

## **Lesson 15-18**

### **The Doctrine of Satan**

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.”* Isaiah 14:12-15

#### **Read: Ezekiel 28:11-19**

*Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>12</sup> “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. <sup>14</sup> “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. <sup>15</sup> You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. <sup>16</sup> “By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. <sup>17</sup> “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. <sup>18</sup> “You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. <sup>19</sup> All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.” ’ ’ ”* Ezekiel 28:11-19

#### **I. How can we apply these passages to Satan when they seem to be directed to kings of nations?**

Even though these passages speak of specific historical rulers, they can be applied to Satan for the following reasons:

A. Because there are a couple of hermeneutical principles that allow for such an interpretation.

1. The Law of Double Reference.

In this principle there are occasions where the speaker is addressing the person, but is actually talking to or about the spirit power behind the person (Mt. 16:23).

2. The Law of Literal Verses Figurative Interpretation.

This principle states that the literal interpretation must be followed unless there are obvious elements that cannot be taken literally. In such cases a double meaning may apply in that it has both a literal and a symbolic significance. These passages both contain language that could not strictly apply to an earthly king.

B. Because of the nature of biblical prophecy.

Most biblical prophecy has more than one application. This is why biblical prophecy has so much meaning to us in this day. Most biblical prophecy has three applications.

1. It has the literal, contextual or local application. That is the prophecy meant something significant to the people of the day in which the prophecy was given.
2. It as a futuristic or prophetic application to the times and seasons surrounding the first coming of Christ.
3. It has an ultimate application to the times and seasons surrounding the Second coming of Christ.

See the prophecy of Joel for example—Joel 2:28-32 with Acts 2:16-21.

C. Because Jewish tradition and early church fathers suggest this interpretation.

D. Because Jesus used similar language in relation to Satan (Luke 10:18).

“The best explanation is that Ezekiel was describing Satan who was the true”king“of Tyre, the one motivating the human”ruler“of Tyre. Satan was in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:1-7), and his chief sin was pride (1 Tim. 3:6). He also had access to God’s presence (Job 1:6-12). Speaking of God’s judging the human”ruler“of Tyre for his pride (Ezek. 28:1-10), the prophet lamented the satanic”king“of Tyre who was also judged for his pride (vs. 11-19). Tyre was motivated by the same sin as Satan, and would suffer the same fate.” Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. 1983-c1985. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary : An Exposition of the Scriptures*. Victor Books: Wheaton, IL

“A variant of this approach, favored by several of the church fathers, is to understand for the background of the lament an account of the fall of Satan not given in Scripture but alluded to elsewhere, especially in Isa 14:12–17. Ezekiel would have been relying on his listeners/readers’ familiarity with such an account, and they would have understood the comparison between the fall of Satan and the fall of the king of Tyre. The difficulty of the text makes it unwise to insist upon a particular interpretation, but the latter traditional view appears to the present writer to account best for the language and logic of the passage.” Cooper, L. E. 2001, c1994. *Vol. 17: Ezekiel* (electronic ed.). Logos Library System; The New American Commentary . Broadman & Holman Publishers: Nashville

## II. What are some of the names and titles used to describe Satan?

A. There are several names given to Satan.

1. Satan (I Chr. 21:1; II Cor. 11:14)
2. The Devil (John 8:44; Acts 10:38)
3. Lucifer, Day Star or Shining One (Is. 14:12)
4. The Serpent (Rev. 12:9; 20:2)
5. The Dragon (Rev. 12:9; 13:4).
6. Beelzebub (Mt. 10:25; 12:24, 27)

Literally this name means “Lord of Filth” or “Lord of Dung.” It is definitely a degrading term that Jesus “respectfully” used of the prince of demons.

7. Belial (II Cor. 6:15)

This word comes from a root meaning “worthlessness, wickedness or lawlessness”. It was often used to refer to someone or something that was utterly useless or vile. Later it came to be used to refer to Satan. Some believe that the man of sin or man of lawlessness in reference to the antichrist is the equivalent of this concept.

*So the **great dragon** was cast out, that **serpent** of old, called the **Devil** and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9*

B. There are several titles given to Satan.

1. God of this Age (II Cor. 4:4)
2. Prince or Ruler of this World (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
3. Prince and Power of the Air (Eph. 2:2).
4. The Wicked One (Mt. 13:19, 38-39)
5. The Tempter (I Th. 3:5)
6. The Accuser of the Brethren (Rev. 12:10)

## III. What was Satan's original state?

A. Satan was part of God’s creation (Ezek. 28:15; Col. 1:16).

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16*

*You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. Ezekiel 28:15*

1. As a created being he is much inferior to God.
  2. As a created being he is finite, hence not omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent or self-existent.
- B. Satan is a spirit being of the angelic order (Is. 14:12-13; Mt. 25:41; II Cor. 11:14; Rev. 12:9).

*“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...”* Matthew 25:41

*And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.*  
Corinthians 11:14

1. He is, therefore, invisible, though as an angel he may manifest himself in visible form.
2. He may have been of the order of cherubim (Ezek. 28:14, 16). This reference may just refer to an exalted position. Many feel that Satan was in fact one of the Archangels.

*You were the anointed cherub who covers... O covering cherub.*  
Ezekiel 28:14a, 16c

Cherubim seem to have had the following functions:

- Guardians (Gen. 3:24)
- Fire Bearers or Throwers (Ezek. 1:4, 13-14, 27-28; 10:2,6-7)
- Bearers of God’s Chariot/Throne (I Sam. 4:4; II Sam. 6:2; II Kgs. 19:15; Ps. 80:1; 99:1; Is. 37:16)

- C. Satan appears to have been of the highest rank among the angelic orders.
1. Satan was full of wisdom (Ezek. 28:12).
  2. Satan was perfect in beauty (Ezek. 28:12).
  3. Satan was in Eden, the garden of God (Ezek. 28:13). This was probably not the Eden of Genesis 1-2, but most likely refers in earthly terms to God’s equivalent paradise in heaven.
  4. Satan was covered with precious stones (Ezek. 28:13; compare Ex. 28:15ff.).
  5. Satan had music within himself (Ezek. 28:13).

6. Satan was the anointed cherub which perhaps distinguished him from others (Ezek. 28:14).
7. Satan had a covering ministry in relation to the throne (Ezek. 28:14; compare Ex. 37:9). Being so near to the worship of God continually, he most likely began to desire for himself that which only rightly belongs to God.
8. Satan was upon the holy mountain of God (Ezek. 28:14), most likely the place of the visible manifestation of the glory of God (Ps. 48:1; Is. 2:3).
9. Satan walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (Ezek. 28:14).
10. Satan was perfect in all his ways until... (Ezek. 28:12, 15).
11. Satan was very high in his authority, even over archangels (Jude 8-9).

*Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Jude 8-9*

12. Satan had a very large kingdom (Eph. 2:2; 6:12).

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. Ephesians 2:1-3*

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12*

13. Satan was a free moral agent, capable of choosing good or evil.

#### **IV. How did Satan fall from this original state?**

- A. Satan desired to claim for himself (worship) that which he was to direct to God alone (Is. 14:12-13; See notes on the Doctrine of Sin).
  1. His heart was lifted up within himself because of his beauty (Ezek. 28:17).
  2. Iniquity was found within him (Ezek. 28:15, 17).

- B. Satan led a conspiracy by soliciting other angels to follow after his cause (Ezek. 28:16, 18; Mt. 25:41; Rev. 12:4, 9).

*And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth... <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:4, 9*

## V. What were the results of Satan's sin?

- A. Satan was cast forth from the heaven of heavens (Is. 14:12; Ezek. 28:16-17).
- B. Satan lost his state of perfection and became the author of sin (Ezek. 28:17; I John 3:8; John 8:44).

*He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*  
I John 3:8

*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44*

- C. Satan perverted his power and abilities in use against God (Ezek. 28:12, 16-17).
- D. Satan became the enemy of God's purposes (Eph. 6:11-12; I Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:9-11).

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:11-12*

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I Peter 5:8*

- E. Satan forfeited his precious kingdom, but gained another one for himself.
1. He became the ruler of the fallen angels (Mt. 12:24-28; 25:41; Rev. 12:9).

*“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41*

*So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9*

2. He became the ruler of the world system (John 12:31; 16:11).

*Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

John 12:31

3. He became the god of this age (II Cor. 4:4; Gal. 1:4).

*But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

II Corinthians 4:3-4

## **VI. What is the present work and activity of Satan?**

[The following is taken from *Angels* by C. Fred Dickenson]

### **A. Satan opposes God.**

1. He opposes God's person (I John 3:7-15).
2. He opposes all of God's plans and purposes.
  - He puts forth a lie (Eph. 2:2; II Th. 2:8-12).

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. Ephesians 2:1-3*

- He inspires counterfeit religions and ministries (II Cor. 11:13-15).

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. II Corinthians 11:13-15*
- He promotes false doctrine (I Tim. 4:1-3).

*Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.*

I Timothy 4:1

3. He counteracts God's sovereign rule (Mt. 4:1-11; John 13:26-30).

*And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.*

John 13:26-28

B. Satan works in relation to the nations.

1. He deceives nations (Rev. 20:3).

*He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more...*

Revelation 20:2-3

2. He influences the governments of nations (Mt. 4:8-10; Dan. 10:13-20).

C. Satan works in relation to the unsaved.

1. He tries to prevent them from accepting the truth (Luke 8:12; II Cor. 4:3-4).

*"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Luke 8:11-12*

*But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

II Corinthians 4:3-4

2. He promotes an attraction to false religions and false lifestyles (I Tim. 4:1-3; Eph. 2:1-3; I John 2:15-17).

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. Ephesians 2:1-3*

D. Satan works in relation to believers.

1. He wages war against them (Eph. 6:10-18).

2. He accuses and slanders them before God (Rev. 12:10; Zech. 3:1-2).
3. He plants doubts in their minds (Gen. 3:1-5).
4. He tempts them to sin (Acts 5:3; I Cor. 7:5).

*But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?” Acts 5:3*

5. He incites persecution against them (Rev. 2:10; 12:13).

*Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*  
Revelation 2:10

6. He tries to hinder their service to the Lord (I Th. 2:18).

*Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. I Thessalonians 2:18*

7. He tries to infiltrate the church through false teachers (II Cor. 11:13-15; II Pet. 2:1-19) and false disciples (Mt. 13:38-39).

*The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Matthew 13:38-39*

8. He promotes division and a lack of forgiveness (II Cor. 2:10-11).
9. He tries to afflict us physically (Luke 13:16).

*“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” Luke 13:15-16*

## **VII. Does the believer need to fear Satan?**

### **YES AND NO!**

- A. The believer needs to recognize that Satan is a powerful enemy and not to be taken lightly.
  1. We should be sober and watchful (I Pet. 5:8).

2. We should not be ignorant of his devices lest he should take advantage of us (II Cor. 2:11).

3. We should give him no place, opportunity or foothold in our lives (Eph. 4:27).

*“Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27*

4. We should resist him (Jam. 4:7; I Pet. 5:9; I John 2:13).

*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:7-8*

B. The believer needs to realize that in Christ we have been given the victory over every work of the enemy (Col. 2:14-16).

*And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:14-16*

(Note: Correspond the following points with those given under VI, D above)

1. He has given us divine armor and weapons with which to fight and overcome Satan (Eph. 6:11-18; II Cor. 10:3-5).

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, <sup>6</sup> and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. II Corinthians 10:3-5*

2. He Himself intercedes on our behalf (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; I John 2:1-2).

*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25*

3. He has given us confidence and faith (II Tim. 1:12; Phil. 1:6).

*For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. II Timothy 1:12*

4. He has given us power to cast down evil imaginations (II Cor.10:3-5).
5. He uses the persecution of Satan to increase the church (Acts 8:1-4).

*As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Acts 8:1-4*

6. He sends us a Comforter to stand along side of us (John 14:16-18).

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

John 14:16-18

7. He has given us divine tests by which to judge error (Mt. 7:16; I John 4:1-3).

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. I John 4:1-3*

8. He has given us all the elements to achieve perfect unity (Eph. 4:1-16).

9. He has taken our sickness upon Himself (Mt. 8:16-17).

*When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” Matthew 8:16-17*

10. He has given us the legal right to use His name (Mark 16:17-18; Acts 16:18).

*And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Mark 16:17-18*

## **VIII. What are demons and how did they originate?**

Apparently Satan has many evil spirit-beings that make up his kingdom.

A. Evil beings that make up Satan's domain are given various titles.

(Note: Many of these titles could be applied to the same being, perhaps the distinction being different ranks, similar to the angels of God.)

- Devils (Mt. 10:8; 12:27-28; Mark 6:13; I Cor. 10:20-21; Jam. 2:19).
- Demons (Mt. 8:30; Mark 5:12; Luke 8:29; Rev. 16:14; 18:2).
- Unclean spirits (Mt. 12:43; Luke 4:33; 9:42; Acts 8:7).
- Seducing spirits (I Tim. 4:1).
- Principalities and Powers (Rom. 8:38; Eph. 6:12; Col. 1:16).
- Rulers of Darkness (Eph. 6:12).

B. While the Bible is not absolutely clear on the origin of evil spirits most believe that they are fallen angels of various orders who sided in Satan's ancient rebellion against God (Rev. 12:7-9).

## **IX. What is the main work of demons?**

A. Just as angels are the servants of God to minister to the heirs of salvation, fallen angels are the servants of Satan who follow his bidding (See John 10:10).

B. Since Satan is not omnipresent, he relies on his angels to do his dirty work for him. Therefore, all of the things that Satan does, his angels or unclean spirits do also.

## **X. Can a believer be demon possessed?**

A. Demons do seek to possess people (Mt. 8:16, 28-34).

*When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. Matthew 8:16*

*When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. <sup>29</sup>And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" <sup>30</sup>Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. <sup>31</sup>So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." <sup>32</sup>And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Matthew 8:28-32*

The Greek word most often used for this is *daimonizomzai* which literally means “to be under the power and control of a demon or to be possessed of a demon” (Acts 8:7; 16:16).

- B. Those who are truly born again cannot be demon possessed in the strict sense. A born again believer is possessed by the Holy Spirit who does not share His habitation with a demonic being (II Cor. 6:14-16).

*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup>And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” II Corinthians 6:14-16*

- C. Both believer and non believer can be vexed, tormented and oppressed by demonic spirits (Acts 5:16; 10:38).

*Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were **tormented** by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.*  
Acts 5:16

*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were **oppressed** by the devil, for God was with Him.*  
Acts 10:38

- D. Believers who choose not to resist the devil and who yield themselves to his temptations can return to a form of slavery to the devil where they are controlled by the will of the devil (Rom. 6:15-23; II Tim. 2:26).

*And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, **having been taken captive by him to do his will.***  
II Timothy 2:24-26

## **XI. What judgment is awaiting Satan and his angels?**

- A. Satan was bruised judicially at the cross (Gen. 3:15; Col. 2:14-16).
- B. Satan is still walking about deceiving (I Pet. 5:8).

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I Peter 5:8*

- C. Satan will be further bruised under the feet of the Church (Rom. 16:20; Eph. 1:21-23; I Cor. 15:25-26).

*And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. Romans 16:20*

*...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power<sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.<sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:18-23*

*For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. I Corinthians 15:25-26*

- D. Satan will ultimately be cast into the lake of fire with all his angels and demonic hosts (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10-15).

*The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:10*

- E. It should be noted that Satan has experienced seven steps in his downward move from a place of honor to dishonor.

1. Satan enjoyed the heaven of heavens as the covering cherub.
2. Satan was cast out of the third heaven down to the earth (Is. 14:15; Ezek. 28:16).
3. Satan was cursed in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:14-15).
4. Satan was crushed at Calvary (John 12:31; 16:11; Heb. 2:14; I John 3:8).
5. Satan was permanently cast out of the heavens (Luke 10:18).
6. Satan will be sent from earth to the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:2-3).
7. Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire with all of his angels for eternity (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10).

- F. Satan's seven steps down correspond in contrast to Jesus steps of humiliation and exaltation (Phil. 2:6-8).

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,<sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11*

### **New Living Translation**

*Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God.<sup>7</sup> He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.<sup>8</sup> And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

1. He was equal with God.
2. He made Himself of no reputation.
3. He took on the form of a servant.
4. He was made in the likeness of man.
5. He was found in the fashion (habit) as a man.
6. He became obedient to death.
7. He even was willing to experience the death of the cross.