

Our Adversary the Devil

Introduction:

- A. “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion.” (1 Pet 5:8-9)
- B. What can we know about this adversary via the pages of God-breathed revelation?

I. What has God Revealed About Our Adversary?

- A. Satan (“the Adversary”) or the devil (“slanderer”) is _____ (1 Pet 5:5-8).
- B. Satan is not _____ (Psa 86:8-10)—not omnipresent, omniscient, or omnipotent.
 - 1. Satan had a _____ (Psa 103:20-22; 148:1-2; Rev 5:11-14; 2 Pet 2:11; Heb 2:6-7).
 - 2. Satan has free will and, at some point, _____ to sin (Col 1:16-17; Jude 6; 2 Pet 2:4).
- C. Satan was not _____ in his rebellion (Matt 25:41).
- D. Satan is at _____ with God.
 - 1. The serpent in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3:1-7).
 - 2. Coming before the LORD among the sons of God in the time of Job (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-10).
 - 3. Contending with the archangel Michael about the body of Moses (Jude 9).
 - 4. Inciting (moving, provoking) David to number Israel (1 Chron 21:1).
 - 5. Accusing Joshua the high priest before the angel of the LORD (Zech 3:1-2).
 - 6. Tempting Jesus in the wilderness after 40 days of fasting (Matt 4:1-11).
 - 7. Identified as the source of a disabling spirit, but shown inferior by Jesus (Luke 13:11,16-17).
 - 8. In lives of Peter (Matt 16:21-23; Luke 22:31-32), Judas (John 13:1-2,27), Ananias (Acts 5:3).
 - 9. War in heaven with Michael and his angels (Rev 12:7-12,17)
- E. Satan is an accusing, distorting, deceitful, crafty, corrupted _____ (John 8:44).
- F. Satan’s opportunities to accuse in heaven have come to an _____ (Heb 2:14-15; Luke 10:17-19).
- G. Christians are prepped in terms of _____ (Rev 12:17; Eph 6:10-20; 2 Cor 2:11; 11:13-15).
- H. Opposing the _____ (Matt 13:18-19,36-39; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor 12:7; 1 Thes 2:18; 2 Thes 2:9).
- I. As a result of Satan and his influence, this world is a _____ place (Rev 2:9,13; 2 Cor 4:4).
- J. Satan knows that his time is _____ (Rev 12:12; Rom 16:20).
- K. Satan will not be _____ in hell (Matt 25:31-33,41-46).

II. What has God Called Us to Do in Response to Our Adversary?

- A. Obey the _____! (2 Thes 1:7-8; Col 1:13-14; Rom 8:38-39)
- B. Recognize exploitable vulnerabilities in _____ (Jam 1:12-15; 1 Cor 7:5; 1 Tim 5:15).
- C. Practice sincere and pure _____ to Christ (2 Cor 11:2-3).
- D. Fight the good fight of _____ (1 Tim 6:11-12; 1 Pet 5:9-11).