

Part 6. Our Enemy

Lesson 1: Satan – Our Spiritual Enemy (The Thief)

Lesson Summary

Satan is not a myth or metaphor but a real, personal, fallen angel who opposes God and His people (Ezek. 28:12–17; Isa. 14:12–15). Once exalted, he fell through pride and now seeks to deceive, tempt, accuse, and destroy (1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:10). Scripture describes him as the ruler of this world (John 12:31), the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2), and the deceiver of nations (2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 20:3). Though powerful, he is not sovereign—his defeat is already secured by Christ’s cross and resurrection (Col. 2:15; 1 John 4:4). Believers are called not to fear Satan but to resist him by putting on the full armor of God (Eph. 6:10–18), submitting to God (James 4:7), and guarding their minds with truth (2 Cor. 10:5). Spiritual warfare is real, but Christ’s victory assures us that no weapon formed against God’s people will prosper (Isa. 54:17).

Key Takeaways

- **Satan’s reality:** A real fallen angel, not a myth or symbol (Ezek. 28:12–17; 1 Tim. 3:6).
- **His activity:** Deception, accusation, temptation, and counterfeit light (2 Cor. 11:14–15; Rev. 12:10).
- **His titles:** Ruler of this world (John 12:31), prince of the air (Eph. 2:2), tempter (Matt. 4:3).
- **His end:** Eternal judgment in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).
- **Our call:** Be alert, resist, and stand firm with God’s armor (Eph. 6:10–18; James 4:7).
- **Our victory:** Christ has already triumphed through the cross (Col. 2:15; 1 John 4:4).

Questions & Answers

1. **Q:** Who is Satan according to Scripture?
A: A fallen angel who rebelled against God and now opposes His people (Isa. 14:12–15; Ezek. 28:12–17).
2. **Q:** What are some of Satan’s roles or titles?
A: Ruler of this world (John 12:31), prince of the air (Eph. 2:2), accuser (Rev. 12:10), deceiver (2 Cor. 4:4).
3. **Q:** How does Satan deceive people?
A: Through false religions, counterfeit gospels, doctrinal error, and masquerading as light (2 Cor. 11:14–15).
4. **Q:** What is Satan’s ultimate destiny?
A: Eternal torment in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).
5. **Q:** How should believers respond to Satan’s schemes?
A: By putting on God’s armor, resisting him, and standing firm in truth (Eph. 6:10–18; James 4:7).
6. **Q:** What guarantees victory over Satan?
A: Christ’s triumph at the cross and His indwelling Spirit in believers (Col. 2:15; 1 John 4:4).

“Satan is a real enemy, but his defeat is certain—through Christ’s cross we resist, stand firm, and live in victory.”