

WHAT'S
Really
the Issue with
Satanic
Powers?

Who is Satan?

Satan is a real personal being. He was created an angelic being, who stood in the presence of God as a covering cherub. He was called Lucifer, son of the morning. He was perfect and powerful from the day of his creation until his heart became mysteriously corrupted and he rebelled against God in heaven (Eze 28:12-19). He coveted the throne and glory and God. He aspired to even ascend above the stars of God and establish His kingdom above the kingdom of God. He was so ambitious to become God (Isaiah 14:12-14). As a result of this act of rebellion, there was war in heaven in which "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon

was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev 12:7-9). Although Lucifer and his angels were defeated and cast out of heaven, he retains the power he had from when he was created. Therefore, he has power to accomplish supernatural things. In fact, Jesus speaking of him said, "I beheld Satan as a lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Apostle added, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor 11:14).

Satan is Powerful

He disguised himself in a serpent and deceived Eve, who in turn caused Adam to sin and then brought the earth to its present state of doom (Gen 3:1-7). He worked through the

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Egyptian magicians to produce snakes via their staffs dropped on the floor (Exo 7:10-12); he turned water into blood to deceive Pharaoh and harden his heart against the will of God (7:17-22).

He instigated Job's neighbors (the Sabeans) against Job's servants (Job 1:14-15); he caused fire from heaven to burn Job's flock of sheep (Job 1:16); he instigated the Chaldeans attack Job's servants and carried his camels (Job 1:17); he caused a great wind to collapse the house of Job's eldest son on all of Job's children while they were celebrating with their eldest brother (Job 1:18-19); he inflicted Job with a terrible skin disease (Job 2:7)); he instigated Job's wife to discourage him from being faithful to God and to instead curse God and die (Job 2:9); he instigated four of Job's friends to

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discourage and blame Job for all that was happening to him (Job).

Satanic Power and Activities Are Always Toward Destruction

Jesus describes the devil as a thief who only comes to "STEAL, and to KILL, and to DESTROY (John 10:10) and as a murderer who is the father all lies and that has no truth in him at all (John 8:44). One of the devil's major strategy is to deceive with an intent to destroy. He never thinks good of any human being. Even if he gives you nutritious food and without poison, the ultimate motif for giving you the food is never to nourish you but as a bait to trap you into ultimate destruction.

Satan Has a Limited Time Operate

Revelation 12:12 reads: "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the

earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, **because he knows that he has a short time.**" The devil knows that the incarnation of Christ and His ultimate death on the cross was the final seal to his eternal doom. He is well-informed about the limited time he has to exist and it is no surprise that he is working relentlessly and aggressively to destroy as many humans and the entire creation as possible. But those who believe in Jesus Christ have no need to worry because Jesus came destroy the works of the devil in the lives of those who believe in Him (1 John 3:8).

Jesus is ALL-POWERFUL

Jesus is God. The divinity of Jesus Christ is expressed throughout the Bible (Old and New Testament). Before His incarnation and

immaculate conception, the Scripture declared, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). And again in Isaiah 9:6 it reiterates: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Jesus is here referred to the Everlasting Father and Mighty God. No surprise then when requested Jesus Christ to show them the Father He said "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:9. He is the Alpha and Omega ^[d]*the Beginning and the End,*" says the ^[e]Lord, "who is and

who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:8). Before His ascension into heaven He said to His disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt 28:18). His name and dominion far exceeds everything in the heavens and earth. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ 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,¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:9-11).

Victory Over Satan and His Demons Through Jesus Christ

The Christian life is both powerless and meaningless without Jesus Christ.

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Rom 3:10, 23 reiterates: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and what we deserve is death because "the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ" Romans 6:23. Every believer in Christ is saved and lives by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8). In Rom 7:24-25 Paul lamented human helplessness but also expressed great appreciation for redemption through Jesus Christ – " ²⁴O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!" 2 Cor 5:17. Satan knows he is a created being and that he was created by Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3). He also knows that he is powerless over

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anyone who is in Christ (Acts 4:12). Our past sin cannot even be an impediment in our way to experience God's love - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9. There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who^[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" Rom 8:1-2.

Jesus' Power is Always Toward Redemption and Growth

Contrary to satanic power that is always toward destruction, thanks to God that the power of our LORD Jesus Christ is always toward our

redemption and growth in His grace.. He declared "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly" John 10:10b. Christ never condemns even the vilest of sinners who penitently comes to Him. To woman caught in adultery He said, "Neither do I condemn you; go ^[k]and sin no more" John 8:11; To Zachaus He said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19:9-10. His invitation is to all: "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28-28.

Every Child of God is Victorious Over Satan and His Demons

Satan knows that "whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the

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world – our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5). He understands the Scriptures namely, that "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). So he knows just how powerless is over us when we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ and live by the Word of God. Way back in the Old Testament times the word of God declared "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness *is* from Me, (Isaiah 54:17). This implies that the devil and his demons can never succeed is causing a real harm to a child of God because all his plans and

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works against us will never succeed. While this promise does not imply that every child of God will live a trouble-free life in this world, it does mean imply that even when the devil intends to harm us he will never prosper in that effort because God will never let him his way, instead, even that which the devil brings our way for our downfall, will be turned into blessing contrary to all satanic schemes against our souls. Interestingly, the text says it the heritage of God's children. Furthermore, in Isaiah 59:19, the the Lord promises to always counter every attempt of the enemy of soul against us: "So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him."

Conclusion

Finally, beloved in Christ, you have no reason to be afraid of the devil and demonic agents if you are a child of God and living by the Word of God. You are more than conqueror. Simply claim all of the promises above and countless others from the Bible – they are yours on believing. And if you are not yet in relationship with God, then this is the best time to begin so that you too claim and enjoy these boundless blessings of God. They are also yours on believing.

You are God's creation, special and wonderfully made. You are not too bad to be forgiven. If Paul who considered himself the worst of sinners (1 Tim 1:15) could be accepted and became very useful to the body of Christ (the church); if David could be forgiven of adultery and murder (2

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Samuel 11 & 12); if Peter could be forgiven of denial of Christ (Matt 26:69-75); if the criminal on the cross could be forgiven (Luke 23:40-43); then you too can be forgiven and accepted by God. In fact, if we were good, there wouldn't have been pain, sorrow, betrayal, hate, greed, sickness, diseases, weeping, and there wouldn't have been the need for God to incarnate humanity and die the shameful death on the cross. But, because all humanity has sinned and fallen short of God's standard (Romans 3:23), He invites you and me to "Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD, Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, They shall be as wool" Isa 1:18 NKJV. God is very willing and ready to save you, He says: "As surely as I live, says the sovereign LORD, I

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take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die?" Eze 33:11 NLT. The choice is yours; today you can choose to be saved. It's simple.

Sincerely ask God to forgive you of all your past sins and prayerfully invite Him into your life as your LORD and personal saviour. Ask for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to be manifested in your life. Perhaps, you have never done this before and wondering how and where to begin. Just begin right where you are. God is present and waiting for you. No special preparation or form is needed, just talk to Him by faith (believing He is) as you would to a friend, and you're already on the way into a journey of

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