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For next Sunday, read Isaiah 40:21-31



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Introduction: Video, “Lean In”

Who or what is the devil? Is Satan actually a person or is he just the personification of an evil influence in the world? If he is an actual being, is he omnipresent like God, being in multiple places at once. Can he personally tempt you and me at the same time?

We could take a nationwide poll of what people think, or we could go to a document that was written beginning 3,300 years ago and to specific passages written 2,700 years ago by prophets inspired by God.

Remember: How can you tell if a prophet is from God?

1. Does what he is prophesying contradict any of God’s commands or teachings?
2. Does the prophecy come true?

THE PROPHET SERIES

We’ve looked at forthtelling prophecies by Isaiah: Return to the Lord (Isaiah 1; last Sunday Isaiah 13) We also heard his foretelling prophecies of a coming Messiah in chapters 9 and 11, and of his suffering in chapter 53. We also beheld the holiness of God in Isaiah 6. Today, we are looking at another prophecy, but this time it will be a prophecy not about God but Satan. From this and other passages we develop our doctrine of Satan.

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

Eph. 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.

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Primary meaning of this prophetic text: King of Babylon

Isaiah prophesies that a future king of Babylon, who would be elevated, egotistical, and proud of the fact that

he subdued the nations around him would, one day, get his just reward.

586 B.C. Jerusalem is sacked, temple destroyed, thousands killed, thousands taken captive to be deported to neighboring areas controlled by Babylon.

Daniel 4:28-30 NIV

All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" (Followed by his insanity and removal from the throne...)

538 B.C. Medes and Persian armies conquer Babylon.

Secondary, yet greater fulfillment: Satan

What can we learn about Satan's attributes from this prophecy?

12: a heavenly being who fell from his place in heaven
Name: "Morning Star" In Latin, this is "Lucifer." (Satan wants to imitate Jesus, who is the "Bright and Morning Star" Rev.22:16)

At war with the nations

13: Full of pride and ego; never satisfied; wants to rule the angels

14: Wants to rule over everything; to be like the Most High; "Elyon." (Remember that the serpent told Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden that if they would eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would "be like God.")

15-17: He is cast down and defeated by God
Revelation 12 tells us that one day in the end times Satan will be cast out of heaven and finally cast into hell, Rev. 20:10

Another prophetic passage to aid in understanding Satan and his work: **Ezekiel 28:11-17 (The King of Tyre/Satan)**

Primary Fulfillment: The King of Tyre

Secondary, yet greater fulfillment: Satan
Ezekiel 28 ESV

¹¹ Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: ¹² "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD:

"You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³ You were in **Eden**, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.

Wiersbe: The text describes his great beauty and names nine jewels that were a part of that beauty. All of these jewels were also found in the breastplate of the Jewish high priest (Ex 28:17-20). This suggests that in "Eden, the garden of God" and upon "God's holy mountain." this person had special priestly functions to perform for the Lord. The settings and mountings for these jewels were of the finest gold. His pride and selfish ambitions led him into sin and God judged him by casting him out. While the original description refers to the ruler of Tyre, it certainly applies to the god of this age. Satan, the enemy of the Lord.

¹⁴ You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

¹⁶ In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

Satan:

12: Perfect in wisdom and beauty

13: Lived in the Garden of Eden, wore a royal crown; archangel

14: A guardian cherub

15: A created being; sinless; fell into unrighteousness and sin

16: Greed became part of his nature.

17: Pride corrupted his heart; cast down, people can see evil instead of beauty. Whether this passage is about a prideful king or a prideful angel, Isaiah 14:1-23

Prov 16:18 is still true: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (NKJV).

Comparing Satan to God: Is Satan equal to God? Is he just an influence or is he a real being? Satan does not possess any of the 7 classical attributes of God: Self-existence, immensity, immutability, eternity, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence. Nor any of the transferable attributes of God: holiness, righteousness, truth, love.

Satan's strategy: deception and attack against God, God's people, and God's ways

Satan:

- Rebelled against God
- Will make war against the nations
- Attacked God's integrity (Gen. 3: Did God really say...?)
- Appears as an angel of light
- Is the father of lies
- Had a plan to kill Jesus
- Desires to steal, kill, and destroy

How? Personally? Not usually. Remember, he is one fallen angel.

Through demons? Sometimes. Possession vs. oppression (N.T Greek uses one word translated *demonization*) Believers may be oppressed.

Most often, it is through his worldwide influence. Examples today: Suicide, addictions, greed, lust, materialism, violence

Also through false world views: New Spirituality; Postmodern; Islamic; Marxism; Secularism

Illustrations of attacks on Christianity

But also through a deceptive view of self: Chaplain John Heatley

Testimony: Chaplain John Heatley

Satan's ploy; What he hears in jail often:

The natural self: It's all good. My experience makes me what I am. God uses me as I am....so my addiction, lust, greed, anger, murder is not so bad, really.

Application:

Be aware of Satan's schemes.

Eph 6:11-13 NIV

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.

Stay in love with God. (Fear him, not the devil. Focus on him, not the devil.)

Luke 10:27

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

Submit and Resist

James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

(By standing firm on God's Word/prayer; by standing away from evil situations; by standing up for what's right; by standing together with believers)

Illus: First mission trip to the bush in Africa: resistance; demonic possession, etc.

But the breakthrough came from the support of the group. We read scripture together, prayed together, shared Christ together in the huts. The group protected us from harm.

Netflix documentary on animal predators attacking prey in the wild. All focus on singling out one, solitary prey from the pack, from the group. A lion won't attack a herd of gazelles. He will separate out one gazelle. Then pounce and kill.

Apply: Too many of you are trying to live the Christian life on your own. And your failing. You're putting yourself at great risk.

There is safety in numbers. That's one of the purposes of the church. Attend worship every single Sunday that you are able. Sacrifice some time and convenience to be in a LifeGroup. Make sure that you have people praying for you every day!

Peter warns us all: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.