

Theology 101

Satan and Demons

We have looked thus far at the Holy God and His holy angels, so now we turn our attention to the forces of darkness that battle against God.

I. Satan

- A. Satan was originally a holy angel, perhaps among the greatest, but rebelled against God - Ezekiel 28:11-1
 - 1. Note: Though the passage in Ezekiel is addressed to the King of Tyre, it is evident that no mortal man is being described here. This technique is common in the prophetic books.
 - 2. This also means that, though powerful, he is not infinite. He is not omnipresent, omniscient, or any other of the infinite attributes ascribed to the God.
- B. Satan is a real individual and has personality
 - 1. There is a theory today that Satan is simply evil personified, but the Bible is clear that he is a real person!
 - 2. He *acts* through the serpent in Genesis 3:1-15
 - 3. He *accesses* both Heaven and Earth in Job 1:6-12 and 2:1-13
 - 4. He *appears* as an individual to tempt Christ in Luke 4:1-13
 - 5. He *aims* his attacks at God and His children in Ephesians 6:10-12
- C. Satan is extremely powerful
 - 1. The only limits to Satan's power seems to be where God draws line he cannot cross. (See Job chapters 1 & 2)
 - 2. He has power over kingdoms of this world - Luke 4:5, Isaiah 14:12-17
 - 3. He had the power of death - Hebrews 2:14
 - a) Christ has reclaimed this power - Revelation 1:18
 - 4. He has some power over sickness - Job 2:7
 - 5. He can viciously attack - Luke 22:31
 - 6. The Archangel Michael, perhaps mightiest of the angels, will not contend with Satan - Jude 9
- D. Satan is already defeated
 - 1. Through the Blood and the Spirit the Christian can have victory over Satan - Ephesians 6:10-12, I John 4:4, Revelation 12:11.
 - 2. His doom is already foretold - Revelation 20:10
 - 3. However, as with a wounded animal, this makes his attacks more vicious - I Peter 5:8

II. Demons

- A. These are Fallen Angels
 - 1. Many believe that 1/3 of the angels rebelled with Satan against God. This is alluded to in Revelation 12:3-4,9.
 - 2. According to Scripture, only God has the power to create or give life. Satan's "M.O." is to corrupt. If he could not create demons, he could corrupt once holy angels into being his evil followers."

B. Their work

1. They have the power to indwell humans - Mark 5:1-13
 - a) NOTE - There is no evidence in the Scripture that this can happen to a Believer! The Holy Spirit indwells the believer (Romans 8:9-11) and leaves no place for any other!
2. They know and must recognize God and His authority - Mark 5:7, James 2:9
3. They can cause disorders and insanity - see basically every story involving demons in the Gospels.
4. Some of their work inside Christendom is described in I Timothy 4:1

III. Closing Remarks

- A. Run, run, ***RUN, RUN!*** from any “preacher” that gets off into casting out demons. Those guys are idiots!
- B. While these evil beings exist, I must caution that they should not be a major area of study for a Christian. CHRIST IS GREAT THAN ALL OF THESE! Focus on Christ!