUL CREATURE: (Perhaps the MOST beautiful!)**

A. Dazzling with Sparkling Jewels: v.13 *"perfect in beauty..."* v.17 *"because of thy beauty"*

1. He was decorated with ten jewels and even one precious metal (gold.)
2. He was originally one of five Cherubim surrounding God's throne and apparently was the highest of the five. v.14
3. His original name was "Lucifer" or "son of the morning" or "bright star". He may have had the highest position in God's creation
  - a. This may have been the reason he thought he could replace God.
  - b. We have no record of angelic creation, but they were here when God created the universe according to Job.

**Job 38:4 & 7** *Where wast thou (Job) when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.... When the morning stars sang together, and all **the sons of God** shouted for joy?*

**NOTE:** Could it be that when the "**sons of God**" (angels) in Gen. 6 "**saw the daughters of men**" and cohabited with them producing "**giants**", thus leaving "**their first estate**" that these fallen angels became **devils**? (*We have no Bible record of their creation otherwise.*)

B. Decorated with Musical Instruments: v. 13 "**tabrets and pipes**"

1. God invented music and musical instruments.
2. Man, and Satan, has corrupted them both.
3. Music can be used for both good and bad purposes (it can soothe Saul's troubled spirit as David played his harp for him or used to cause men to bow down to idols as in the book of Daniel or help them lose all inhibitions and morality).

**NOTE:** In the night clubs, bars and dance halls of the world music is used get men and women to forget their conscience, decency and morality. Even "popular" or worldly (*think rock, rap, etc.*) music is constantly used to lower the mental standards of humans and make the immoral acceptable. It degrades, and demoralizes and uses filthy and racist language, even glorifying criminal activity, murder and rape. And it all began with Satan's fall. ! *Listening to this music degrades YOU!* Music is also a devil's tool in churches

C. Described with Creature Perfection: v.15 "**thou was perfect...**"

1. He was like Adam originally before the fall, why did Adam, Satan and 1/3 of the angels rebel and sin and fall from their first estate?
2. In fact many of the same characteristics could describe them both.

- a. Pride had something to do with their fall.
- b. Perhaps they all thought their perfection exempted them from God's judgment?!

## II. HE BECAME AN ABOMINABLE CREATURE: *"serpent"... "dragon" "roaring lion"*

### A. His Ultimate Goal is to Dethrone God!

1. When Satan's pride lifted him up his desire was to replace God on His throne.
2. Satan's famous 5 *"I will"* statements in in **Isaiah 14** finalized with *"I will be like the Most High!" (= the highest High One" – "the strongest Strong One" – "the One with no equal")* reveals his primary objective.
3. Yes, Satan is after YOU, but his ultimate target is God!

**ILLUS.:** No man is an island. What you do has more far-reaching effects than you can even dream of. There is a spiritual battle raging on the cosmic level between God & Satan, and you may just be a pawn in that battle. If Satan can get to you, he can ultimately get to God.

Job was such a pawn. He was a good & godly man but Satan wanted to discredit God so he attacked Job. He attacked his home, possessions, family and all he had. **His purpose was to have Job curse God!** He almost succeeded when Job cursed the day of his birth!

### B. Believers Are His Intermediate Target:

1. He uses his innumerable legion of demons to get to us.
2. Since he is not omnipresent he relies on this army to spy on us and attack us.

**ILLUS.:** When I think of this I also think of the "Christmas song" "*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*" which says "*He knows when you are sleeping, he knows when you're awake, he knows if you've been bad or good...!*" **Santa Claus is not real, but Satan is!**

- a. He is aware of our weaknesses, our failures, our desires, our flesh, lusts and temptations...and will use them all against us!
- b. Besides the devils (demons) he will use men to deceive us and draw us into false doctrine, lethargy and sear our conscience.

**NOTE:** Our pastor this past Wed. night went into great detail speaking of this subject from 1 Tim. 4:1-3 and reminded us of how vital our conscience is in this spiritual warfare! We can end up with a **seared conscience** so that we become confused about doctrine, our personal convictions and even the church and God's Word and words. (He can use the present COVID 19 pandemic to keep us out of church and disobeying God regarding **the assembly of the saints**. After all, we can sit at home and watch on line!)

**Eph 6:12** *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

3. He intrudes into every area of human activity: education, music, politics, marriages,

homes, families, work, and especially your and my personal life.

**CONCL.:** This has been a simple presentation of who Satan is and what his main objectives are. The ultimate target of his activities is the Lord Himself...to dethrone Him. But to do that he also targets and attacks His children...**YOU AND ME!**

The Lord has given us His Holy Spirit, His Word and explicit instructions to defeat Satan...

**James 4:7-8** *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

1. Admit your misconceptions about Satan.
2. Admit your weakness areas (music, sex, lust, study of God's Word, TV, etc).
3. Submit and resist.

