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All About Satan and his work #1

Our greatest enemy

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Again I agree with Dake on this subject about 99%, so I here present his comments, with a few of mine as added where I felt it was needed to add my comments.

THE DOCTRINE OF SATAN

1. WHAT HE IS NOT.

He is not an evil principle, an error of the mortal mind, a disease germ, an abstract power, or a being with hoofs, horns,

tail, and Persian shoes with a pitchfork presiding over a lake of fire and the realm of the dead.

2. WHAT HE IS ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.

The Bible makes it very clear what Satan is, and answers any question one could ask about him that needs to be known.

(1) He is a real person: Personal statements in Scripture prove he is a person. We read that "Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked [enticed] David to number Israel" (1 Chron.21:1). Satan has access to Heaven according to Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Rev. 12:7-12. He stands up against people to resist them as any other person can (Zech.3:1-2; 1 Pet.5:8-9; Ps.109:6).

(2) Jesus Christ dealt with him as with a person. In the temptation Satan tested Christ for forty days before he was permanently dismissed (Matt.4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13).

(3) Jesus Christ waged war on Satan as on a person. He went about destroying the works of the devil and delivering men from his power (1 John 3:8; Acts 10:38; Luke 13:16).

(4) Christ taught that Satan was a real person. He said that He had seen him fall from Heaven (Luke 10:18); that he was the deceiver of the whole world and the personal leader of many angels (Rev.12:7-12); that he will give his power to Anti-Christ and receive personal worship (Rev. 13:1-4) ; that he will fight at Armageddon and will be taken and bound by a chain and cast into a literal prison for 1,000 years (Rev.20:1-3); and that he will lead one more rebellion against God and then he will be put into the lake of fire to be tormented forever (Rev.20:7-10).

(5) The apostles fought with Satan as with a real person: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world,

against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph.6:10-18). Paul said concerning his trying to get to Thessalonica that "Satan hindered us" (1 Thess.2:18). Peter referred to Satan as an "adversary" and that he, "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet.5:8-9).

(6) The apostles warned men against a personal devil and told saints to not "give place to the devil stand against the wiles of the devil Resist the devil" Eph.4:27; 6:11; Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet.5:8-9). Statements of this kind could refer only to a person.

(7) Personal singular pronouns are used of Satan as are used of any other person, such as "he" (Matt.12:26); "himself" (Luke 11:18); "him," "me," "thou," and I" (Matt.4:7-11).

(8) Personal statements are made to him as to any other person:, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan" (Zech.3:1-2). See many personal statements made to him in Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt.4:1-10; Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek.28:11-17; Jude 9.

(9) Personal conversation is carried on with him as with other persons (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt.4:1-10; Isa.14:12-14; Judge 9.

(10) Personal descriptions are given of him (Ezek.28:11-17; Isa. 14:12-14).

(11) Personal names and titles are given to him. He is mentioned over 175 times in Scripture by many names-Lucifer (Isa.14:12-14); Devil and Satan (Rev.12:9); Beelzebub (Matt.10:25; 12:24); Belial (2 Cor.6:15); Adversary (1 Pet.5:8-9); Dragon (Rev.12:3-12; 13:1-4; 20:1-3); Serpent (2 Cor.11:3; Rev.12:9); the God of this World (2 Cor.4:4); the Prince of this World (John 12:31); the Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph.2:1-3); the Accuser of our Brethren (Rev.12:10); the Enemy (Matt.13:39); Tempter (Matt.4:3); the Wicked One (Matt.13:19,38); and That Wicked One (1 John 5:18).

(12) Personal acts are ascribed to him.(See work of Satan, Point

6 below.)

(13) Personal attributes are ascribed to him.(See next point.)

(14) He is an angel with a body, soul, and spirit like all other angels....He is described as a most beautiful creature who fell through personal pride over his own beauty (Ezek.28:11-17; 1 Tim. 3:6). He has been seen with a body (I Chron.21:1; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Ps.109:6; Zech.3:1-2; Matt.4:1-11; Rev.20:1-3). He will be bound bodily with a chain and cast into a prison (Rev.20:1-3). He has a heart (Isa.14:12-14); pride (Ezek.28:17; 1 Tim. 3:6); speech (Job.1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt.4:1-11); knowledge (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt.4:1-11; Rev.12:12); power (Job 1:6-22; 2:1-7; Acts 10:38; 2 Thess.2:8-12; Acts 26:18; Rev.13:1-4); a kingdom (Mark 3:22-26); desires (Luke 22:31); a dwelling (Rev.2:13); lusts John 8:44; Eph 2:1-3); access to Heaven (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Rev. 12:9-12); and many other bodily parts, soul passions, and spirit faculties. He goes from place to place in a body like anyone else (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt.4:10-11; Mark 4:15), and does many things that others can do, proving he is a real person with a body, soul, and spirit, as we shall see in Point 6 below.

(15) He is a great celestial and terrestrial ruler (Eph.2:2; 6:10-18; 2 Cor.4:4; John 12:31). He rules the business, social, political, and religious activities of the majority of mankind. His realm is divided into organized principalities and powers in the heavenlies (Eph.6:10-12; Dan.10:12-11:1; Matt.12:24-30). His subjects are fallen angels, fallen men, and demons of various kinds (Matt.25:41; Rev.12:7-12; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8-10; Jas. 2:19). He must be a person in order to rule such a vast dominion of free moral agents. He is head of man's religion and is a leader in religious affairs (Rev.2:9; 3:9; 2 Cor.11:14).

3. THE ORIGIN OF SATAN.

He was created by Christ along with all other principalities and powers in Heaven and in Earth (Col.1:15-18; Job 38:4-7). He is definitely referred to as a created being in Ezek.28:11-17: "Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee." Thus he was not always the devil or an adversary of God. He was created perfect and sinless and became the enemy of God and man through sin in trying to exalt himself above God....

4. SATAN THE FIRST RULER OF THE EARTH.

According to Isa.14:12-14; Ezek.28:11-17; Luke 10:18; 2 Pet. 3:4-8; Jer.4:23-26; and other passages, Satan, known as Lucifer, had a kingdom on the Earth long before the six days of Gen. 1:32:25 and the creation of Adam. These passages reveal that he, through pride, fell and led an invasion of Heaven and was defeated. At that time the Earth was cursed, and all life was destroyed by the first flood, as in Gen.1:2. (This will be abundantly proved by many Scriptures in the next lesson.)

How long Lucifer ruled the Earth in perfect harmony with the kingdom of God is not known, but it was for a long period, for it took a long time to work up such a rebellion as he did. He caused over one-third of God's own angels to rebel, as well as all his own earthly subjects, as we shall see.

He regained dominion over the Earth in Adam's day and usurped man's dominion by causing the fall of man and by being the stronger of two sets of rebels after Adam did sin. Adam submitted to Lucifer who got the upper hand of all human rebels because he had the power of sin and death. When Adam fell there were only two human rebels, but opposing them there were innumerable fallen angels and demons. Naturally the stronger set of rebels would come to dominate the weaker, and this is what happened in the

case of the spirit and human rebels on the Earth. If man had not fallen he would have had power over all the spirit rebels and would have ruled them. He would have been able to overcome them, and they never could have regained dominion over the Earth; but when man sinned, he became powerless against the many spirit rebels and fell under their control.

Man lost the power he had with God and severed partnerships with the Creator and therefore could not cope with so many and more powerful spirit rebels. It is only when man lays down his arms of rebellion against God and regains the favor of the Creator and partnership with Him by the new birth (being converted and receiving God's Holy Spirit - Keith Hunt) that he will be able to have power over these fallen spirit rebels. This is why....the full surrender to God for the endowment of power is necessary before man can conquer and cast out demons and destroy all the works of the devil....

Satan's relationship to man through the various ages has been that of a usurper of man's dominion; and as long as man tolerates his dictatorship over him, that long will he remain subject to him in the individual life. Each man now can, by the power of the gospel, defeat Satan and get rid of all demon relationship in his own life. This is what God demands, and He has provided the means whereby it can be attained.....Man no longer needs to be defeated and always be sick, sinful, helpless.....

Although man cannot get rid of Satan's present power over his dominion by himself except as an individual who will meet the conditions of the gospel, man's dominion will be fully restored to him when the Messiah comes. Then Satan's present position as ruler of this world's system and as prince of this world will be ended forever. Man will again inherit the Earth and will live again in the Earth forever as before the fall. Satan's dominion

is forcing its rule upon men by sheer force of power. This power will be broken....

THE FALL OF SATAN.

We have several plain Scriptures describing the fall of Satan. He fell through pride over his own beauty (Ezek.28:11-17; 1 Tim. 3:6) and because he tried to exalt himself above God (Isa. 14:12-14).

6. THE WORK OF SATAN.

His works are of a varied nature. He is a religious leader (Rev. 2:9; 3:9; 2 Cor.11:14). He has been worshipped as god through the ages, and worship of him will be revived in the future under Antichrist in a greater measure than ever before (Rev.13:1-4). His work in general is to oppose God in any age when he possibly can. For this reason his work varies in some respects with the purposes of God in the different ages and dispensations. His great work in the Old Testament was to cause the fall of man and to rule his dominion. Above all this, His work was designed to prevent the coming of the Messiah into the world in order to avert his own defeat and pending doom.....

THE FOLLOWING FACTS REVEAL THE WORK OF SATAN IN EVERY AGE:

He is the deceiver of all men (Rev.12:9; 20:1-10; 2 Cor.11:14). He had the power of death until Christ conquered death, Hell, and the grave (Heb.2:14; Rev.1:18). He is the leader of all sinners and backsliders in the human race (1 John 3:8-10; 1 Tim.5:15) and of all spirit rebels (Eph.6:10-18; Matt.9:34). He causes all sickness and diseases and physical and mental maladies in the human race (Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38). (Well I would put it as he

CAN cause sicknesses, but some diseases and sickness simply come by the laws of God being broken, wrong living, bad mistakes, and time and chance of all this disregard for God's way of life, hence some innocent people are the victims of sickness and disease - Keith Hunt). He takes advantage of all adversities of men to further their rebellion and hold them captive (2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Tim.1:20; 5:11-15).

He tempts men (Mark 1:13; 1 Cor.7:5); provokes to sin (1 Chron. 21:1); causes offense (Matt.16:23); transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Cor.11:14); resists others (Zech.3:1-2); enters into union with others against God (Luke 22:3; John 13:2); sends messengers to defeat saints (2 Cor.12:1); hinders the gospel (1 Thess.2:18; Acts 13:10); steals the Word of God from people lest they should believe it (Matt.13:19; Luke 8:12); works miracles (2 Thess.2:9); contends with messengers of God and sometimes holds them captive (Dan.10:12-21; Jude 9); hinders answers to prayer (Dan.10:12-21); sets snares for men to fall into sin (1 Tim.3:7; 2 Tim.1:26); makes war on the saints (Eph. 6:10-18); causes diversions and blinds men to the gospel (2 Cor. 4:4); causes double mindedness (Jas.1:5-9); doubt and unbelief (Rom.14:23; Gen.3:4-5); darkness and oppression (2 Cor.4:4; 2 Pet.1:4-9); deadness and weakness (Heb.6:1; 9:14); delay and compromise (Acts 24:25; 26:28); and divisions and strife (1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Cor.3:1-3).

WAR ON THE SAINTS

The greatest and most important work of Satan now among men is to counterfeit the doctrines and experiences of God as revealed in Scripture in order to deceive saints.

Men are commanded to prove and to test all doctrines and experiences in the supernatural realm to see if they are of God

or of Satan (1 Cor.2:12-16; Phil.1:9-10; 1 Thess. 5:21-22; 1 John 4:1-6). It is certain that every religion, doctrine, and experience among men cannot be of God; so we must judge them by the plain written Word of God. The greatest danger for spiritual believers is to accept anything and everything in the realm of the supernatural as being from God. Such believers have consecrated themselves to yield to the Holy Spirit and the leadings of God, and they think that they cannot be deceived and be led by evil spirits through counterfeit doctrines and leadings. But the fact that the believer is a child of God does not stop the devil from trying in every conceivable way to imitate God to the believer. In fact, believers are the ones he concentrates upon and wars against.

Paul said, "And no marvel; for Satan himself 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 Cor.11:14-15).

This makes it clear that counterfeits of Satan will be substitutes of truth and as near to the light and truth as possible in order to deceive seekers after truth. So it will pay everyone to be careful about what he believes and what supernatural power he yields to.

There are definite ways outlined in Scripture by which one can detect what kind of spirit is seeking control of him. In brief we may mention a few general principles that one can use to detect good and evil spirits and their operations and doctrines:

(1) Any doctrine that denies or in any way causes doubt and unbelief concerning anything taught in Scripture is from demons. Any religion that denies the inspiration of the Bible; the

reality of God as a person; the divine sonship of Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God; the virgin birth; the pre-existence of Jesus Christ; the divinity of Christ and His miraculous power and supernatural ministry; the death, burial, bodily resurrection, and the bodily manifestation of Christ after His resurrection; the bodily ascension to Heaven and coming again of Jesus Christ to set up a kingdom in the world forever; the reality and power of the Holy Spirit and His ministry among men to convict of sin, to create men in Christ and to carry on the work of God among men; the reality of Christian experiences as the new birth, (repentance and conversion - Keith Hunt) cleansing from sin, living free from sin, divine healing, the Spirit baptism, gifts of the Spirit, miracles and signs following believers, answers to prayer, fulfillment of the promises...and the numerous other experiences of the New Testament; the reality of Satan, demons, sickness, sin, and the fall of man; the creation of all things by God; the free moral agency of men; the universality of sin and the depravity of man; the necessity of repentance and the born-again (conversion - Keith Hunt) experience; the penalty of sin as being eternal loss of the soul;(life, loss of life forever - Keith Hunt) the necessity of the atonement; the reality of Heaven and eternal Hell; (the lake of fire and the second death - Keith Hunt) the resurrection and judgment of all men.....Any religion that teaches contrary to these and all other fundamental doctrines of Scripture is of the devil and is for the purpose of causing the soul to be damned in eternal Hell.

(2) Any power, influence, or doctrine that causes one to become passive, inactive, submissive, and unresisting to all workings of supernatural spirits which seek to control the life contrary to Scripture, is not of God. ***God's Spirit always and without

exception wants free and active choice in the surrender of the will as it gets light according to the Scriptures.*** God seeks intelligent action, while demons demand the surrender of the will without active choice to do as one intelligently sees fit to do according to the Bible. They demand passivity on the part of their victims. They demand that man be a mere machine, an automaton, and that he be non-active in submissiveness to them. They seek absolute and compulsory action through men.

When anyone asserts that the spirit demands of him that he do something and it is forcing him to do it, this is a sure sign that he is being moved by the wrong spirit. Demons work to get men to act quickly and unintelligently and to do acts regardless of the outcome to the cause of Christ and lost souls. ***The spirits of Christians are always subject to them, and anything that demands that the personal spirit be not under the individual's personal control is the wrong spirit (1 Cor. 14:32).*** The Holy Spirit never causes people to act indecently and disorderly or to call attention to self in public services; things which they never would do in private.***

The causes of passivity among believers may be summed up thus:

They have a determination to obey the supernatural, thinking that surrender is a guarantee against demon operation; entrance into the spiritual realm opens to them supernatural communications which in turn leads them to believe that all supernatural influences and spirits must be God; the desire to be wholly surrendered to God and to be submissive to Him in all things leads them to submit, subdue, and make all things subject to the supernatural; their ignorance of supernatural leadings and guidance, and ignorance of the Scriptures and wrong interpretation of them give demons ground for operation; and yielding to supernatural manifestations and impressions. They

are, in the majority of cases, not able to detect the true source of supernatural manifestations, so they often yield to the wrong spirit.

One must realize that ignorance is no guarantee against workings of evil spirits. In fact, this is one of the chief means by which they try to control man. If they can get anyone to accept their suggestions, doctrines, ideas, leadings, and guidance in the least degree, then they will be satisfied with that much ground gained; but they will be tireless in activity to gain more ground. Paul warned believers not to "give place to the devil" (Eph.4:27) and to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil . . . to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Eph.6:10-18). When a person becomes contentious over doctrines not plainly stated in Scripture, and that are contrary to Scripture, he is a victim of demon possession (or "influence" - Keith Hunt) and demon teaching.

A person under the control of the Holy Spirit will be gentle, humble, honest, and open minded to truth. He will be eager to accept as truth what is shown him to be plainly written in the Word of God. He will not be stubborn to hold on to personal ideas or to prove that he is right in total disregard of what the Bible says. He will be ready and willing to accept new truth and to walk in the light as he receives it (1 John 1:7).

(3) When one is born again)converted - Keith Hunt) and becomes a spiritual person, he enters into the realm of the supernatural and spiritual; and he should begin a study of the Bible to see what it teaches and how he should walk and how to conduct spiritual warfare.

If he neglects to be on guard and fails to be aggressive against

satanic powers, he is liable to be defeated by them. There is not one thing to be afraid of if one lives a conscientious Christian life by reading the Bible and praying daily and by walking and living in the Spirit according to light received by the Bible (Col.2:6-8; Gal.5:16-26; Rom.8:1-13; 1 John 1:7). One should get up every morning and pray and have faith in God's help through the day. He should always meditate on the Scriptures and refuse to do one thing contrary to the known will of God as he sees the Bible and there will be no danger of being deceived.

THE TRUE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE EARMARKED BY:

- A. A Christ-like spirit of love, patience, and faith in God.**
- B. Soberness and keenness of spirit vision.**
- C. Deep humility of heart and meekness of spirit, with a lion-like courage against sin, sickness, poverty, disease, discouragement, failure, and every other thing that could cause defeat in the Christian life.**
- D. Absolute clearness of the mental faculties in intelligent action to carry out Bible instructions concerning known duty and personal life as a Christian.**
- E. Freedom from all fault-finding, surmising, whispering, or slander to anyone, and freedom from all the works of the flesh that are listed in Rom.1:29-32; 1 Cor.6:9-11; Gal.5:19-21; Mark 7:19-21.**
- F. The lack of any condemning and judging spirit, or seeking to hurt anyone by thought, word, or deed. All divine leadings will be for the edification and betterment of all concerned and will be in accord with the golden rule (Matt.7:12).**
- G. Freedom from any ignorance concerning the divine will at the moment. When one is moved upon to act quickly and urgently without knowing whether the act will glorify God or not, it will**

be best to wait and pray until it is clear beyond all doubt that God wants such action. If it is God moving one to something, it will not insult Him to try the spirit and intelligently judge whether the proposed act is biblical or not, for God commands this kind of judgment on our part before we act. If it is God, one can wait until he is assured by God in several ways before he acts. Like Gideon of old, who sought two impossible signs before he knew the will of God. However, one must not be guided entirely by so-called fleeces. He must judge all fleeces by the Word of God and wait until he knows it is God asking him to do something. All acts of God will be primarily for the liberation of men from sin, for the deliverance of the body from pain, sickness, and want, or for some other good things that someone needs to have done for him. All work of the devil tends to blind, cause sin, discouragement, lack of faith, and failure in life. (Also riches and physical blessing can come from the Devil, and many people are kept or led away from God because of the material blessing they have. Then on the other hand material blessing are not wrong per se, they can be used for great glory in god's service to others and God's Kingdom, many in children of God in the bible had great physical wealth - Keith Hunt).

Just as the devil requires lies in the minds of men to hold them in bondage, so God requires truth in the mind for the true working of the Holy Spirit. Demons will cause one to be hindered in every conceivable way from getting truth that will set one free from their hold on the life. With these things in mind, saints must beware of neglecting those things that will cause enlightenment in spiritual warfare; of falling an easy prey to criticism of others; of pressing cares of life which will keep them occupied from taking time to wage a successful spiritual warfare; of forgetting easily those things that will give victory

over sin and Satan; of neglecting prayer and reading the Bible to be spiritually prayed up and alert against the foe; of being discouraged when the conflict for the moment seems to be going against them; of failing to use the authority of Christ through His precious blood, His name and the Holy Spirit against evil powers; of failure to call upon God and resist the devil in special conflicts; and of failure to do the whole will of God intelligently as it becomes known as they walk in the light of the Word of God (1 John 1:7).

Man is deceived when he thinks that sin will not have any effect upon him; that he will inherit the kingdom of God regardless of sin (1 Cor.6:9-11; Gal.5:19-21); that he will not reap what he sows (Gal.6:7-8); that it is not necessary to obey the Bible (Jas.1:22; 2:10); and that he cannot be deceived (1 Cor. 10:12-13; 2 Cor.11:3-15; 1 Tim.4:1-9; Eph.6:10-18).

Man must be on his guard concerning doctrine, experience, and every phase of the Christian life. He must learn not to believe anything unless it is definitely stated in Scripture. It matters not if it comes from the best ministers in the land. It should be judged by what the Bible says before it is accepted as truth. He must learn to guard against every impression, revelation, or whatever it might be, whether it comes from dreams, visions, preaching, or even while in prayer. The fact of a possibility of being deceived should keep everyone on guard and open to test everything by the Bible.

Many latter-day delusions can be traced back to a crisis in the life of the founders of the new religion who wanted truth and more of God. They threw themselves open to the supernatural and accepted demon doctrines and powers instead of judging what they received by the Bible. No man should blindly obey any spirit or believe any doctrine. Many of these leaders were more or less

honest to begin with, and may yet be somewhat honest, but honesty is no guarantee against the working of the devil. Satan has no principle of righteousness and he will take advantage of an honest heart if permitted, as quickly as of a dishonest one.

Until one gets acquainted with the Scriptures and the spiritual realm into which he enters in finding God, he should walk very carefully in prayer and read the Bible for more truth to obey. He must not permit anything to side-track him. If he falls, he must get up and rededicate himself to God and go on more aggressively against his foe than ever before. During the period of learning to distinguish truth from error, very few can guarantee that they are obeying God in every detail, and God only, because there are many factors likely to intervene, such as the mind, spirit, will, desires, imaginations, imperfect knowledge and submissiveness, false ideas, and personal feelings, as well as numerous deceptive intrusions of evil spirits. The beginner must learn, to discern false spirits as well as false doctrines.

The knowledge of truth is the first essential in warfare on demons and error....As you get to know truth, accept it and be thankful for it, and above all conform to it; and your life will become rich in knowledge and experience in the things of God. God wants you to know He answers prayer and fulfils His promises to everyone that will have faith....so take hold of the promises and pray in faith daily until you get what you want....

take the same dogged and patient attitude in destroying doubt and unbelief and in having faith in God and His Word, and He will answer prayer and give you what you ask.

You must be eager for more knowledge. Seek it earnestly, fervently, and prayerfully and with a sincere desire to know it and obey it as light is given. Don't permit one doubt to assail you. Kill all doubt. Refuse to live in unbelief and defeat. This is not your lot in life. You are now a child of God....

**Deliverance from believing lies must be by believing truth.
Nothing can remove a lie but truth. Nothing can give you complete
victory over evil but God through the precious blood of Christ.**

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Part Two

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7. THE CHARACTER OF SATAN.

The names of Satan in Point 2, (11) (previous study - Keith Hunt), and his low, degrading tactics and enmity manifested in innumerable ways as seen in his work in Point 6 (previous study - Keith Hunt) reveal his true character.

(1) He is the enemy of all good and the accuser of God and man (Matt.13:28; Rev.12:9-12; Ezek.28:11-17); the father of lies (John 8:44); a murderer (John 8:44); a sower of discord (Matt. 13:39); an adversary (1 Pet.5:8-9); the first sinner, the first rebel, and the first to consecrate himself to self-gratification and to wage war against all society (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek.28:11-17; Rev.12:9; 20:7-10).

(2) He is cunning (2 Cor.2:11; 11:14; Eph.6:11-12); wicked (John 8:44; John 3:8; 5:18; Matt.13:19,38); malignant (Luke 8:12-12; 1 Pet.5:8-9; 2 Cor.4:4); and cowardly (Jas.4:7). He is the tempter (Matt. 4:1-11); a thief (John 10:10); and is without principle in taking advantage of men in their weak moments 2 Cor.

2:11; 11:3; Matt.4:1-11; Luke 22:40); in tempting men after great successes (John 6:15); in suggesting the use of right things in a wrong way and at a wrong time (Matt.4:1-11); in slandering God to man and man to God (Gen. 3: 1-10; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7); in appearing as an angel of light to deceive (2 Cor.11:14); and in deluding his followers as to their end (2 Thess.2:8-12; Rev. 12:9; 20:7-10).

(3) He is presumptuous (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7); proud (Ezek.28:17; 1 Tim.3:6); deceitful (2 Cor.11:14; Rev. 12:9; 20:10); fierce and cruel (Luke 8:29; 9:39; 1 Pet. 5:8-9); and aggressive (Eph. 4:27; 6:10-18; 1 Pet.5:8-9). He has never been known to be merciful, good, loving, kind, gentle, pitiful, patient, or to have any of the graces of God since he became the enemy of God and man.

(4) He is compared to a fowler (Ps.91:3); fowls (Matt.13:4, 19); a wolf (John 10:12); a destroyer (John 10:10); a roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8-9); a serpent (Rev.12:9; 20:3); a dragon (Rev. 12:3-12); and other things in Scripture that prove his mean and unprincipled disposition. In spite of all this, men - seemingly intelligent men, who would not keep company with any other thief, murderer, liar, enemy, and wicked person-will love and court his company and favor, knowing all the time that he is committed to the damnation of their souls and the souls of all their loved ones.

8. METHODS OF SATAN.

He uses every conceivable method and means to keep men from God and in subjection to himself. If he fails to do this, he tries to kill the believer's testimony and ruin his influence for God. If one falls he tries to cause him to commit suicide or stay fallen. He tries to get others in a lukewarm condition and make them live there so that God will cut them off in the end.

He brings in damnable heresies to lead men in rebellion against God (2 Pet.2:1-2; 1 Tim.4:1-8). He preaches sermons and uses all the influences possible through fallen men, fallen angels, and demons to get men to stay away from God, or cause them to backslide and live in sin. He is the author of all false religions and never discourages men in following them, for he knows this is one way that is sure to damn their souls.

He tries to cause men to end their lives by making them think that is the best way out.... He dares men to do many things that

they would not do under ordinary circumstances, and men are foolish enough to think they are not brave if they do not accept his dares. He makes the young people think they are not brave if they do not accept his dares. He makes the young people think they are missing everything in life if they do not go into all kinds of sins that will damn their souls. He points out to them the glamour of sin and pleasure. He stirs unholy passions in them and causes them to throw away all restraint and live a life of revelry. He makes them think there is no joy in serving the Lord. This is one of his greatest errors. Serving Christ and winning souls that will be thankful forever pays the greatest dividends and affords the greatest pleasure of all existence. Young people should get right with God and taste the glories of salvation; then they will not listen to Satan; they will not go into sin and shame.

Satan preaches to the businessman that he needs to take all his time to get rich before serving the Lord, while the fact is that if any man will truly serve the Lord, he can be abundantly prosperous by God's help. He tries to get churches and their leaders to make religion a paying proposition and appeal to the rich and the influential people, to make salvation easy for all, to lower the standard of the Bible on holy living, to become formal and outward in Christian worship and living, to compromise the essentials of the faith, to preach current events and have book reviews in the pulpit instead of preaching the gospel that will save the soul, to justify the sins and unholy lives of church members and to be as much like the world as possible in order to attract the world.

There is no realm which Satan does not seek to control, and he will never be satisfied until as many of his dupes as possible are in eternal Hell and God is defeated in blessing all men everywhere with all the good things of life. He has greatly succeeded in getting men in all walks of life to give up Christ and the Bible by the excuse that there are so many religions that one cannot tell what to do or which one is right. (I will add here that he gets as many as possible to look to "men" and "organizations" - to put their trust in physical humans, and when they fall and fail, to give up on God and Christ and to turn their back on the Bible, and go back to the ways of the unconverted world - Keith Hunt).

9. GOD'S PURPOSE IN ALLOWING SATAN TO CONTINUE.

God has several purposes, as can be seen by the following points:

- (1) To develop character and faith in the believer (Jas.1:12; 1 Pet.1:7-13; 5:8-9; 2 Pet.1:4-9; Jude 20:24).**
- (2) To keep him humble (2 Cor.12:7).**
- (3) To provide conflict that saints may be rewarded through overcoming (1 John 2:13; 4:1-6; Rev. 2:7,11,17,26-28; 3:5,12, 21).**
- (4) To demonstrate the power of God over the power of Satan (Eph.2:7; 3:10; 1 Cor.4:9; Mark 16:17-20).**
- (5) To use him in afflicting people to bring them to repentance (1 Cor.5:1-6; 2 Cor.2:5-11; Job 33:14-30).**
- (6) To purge man of all possibility of falling in the eternal future (Rev.21)....**

10. THE DOOM OF SATAN.

There are many Scriptures revealing the complete defeat of Satan and all rebels and of their eternal confinement...

- (1) His defeat and doom are prophetically foretold. The first prediction is the first prophecy in the Bible: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it [the Messiah, the seed of the woman] shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15).**

Isaiah predicted that when the Messiah shall come the second time, Satan will be defeated and he and his hosts put in the abyss: "And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY [a phrase referring to the Millennium or the day of the Lord], that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days [1,000 years according to Rev. 20:1-10] shall they be visited. THEN [in that day] the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, WHEN the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously" (Isa.24:21-23; 25:6-8)..... that he will cause the greatest trouble that ever has been on the Earth (Rev.12:13-17; Matt.24:15-31); that he will give his power to the Antichrist for forty-two months (Rev.13:1-7); that he will mobilize the nations at Armageddon to fight against Christ at His second advent (Rev. 16:13-16); that he will fight against Christ at Armageddon and will be taken bodily and be bound with a chain and cast into the abyss for 1,000 years (Rev.19:11-20:3); and that at the end of

the 1,000 years he will be loosed out of the abyss and will lead one more rebellion in the Kingdom of God, and then he will be cast bodily into the lake of fire forever (Rev.20:7-10; Matt. 25:31).

(2) The defeat of Satan and his hosts was accomplished by Christ at the first advent as far as redemption of the race and the Earth is concerned, and this defeat made possible the final suppression of all rebellion and the final defeat of Satan's kingdom at the second coming of Christ. Paul says that Christ on the cross "spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Col.2:14-17). Christ on the cross said, "It is finished" (John 19:30), that is, the work that God had given Christ to finish at His first advent (John 17:4). This work was the actual work of atonement and of completing the redemption for all who believe, but the final work of Christ is yet to come at the second advent. At that time God will send Him from Heaven with an army from Heaven sufficiently large enough and powerful enough to seize the kingdoms of this world in one day and set up a righteous government on the Earth for the purpose of ridding the Earth of all rebels (Zech. 14:1-21; Rev.11:15; 19:11-20:10; 1 Cor.15:24-28; Jude 14; 2 Thess.1:7-10).

(3) All that remains to be done is the suppression of all rebellion on the Earth. The purpose of the thousand-years reign of Christ is to suppress all rebellion (1 Cor.15:24-28); and the final defeat of Satan and his hosts at the end of the Millennium must be accomplished before the Earth is rid of all rebels. They must be confined to the lake of fire forever before rebellion is finally and eternally overcome. This is predicted in the passages cited above and it shall be fulfilled in due time.

Then the Earth will be purified by fire and made perfect....and the kingdom of God will be universal over all as it was before rebellion was started by Lucifer and Adam in their respective Kingdoms ... God has defeated Satan and his angels and demons in all past conflicts and it is certain that He will defeat them in the final conflicts, as predicted in the Scriptures cited above.

11. THE DUTY OF SAINTS REGARDING SATAN.

Saints are to put on the whole armour of God (Eph. 6:11-18); know

his devices (2 Cor. 2:11); give him no place (Eph. 4:27); resist him (Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet.5:8-9); be sober and vigilant in waging war against him (1 Pet.5:8-9); overcome him by the Word (Matt. 4:1-11; 1 John 2:14), by the blood of Christ and their testimony (Rev.12:11), by Christ and His name (Eph.1:19-22; 2:6; 2 Cor. 2:15), by the birth of the Spirit and their faith (1 John 2:29; 3:9; 5:1-4,18), and by the Holy Spirit (Rom.8:1-13; Gal.5:16-26)

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