

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"The Disposition of Satan"

INTRODUCTION:

1. At the beginning of this series I preached a message: ***"Where It All Got Started."***
 - a) ***Genesis 1:31***
 - 1) ***"and God saw everything that He had made and behold, it was very good."***
 - b) In Ezekiel we saw the fall of Lucifer.
 - 1) ***Ezekiel 28:1-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17***
 - c) In Isaiah we saw Satan's arrogant FIVE "I Will" statements
 - 1) ***Isaiah 14:14 - "I will make myself like the Most High"***
2. For the next few weeks we will take a close look at:
 - a) Who Satan is...
 - b) His game plan...
 - c) And his team members...
 - d) And finally his defeat by Jesus!!!

I. ITS IN THE NAME

1. Satan went from ***"Lucifer"*** - the anointed Cherub...Beautiful and perfect
 - a) To ***"Satan"*** - the prince of darkness
2. ***Luke 10:17***
 - a) ***"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven"***
3. In the Bible names speak of character.
 - a) ***Acts 11:25-26***
 - 1) ***"Christians"*** - A name given to those who worshiped and obeyed Christ.

A. SATAN

1. The name Satan is used 55 time in scripture.
 - a) Satan means **adversary**. One who **opposes**.
 - b) From ***"Shining one"*** to ***"adversary"***
2. Satan our ***"adversary"*** opposes everything and everyone associated with God.
3. **Very Important:** When you rebel against God, it will ALWAYS affect your character!!
4. Rebellion changes your character.

B. DEVIL

1. Devil is used 35 times in scripture.
 - a) "**devil**" - means "**accuser**" or "**slanderer**"
2. The devil is the great accuser of God's people.
3. **Revelation 12:9**
4. **REMEMBER** - Everything our enemy does is ultimately directed @ God.
 - a) The devil hates God and wants to do everything in his power to destroy God's reputation so that God doesn't get the glory due Him.
5. **NOW THIS IS BIG:** The devil can't touch God!!!
 - a) Therefore he **seeks to destroy God's glory** by attacking His people.
6. "**devil**" - as a slanderer or "**one who trips up**" maliciously makes false reports that are intended to injure our reputation.
7. The idea of an accuser pictures a courtroom setting.
 - a) God operates His universe like a courtroom.
 - 1) He gave Israel the **LAW** and throughout the Old Testament we find God bringing charges against His people when they broke that **LAW**.
 - 2) Lucifer was charged, convicted and sentenced to the Lake of Fire, and is now on "**death row**".
 - b) Even though he has been charged, convicted and sentenced he has been allowed to take the role of the prosecution bringing charges and accusations, against believers before God.
8. 1 **John 2:1**
 - a) "**advocate**" - One who pleads another's case.

C. THE GREAT RED DRAGON

1. **Revelation 12:1-9**
 - a) Vs 3
 - 1) "**great Red Dragon**"
 - b) Vs 9
 - 1) "**the serpent of old**"
 - 2) A reference to the Garden.
2. A dragon is a terrifying beast, and that's the imagery John gives us.

D. OTHER NAMES

1. 2 Corinthians 4:4

a) *"the god of this world"*

2. Ephesians 2:2

a) *"the prince of the power of the air"*

3. From those two names we know that Satan is in control of this world.

a) The world is demonized.

4. John 10:10

a) *"The thief comes only to steal"*

1) He wants to steal your joy!

2) He wants to steal your testimony!!

b) *"to kill and destroy"*

1) Because of Satan Adam and Eve died.

2) Because of Satan we all die.

5. John 8:44

B. HIS ETERNAL DESTINY

1. Matthew 25:41

a) *"Depart from me, you cursed..."*

b) *"into the eternal fire..."*

c) *"prepared for the devil and his angels."*

2. Revelation 20:10

3. Hebrews 2:16

4. Now Watch: There is no redemption for Satan or his angels.

a) It may be because he fell without having a tempter.

b) Satan/Lucifer lived in God's presence.

1) He sinned in the face of light.

2) He knew what he was doing.

3) He sinned with his eyes wide open.

4) AND there is no hope for him.

5. When Adam and Eve followed Satan in his rebellion and sinned against God.

a) The human race received the same penalty as Satan received - Death.

6. But God did something for mankind that He did not do for Satan and his angels.

a) *Ephesians 2:8-9*

7. Satan's sin was so rebellious that there was no grace for him.

a) But God chose to extend His grace to mankind, to demonstrate His power and goodness to the angelic world.

8. Satan thought he had won the battle over mankind in the garden, however....

a) God displayed his **ATTRIBUTE** of **GRACE!!**

b) *Hebrews 2:14-16*