



The New Life in Christ

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...” II Corinthians 5:17
Course III, Lesson 3

Satan



Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 14:12-17
Ezekiel 28:12-19

Key Verse:

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

The Bible tells us that, before the creation of Adam and Eve, there was in God's universe a being who had rebelled against God, his creator. This being is called Satan or the Devil. Satan is not just an influence for evil. He is not a red demon with a pitchfork as he is often pictured. He is a very real being.

Where did Satan come from?

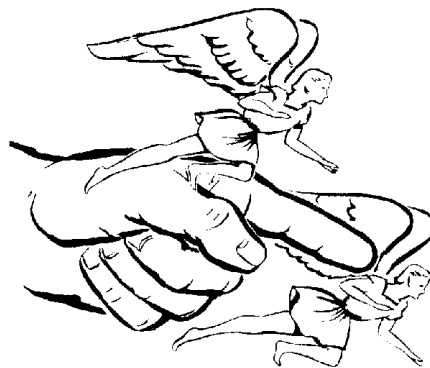
There are two main passages in the Bible which tell us of the original position of Satan and how he became the enemy of God. These passages are Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28.

From the Bible, we learn that Satan was originally created as an angel named Lucifer. The word "angel" means "messenger: All angels were created by God. The Bible says,

"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven,

and that are in earth, visible and invisible...all things were created by Him, and for Him."
Colossians 1:16

Though angels are beautiful and powerful creatures, they are not to be worshipped for they are only created beings. Only God, the creator, is to be worshipped.



The Bible describes Lucifer in this manner,

"...Thou sealest up the sum, full wisdom, and perfect in beauty."
Ezekiel 28:12

Since Lucifer was perfect in beauty, he was beautiful as it was possible for a creature to be. Since he was filled with wisdom, he was as wise as a creature of God could be. Of all the angels in Heaven, Lucifer

was the wisest, the most beautiful, and the most powerful.

What was Lucifer's sin?

It seems that, for some time after he was created, this mighty angel loved God with all his heart and obeyed Him perfectly. But a time came when Lucifer sinned against God. The Bible says,

"Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee."
Ezekiel 28:15



Where did sin begin? It began in Lucifer's heart! The Bible says,

“Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness...”

Ezekiel 28:17

Here is what Lucifer said in his heart:

I *“I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”*

Lucifer’s BIG “I”

Isaiah 14:13,14

What was Lucifer’s sin? His sin was pride. As this mighty angel considered how beautiful he was, his heart was lifted up with pride. Lucifer simply fell in love with himself! As he beheld himself, Lucifer decided that there was none so great, none so beautiful, and none so wise as himself; therefore, he decided that he should be God. He set his will against God’s will. Five times Lucifer said, “I will.” What a terrible thing it is for a creature of God to set his will against God’s will!

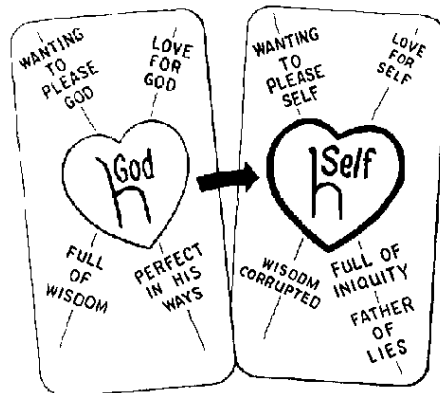
The change in Lucifer’s heart

A great change took place in Lucifer’s heart when he sinned. Before this time, Lucifer had loved God and enthroned God as King in his heart. Now Lucifer loved himself. He no longer chose to have God on the throne of his heart. Instead, he put Self on the throne.

The sin of pride which began in Lucifer’s heart led to self-love. His self-love led to self-will, and his self-will led to rebellion against his

creator. No longer, was Lucifer content to be the highest angel under God. Now he wanted to be God! God saw what was in his heart and cast Lucifer down from his exalted position. His name was changed from Lucifer (light bearer) to Satan, which means “adversary.” Thus, Satan began his career of opposing God, and he has been sinning ever since.

SATAN’S CHANGE



Satan has a kingdom

Satan was the first angel to rebel against God, but many other angels followed him in his rebellion. These angels are called “fallen angels” while those who remained true to God are called “holy angels.”



Satan, along with these fallen angels, set up a kingdom opposed to God and His kingdom. Ever since the time of Satan’s rebellion, there have been two kingdoms in the universe - the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of God. These two

kingdoms are exactly opposite in character. Satan’s kingdom is the kingdom of darkness; God’s kingdom is the kingdom of light. Satan’s kingdom is the kingdom of lies, wickedness, and hate while God’s kingdom is the kingdom of truth, righteousness, and love.

Who are Satan’s subjects?

Satan’s subjects include fallen angels and all unsaved people. The angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God are his subjects and serve him in his wicked purposes. And all unsaved people are in Satan’s kingdom whether they realize it or not.

What is Satan trying to do?

Satan wants to keep people from receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. He wants to keep unsaved people in his kingdom of darkness.

To accomplish his objective, Satan tries to keep people from ever hearing about the Lord Jesus Christ. In The world today, almost two thousand years after Christ died for our sins, there are still millions of people who have never once heard the name of Jesus. They cannot be saved without hearing about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says,

“...there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12

If Satan has his way, these people will never hear the name of Jesus, the Saviour who died for their sins.

When he cannot keep people from hearing the Gospel, Satan uses a different approach. He tries to blind their minds so that they will not believe it. The Bible says,

*"...the god of this world
(Satan) hath blinded the
minds of them which
believe not...."*

II Corinthians 4:4



How Satan deceives people

Satan is a great deceiver. He deceives many people into believing that the Bible is not really the Word of God. He does not mind if people think of him as an imaginary character and laugh at the idea of his being a real person. He does not mind this because it suits his purposes very well.

Some people are naturally very religious.

How does Satan deceive these people? He deceives them through false religions. Satan deceives millions of people into putting their trust in their own good works, or in their church membership, or in some church ordinance or ceremony instead of putting their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for their sins.

What will happen to Satan?

Satan is a powerful and cunning enemy, and he has many followers. At times, he even appears to have great success in his battle against the people of God. We might ask, "Why doesn't God destroy Satan since He has the power to do so?" The answer to this question is that it is not God's will to do so at this time. But one day God will deal

with Satan. His destiny has already been determined. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire where he will be punished forever. The Bible says,

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire ...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Revelation 20:10



"An whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:15

Likewise, those who choose to believe Satan's lies and to remain in his kingdom of darkness will also be cast into the lake of fire. The Bible says,

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Revelation 21:8

Not only those who are very wicked will be lost but the "fearful and unbelieving" will also be lost.



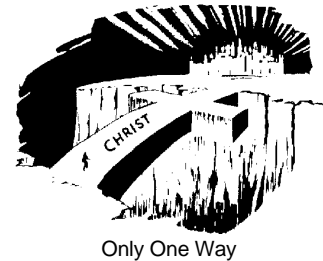
We have seen that Satan is a great deceiver, and we have seen the awful doom awaiting those who are deceived by him. How can one keep from being deceived by Satan? We can keep from being deceived by knowing the truth of God's Word. The Lord Jesus said,

"...ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." John 8:32

We must never put our trust in any other than the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood which was shed for our sins. The Apostle Paul wrote,

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (cursed of God)."

Galatians 1:8



Satan is a real being - a powerful and terrible enemy of God and man. To keep from being deceived by him, we must know the truth of God's Word.

PRAYER: Father, thank You for Your word. Your word is truth. Help me to hide Your word in my heart so that I will never be deceived by Satan.

Definitions

Iniquity - wickedness, sin.

Whoremongers - immoral persons, those who have improper sex relations

Adversary - a person who contends with or opposes another person. Satan is God's adversary because he opposes Him or is against Him.

Sorcerers - persons who are empowered by evil spirits. Persons who practice witchcraft.

Idolaters - persons who worship idols. Those who worship anything other than God.

Abominable - a person or thing that is offensive, hateful, unclean or quite disagreeable.



Helpful Hints

MEMORIZING

**It takes time to learn,
so don't try to hurry.**

Have you been having trouble memorizing the Key Verse? Here are some suggestions that will help you to learn the verse.

① READ IT

Read the verse aloud several times. As you read it, think of the meaning. Understand what the verse says.

② WRITE IT

Copy the verse several times. Then try writing it from memory.

③ SAY IT

After writing it from memory, say it aloud. Perhaps someone will help you by looking at the verse in the Bible as you say it. Be sure to learn the reference, too.

QUESTIONS PAGES

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Turn to the Question Page and fill in the answers for this lesson before going on to the next lesson.
2. When you have studied the lessons and have completed the Question Page, carefully detach the question page.
3. Print your name and address in the space provided at the bottom of the Question Page. Also, print your name and return address in the top left corner of the return envelope.
4. Fold the Question Page(s) and return them to the correspondence school. Place a First Class stamp on the envelope and make sure the correspondence school name and address is printed on the return envelope before mailing it back with your question pages.

Don't forget to write in your name and return address.

Send in your ANSWER SHEETS ONLY!

Please study the lesson carefully before filling in the answers

QUESTIONS

1. Satan was originally created as an _____ named _____. All angels were created by _____.
2. Where did sin begin? It began in _____.
3. What was Lucifer's sin? His sin was _____. How many times did Lucifer say, "I will"? _____ times.
4. Before his sin, whom did Lucifer love? _____. Who was King in his heart? _____. After he sinned, whom did Lucifer love? _____. Whom did he now choose to put on the throne of his heart? _____.
5. After his sin, Lucifer's name was changed to _____, which means _____. Did other angels follow Satan in his rebellion? _____.
6. Satan subjects include _____ and _____.
7. Satan wants to _____ and _____. Can anyone be saved without hearing about the Lord Jesus Christ? _____.
8. When Satan cannot keep people from hearing the Gospel, he tries to _____ their _____ so that they will not _____.
9. Why doesn't God destroy Satan? Because _____. One day, Satan and all his followers will be cast into the _____.
10. How can we keep from being deceived by Satan? By _____ the _____. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "... _____, _____." John 8:32

Please Print Check answers carefully before mailing

You must return answer sheet before you get next lesson.

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