

THE BIBLE DOCTRINE OF SATAN

Satan in Genesis 3: NATASH

INTRODUCTION:

1. Satan Σατανᾶς, or Devil Διάβολος is the generic term for a spirit of evil, especially the supreme spirit of evil σατανᾶς, the foe of God and man.
2. The primitive philosophy of Animism involves the ascription of all phenomena to personal agencies; the agents of good become gods, those of evil become demons.

I. THE BIBLE DOES NOT TELL US THE ORIGIN OF SATAN BUT IT DOES DESCRIBE HIM AND HIS WORK

1. Satan mentioned only 4 places in the Old Testament
 - A. I Chronicles 21:1
 - B. Job 1:6-9, 12; 2:1-4, 6-7
 - C. Psalm 109:6
 - D. Zechariah 3:1-2
2. Jewish Rabbi speculated that Satan was a fallen angel
 - A. Isaiah 14:12-14 (refers to Babylon)
 - B. Ezekiel 28:11-18 (refers to Tyre)
3. Some speculate based on New Testament references
 - A. Revelation 12:9
 1. Shows Satan cast out of Heaven, but not his origin
 - B. Luke 10:18
 1. Falls out of Heaven like lightning
4. There are many descriptive terms for Satan
 - A. I Peter 5:8 The Adversary
 - B. Matthew 12:24 Beelzebub
 - C. Revelation 9:11 Angel of the Bottomless Pit
 - D. Matthew 4:1 The Devil
 - E. Matthew 13:39 Enemy
 - F. John 8:44 Father of Liars; Murderer
 - G. I John 3:8 Murderer

- H. Revelation 12:9 Old Serpent
- I. John 12:31 Prince of This World
- J. Eph. 2:2 Ruler; Spirit
- K. I Thess. 3:5 Tempter
- L. Matthew 13:19 Wicked One
- M. II Cor. 4:4 God of This World
- N. Revelation 12:10 Accuser
- O. Revelation 12:7 Dragon

5. **Satan is constantly out to destroy us**

- A. II Cor. 2:11 “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”
- B. Satan works through people
 - 1. He used Job’s wife - curse God and die
 - 2. Used Delilah to destroy Samson
 - 3. Used Jezebel to hinder the work of Elijah
 - 4. Used Judas to betray Christ
 - 5. Even tried to use Peter to discourage Christ
 - a. Matt. 16:23 Get the hence Satan

NOTE: Most temptations come through people with whom we associate.

C. **Satan blinds the minds of men**

- 1. II Cor. 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.”
- 2. Matt. 13:19 He steals the seed of the kingdom out of our hearts
- 3. He blinds us by appealing to:
 - a. Family Loyalty
 - b. Popularity
 - c. Worldliness
 - d. Procrastination
 - e. False Premises

- D. Satan works in the realm of religion
1. II Cor. 11:14-15 “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is not great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness (false teachers); whose end shall be according to their works.
 2. Revelation 2:9; 3:9 Refers to the synagogue of Satan
 3. Satan quotes scriptures
 - a. Matthew 4:6 Quotes Psalm 91:12
 4. Satan teaches doctrines
 - a. I Tim. 4:1 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.
 5. Satan works lying wonders
 - a. II Thess. 2:9
- E. Satan works to get Christians back into his kingdom
1. He entices young people with
 - a. Evil Companions
 - b. Pull of the Crowd
 - c. Desire for Popularity
 - d. Worldly Pleasures
 2. He entices the middle aged by
 - a. Cares of This World
 - b. Deceitfulness of Riches
 - c. Desire for Prestige
 - d. Worldly Achievement at Any Cost
 - e. Discouragement
 3. He entices the older aged by
 - a. Heartaches and Disappointments
 - b. Self-Pity and Bitterness
 - c. Discouragement from Loneliness
- F. Satan works within the Church
1. Acts 20:28-30 Paul warns the elders from Ephesus at Miletus about this very problem
 2. James 3:16 “For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil

work.”

G. Satan persecutes the Church from the outside

1. Through political organizations
2. Through division in the ranks of Christendom
3. Through creating doubts in people’s minds about God and the Bible

“Thy Life’s a Warfare, thou a Soldier art;
Satan’s thy foeman, and a faithful heart
Thy two-edged weapon; patience is thy shield,
Heaven is thy chieftain, and the world thy field.”
-Francis Quarles

II. THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO WAGE A CONSTANT WAREFARE AGAINST SATAN

1. Eph. 4:27 “Neither give place to the Devil”
2. Eph. 6:11 “Stand against the wiles of the Devil”
3. I Tim. 3:6-7 “...fall into the condemnation and snare of the devil.”
4. II Tim. 2:26 “To recover from the snare of the Devil.”
5. James 4:7 “Resist the Devil and He will flee from you”
6. I John 3:8 “He that commits sin is of the Devil.”

III. JESUS HAS TAKEN AWAY THE POWER OF DEATH FROM SATAN

1. Hebrews 2:14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of the 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.”
2. I John 3:18 “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth (present tense) not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”

3. **WE MUST COOPERATE WITH GOD IN THIS BATTLE AGAINST SATAN**

- A. By being watchful I Peter 5:8
- B. By staying close to God II Peter 2:9
- C. By avoiding the appearance of evil I Thess. 5:22
- D. By watching and praying Matthew 26:41

NOTE: We must realize that we are in a battle which we cannot afford to

lose. We must know the Word of God as Jesus did (Matthew 4:1-11) and we must put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:1-)

IV. HELL IS PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS

1. Matthew 25:41 “Then shall he also say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”
2. Revelation 20:10 “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and for ever.”

CONCLUSION:

1. If a man faithfully follows Satan and give him his life without any reservation what kind of reward is he going to get? Truly, he has been a foolish man.
2. By default choosing not to live for God (completely or partially), we are whole-heart choosing to live for Satan.