

THE DEVIL (DIABOLOS)

1. The devil is smarter than any believer. He is a genius.
 - A. Isaiah 14:17, "That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners."
 - B. Ezekiel 28:11-19, "Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared
in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the Earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."
 - C. Ephesians 2:2, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, and spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."
 - D. John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and
the father of it."
 - E. 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."
2. His name is "Lucifer," literally "a great shining light, son of the morning."
3. The devil is the ruler of this world.
 - A. Luke 4:5, 7, "And the devil, taking Him up into an high mountain, shewed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time." "If Thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be Thine."
 - B. John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

- C. 2 Corinthians 4:4, "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."
4. The devil's strategy to the unbeliever is to keep him unsaved.
- A. 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4, "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 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."
- B. Luke 8:12, "Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."
- C. 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the Truth, that they might be saved."
5. The devil's strategy with regard to the believer:
- A. 2 Corinthians 6:1, "We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the GRACE of God in vain."
- B. Accusing:
1. Revelation 12:9, 10, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he as cast out into the Earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."
 2. Zechariah 13:1, 2, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land."
 3. Jesus Christ is the believer's Advocate.

A. 1 John 2:1, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous."
- C. Keeping believers from the Word:
1. 1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Scripture speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."
 2. Ephesians 4:17, 18, "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their minds, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."
 3. 2 Corinthians 11:13, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."
- D. Frustrate the will of God:
1. The operational will of God.

A. James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
 2. The geographical will of God.

- A. 1 Thessalonians 2:18, "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."
3. The mental will of God.
 - A. Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."
 - E. Encourages believers to worry:
 1. 1 Peter 5:9, "Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."
 - F. To obscure the believer's occupation with Christ:
 1. 1 Kings 19:10, "And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
 2. Jeremiah 17:4, "And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in Mine anger, which shall burn forever."
 3. Hebrews 13:5, 6, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."
 - A. (To get your eyes on the details of life, in place of eyes on the Lord)
 - G. To get the believer involved with the social gospel, and improvement ideals.
 - H. To get the believer to fear death:
 1. Hebrews 2:14, 15, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."
6. The devil's strategy with regard to nations:
 - A. Revelation 12:9, 20:3, 8, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he as cast out into the Earth, and his angels were cast out with him." "And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the Earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."
 - 1. To make them go international, and to knock out the four Divine Institutions.
 7. Religion is the devil's creation, his counterfeit system to Christianity.
 - A. John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
 8. He trains false teachers, to advance idolatry.

- A. Idolatry.
 - 1. Habakkuk 2:18, 19, "What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teach of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the word, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it."
- B. Self-righteousness.
 - 1. Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."
- C. Courts believers.
 - 1. Galatians 4:17, 18, "They zealously affect you, but now well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you."
 - 2. 2 Timothy 3:5-7, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth."
- D. Appeals to ego.
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 10:12, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."
- E. Legalistic.
 - 1. 1 Timothy 1:7, 8, "Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we know that the law if good, if a man use it lawfully."
- F. Satan never gives in. He will always have a false system.
 - 1. 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

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