

THE POWER OF SATAN

Col. 2:8 – “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Eph. 5:6 – “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”

2 Thess. 2:3 – “Let no man deceive you **by any means...**”

1. **2 Cor. 11:13-15** – “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”
2. **2 Thess. 2:9-12** – “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. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
3. **Matthew 24:24** – “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”
4. **Matthew 7:21-23** – “...and cast out demons in your name...I never knew you: depart from me...You that work iniquity.”
Why “you that work iniquity”? Because after Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected and ascended to Heaven Satan can no longer possess a person, but certain religious people, even today are still practicing exorcism!
5. **James 4:7** – “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, *and he will flee from you.*” – **How?**

Ephesians 6:10-18 – (Read).

- a. Paul called Satan as “the god of this world”:
- b. **2 Cor. 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.”
- c. **Eph. 2:1-2** – “And you who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein *in time past* you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”

1. **1 Peter 5:8-9** – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith...”
2. **Jude 6** – “And the angels which kept not their first position, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”
3. **2 Peter 2:4** – “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.”

What about Satan?

4. **John 12:31** – “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.”
5. **John 16:1-11** – v. 11 – “Of judgment, because the prince of this world is **judged**.”
 - a. Satan is *already* “judged.”
6. **Hebrews 2:10-18** – v. 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.*”
7. **Colossians 2:13-15** – “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; **And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**” (See 1 Cor. 15:54-57.)
8. **Matthew 12:22-29** – “Or else how can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.”
 - a. Jesus entered the house of Satan (the strong man) and threw Satan out.
 - b. By this He showed that **HE BOUND SATAN**.
 - c. Today Satan is bound and limited.
 - d. It is the same as when a person has a dog. At first the dog is without the leash running freely but after that his master put on the leash and the dog is limited in his freedom to the length of the leash.
 - e. In this same way Satan is limited.
12. **Revelation 20:1-2** – “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, **and bound him** a thousand years.”
13. Verses 7-10 = 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.