

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

THE DEVIL, SATAN

THE NAMES & TITLES OF THE DEVIL

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| 1. Match the name with the Bible verse. (Match exercise #1) | | <u>Name Meanings</u> |
| a. Matthew 4:1 | ___ Apollyon | ("To destroy") |
| b. Luke 22:3 | ___ Lucifer | ("Morning Star") |
| c. Isaiah 14:12 | ___ Devil | ("Slanderer") |
| d. Genesis 3:1 | ___ Serpent | ("Dragon") |
| e. Revelation 9:11 | ___ Satan | ("Adversary") |
| 2. Match the name with the Bible verse. (Match exercise #2) | | |
| a. 2 Corinthians 6:15 | ___ Deceiver | ("Not Trustworthy") |
| b. Matthew 12:24 | ___ Enemy | ("To hate") |
| c. Revelation 12:10 | ___ Belial | ("Worthless") |
| d. Matthew 27:63 | ___ Beelzebub | ("Chief of demons") |
| e. 1 Corinthians 15:26 | ___ Accuser | ("To file charges") |
| 3. Match the name with the Bible verse. (Match exercise #3) | | |
| a. 1 John 5:18 | ___ Murderer | ("To Kill") |
| b. John 8:44 | ___ Father of Lies | ("To instigate false") |
| c. John 8:44 | ___ Liar | ("To Falsify") |
| d. Ephesians 6:16 | ___ Wicked One | ("To Hurt") |
| e. 1 Thessalonians 3:5 | ___ Tempter | ("To Test") |
| 4. Match the name with the Bible verse. (Match exercise #4) | | |
| a. Hebrews 2:14 | ___ Power of death | ("Ruler of death") |
| b. 2 Corinthians 11:14 | ___ Roaring Lion | ("Overwhelmed") |
| c. Ephesians 6:12 | ___ Angel of Light | ("Disguised") |
| d. 2 Corinthians 4:4 | ___ Prince of Air | ("Leader of demons") |
| e. 1 Peter 5:8 | ___ Prince of Darkness | ("Ruler of the dark") |
| f. Ephesians 2:2 | ___ God of this Age | ("Fallen ruler") |

THE BEGINNING OF SATAN & HIS INFLUENCE

1 John 1:5 *This is the message we heard from Jesus, and now declare to you - that God is light and in Him there is NO DARKNESS at all.*

Genesis 1:31 *Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very GOOD.*

5. Could a God Who has no darkness in Him at all create evil? ___Yes ___No
6. If everything that God created was "good", could He create evil? ___Yes ___No

When Was Lucifer Created? When did he begin?

Look at these verses first and then we'll talk.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Colossians 1:16 For by Jesus all things were created that are in heaven & that are on earth, visible & invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the hosts of them, were finished.

Luke 10:18 And Jesus said to His followers, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven".

Job 38:4,7 God said to Job, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth ... When the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy?"

A Few Questions to Consider:

- Does the "earth" mean the planet we are on? I think it is.
- Does the "heavens" refer to "Heaven" where God exists? The answer is "no".
- Does "heavens" refer to our atmosphere & to outer space (the universe)? Probably.
- Can "invisible & invisible" refer to the angelic population before they chose to rebel? Yes.
- The invisible things are: "thrones, dominions, principalities, powers".
- Some think that "morning stars" & "sons of God" might be angels, or might be stars.

7. Is it safe to assume that God existed before the universe was created? Yes No
8. Do you think the "heavens & the earth" equal "the universe"? Yes No
9. Could God have created the universe before He put the earth in it? Yes No
10. Were the angels (including Lucifer) created before man? Yes No

These are hard questions. However, God did it the way He wanted to. I cannot explain it all; furthermore, I do not need to.

➔ BOTTOM LINE: GOD CREATED LUCIFER PERFECT LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE.

Could the Angels Choose who to serve?

11. Match the verse with the statement.

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| a. Revelation 21:27 | ___ Angels have a "will". They can decide things. |
| b. Luke 2:13-14 | ___ Angels can choose to be pure & holy. |
| c. 2 Corinthians 11:3,14 | ___ Angels chose to leave God's plan & be demons. |
| d. 2 Timothy 2:26 | ___ The serpent (a fallen angel) was very clever. |
| e. Jude 1:6 | ___ The devil (fallen angel) has a will (a plan). |
| f. John 8:44 | ___ The angels who fell SINNED against God. |
| g. 2 Peter 2:4 | ___ The devil has desires he wants to accomplish. |

Consider these thoughts:

- All of creation (including Lucifer - who became the devil) were perfect when created.
- All the angelic population were allowed (free will) to choose their path of service.
- Satan's angels (demons) chose the path of rebellion against God.
- The remaining angels chose to serve God in purity, holiness, and worship.
- So, God did not create evil; the evil came from within Satan (John 8:44).
- Therefore, Satan has control of the demonic realm on the earth (Matt. 12:24).

TRYING TO COMPETE OR FIGHT THIS CREATURE, THIS FORCE, IS IMPOSSIBLE.

1 John 4:4 You belong to God, my beloved, and you are equipped to overcome evil, because HE WHO IS IN YOU (Jesus) is greater than he who is in the world (Satan).

Let's Look at the Fall of Lucifer Written in the Old Testament

Isaiah 14:12 You are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning ...you who weakened the nations.

Isaiah 14:13 FOR YOU HAVE SAID IN YOUR HEART -

"I will ascend into heaven."

"I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven".

WRONG!!

Isaiah 14:13 "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds."

Isaiah 14:15

God says, "Satan, you will be brought down to the depths of hell."

"I will be just like the Most High God."

Ezekiel 28:2 YOUR HEART IS LIFTED UP -

"I am a god".

"I sit in the seats of gods".

WRONG!!

Ezekiel 28:2

God says, "You are not a God".

Consider these thoughts:

- Many times, prophecies from the prophets can point head to more than one event.
- These prophecies can point to different parts of the same future event.
- Isaiah 14 points to the fall of the Babylonian Empire (the physical kingdom).
- Is also points to the fall of spiritual Babylon which represents Satan's fall from rulership.
- Ezekiel 28 points to the fall of the king of Tyre (located in the country of Phoenicia).
- It also points to the fall of the evil world government which Satan rules.

12. What word do all Satan's statements start with? _____

The underlying & basic (& worst) sin for mankind is **PRIDE - PRIDE - PRIDE!!**

"Pride" = To rise up in front of everyone. It's all about me - me - me!!

13. What are the consequences of being full of pride? Match the columns.

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| a. Psalm 36:11 | _____ | It causes disunity between you & others. |
| b. Psalm 73:6 | _____ | It brings destruction to your life. |
| c. Proverbs 8:13 | _____ | There's no hesitation traveling the evil way. |
| d. Proverbs 11:2 | _____ | The only end result is God's condemnation. |
| e. Proverbs 13:10 | _____ | It causes people to be against each other. |
| f. Proverbs 14:3 | _____ | It causes you to come across as a fool. |
| g. Proverbs 16:18 | _____ | It instigates violence inside you and without. |
| h. Proverbs 29:23 | _____ | It leads to humiliation & a poor reputation. |
| i. 1 Timothy 3:6 | _____ | It brings shame & guilt to your life. |

Mark 7:21-22 For from within man, out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, and evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

Aren't all of these behavior motivated by "pride"? That's what the devil wants for our lives.

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| Evil Thoughts | = I decide what to think about; it is my business. |
| Adulteries | = I can have any woman that I choose to seduce. |
| Fornications | = I can play around with sex before marriage; moral rules are obsolete. |
| Murders | = I can remove anybody who gets in my way. |
| Thefts | = I can take or acquire anything that I like & choose to have. |
| Covetousness | = I am never satisfied with what I have, so I want the things of others. |
| Wickedness | = I definitely do not believe that having my kind of fun is wicked. |
| Deceit | = I decide and choose what is the truth. |
| Lewdness | = I can enjoy & practice anything sexual any way I want to. |
| Evil Eye | = I will hurt someone if they cross me & just have it coming. |
| Blasphemy | = I do not need God in my life; I will reject Him until my dying day. |
| Pride | = THE ATTITUDE THAT CAUSES ME TO DO ALL THESE THINGS. |
| Foolishness | = I will live life any way I want to regardless whether it makes sense to you. |

THE STRATEGIES SATAN USES TO BRING US DOWN

THE GENERAL ATTACK

Genesis 3:6 *So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for FOOD, that it was pleasant to the EYES, and a tree desirable to make one WISE, she took of the fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Matt. 4:3 *If you are the Son of God, command stones to be made bread.* **FOOD**
Matt. 4:5 *If you are the Son of God, throw yourself off the temple to be rescued by angels.* **WISE**
Matt. 4:9 *All these things I will give you if you will fall down & worship me.* **EYES**

1 John 2:16 *For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh (food), the lust of the eyes (eyes), and the pride of life (wise) – is not of the Father but is of the world.*

James 1:14-15 *Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires (flesh) and enticed (eyes). Then, when desire has conceived (wise), it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

1. Gen. 3:6 What are the three strategies of the devil?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
2. Mt. 4:3,5,9 What are the three strategies of the devil?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
3. 1 Jn. 2 What are the three strategies of the devil?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
4. Jam. 1 What are the three strategies of the devil?
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

***Isn't that amazing? Satan uses the same strategies to make us sin & disobey.
Flesh = Our inner desires tell us we want us; remember, we inherited a sin nature.
Eyes = Our eyes see what our flesh wants; I can see it; it is good; I want it.
Pride = We are wise; we know what we want; it is my choice; I take it.***

THE DIRECT INVASIVE ATTACK

1 John 3:7 *My dear congregation, let no one deceive you. He who practices godliness & purity is righteous, just as God is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned since the beginning of creation. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SON OF GOD CAME, THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.*

5. Is there any doubt that Satan exists to try to make us sin? Yes No
6. The "works of the devil" is non other that the purpose of the devil. Yes No
7. If someone has existed with no other purpose but to sin & make people sin, and if he knows that is judged already (heading for hell), he will go after us with everything he has (cut our throat). Yes No
8. What is Satan's plan? "Let no one _____ you."
9. Who is Satan's family (prison)? "He who _____ belongs to the devil".
10. When did Satan start? "He has sinned since _____."
11. Why did Jesus come? "that He might _____ the _____ of the devil."

12. What drastic, invasive methods does Satan use? Match the columns.

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| a. Mark 5:15 | ___ Bind people up | (Possible a habit, illness, condition) |
| b. John 13:2 | ___ Sift me as wheat | (Satan can desire to have you) |
| c. Luke 22:3 | ___ Possess people | (Believer - no, unbeliever - yes) |
| d. Acts 5:3 | ___ Put something in the heart | (Ex. Judas - not a believer) |
| e. Luke 13:16 | ___ Enter someone | (Ex. Judas - not a believer) |
| f. Luke 22:31 | ___ Fill a heart | (To lie & deceive & corrupt) |

Consider these thoughts:

- *Knowing how Satan does everything is beyond all of us.*
- *I do not believe he can enter & take over a believer (the key word is "possess").*
- *I do believe he can harass, tempt, put supernatural pressure on (the key word is "oppress").*
- *Satan can suggest things into our hearts because he knows our evil hearts (he has one).*
- *Satan has watched us live our lives; he knows our weaknesses; he knows what works.*
- *I do not believe Satan can read your mind; but, you are a creature of habit; he is watching.*

THE SUBTLE ATTACK

13. Check the items that you think Satan would love to accomplish in your life.

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| Snatch | a. ___ Keep you from understanding the Word of God. |
| Crooked | b. ___ Cause you to complicate the Christian life & drive people away. |
| Draw away | c. ___ Keep you drowning in your own fleshly desires & addictions. |
| Oppress | d. ___ Keep you down, depressed, & with no hope of success or fresh air. |
| Tempt | e. ___ Constantly questioning your strength to make it & to have confidence. |
| Snare | f. ___ Make sure that your reputation & testimony are in the toilet. |
| Hinder | g. ___ Keep me from doing good things that would encourage me & help others. |
| Leaders | h. ___ Attacking my leaders into making poor, blind, & destructive decisions. |
| Schemes | i. ___ Never letting up in attacking me with anything what would hurt me. |
| Advantage | j. ___ Making sure that I am ignorant about my surrounding & the truth. |
| Disguise | k. ___ Blinding me so that the bad things I do always look good & wholesome. |

Every one of the items above should be checked. Satan does this to you every day.

14. Match the verse with the subtle attacks in these two columns.

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| a. Matt. 13:19 | ___ Draw people away from God. |
| b. Acts 13:10 | ___ Hinder people from accomplishing anything. |
| c. James 1:14 | ___ The devil disguises himself as an angel of light. |
| d. Acts 10:38 | ___ Snatches away the Word of God from us. |
| e. Matt. 4:1 | ___ Tempts us into wondering who we are |
| f. 1 Tim. 3:7 | ___ Takes advantage of our ignorance |
| g. 1 Th. 2:18 | ___ Lays out snares to constantly trip us up |
| h. 1 Chr. 21:1 | ___ He keeps people oppressed & pushed down. |
| i. Eph. 6:11 | ___ Always trying new schemes to make us fall |
| j. 2 Cor. 2:11 | ___ Make everything crooked & complicated |
| k. 2 Cor. 11:14 | ___ Attempts to corrupt & minimize our leaders |

I encourage you to study the strategies of the devil on your own. He is bad.

HOW TO RESIST THE DEVIL

Consider these points of good news:

- Jesus Christ came to destroy the attacks of the devil. 1 John 3:8)
- Don't be fooled: Inside the word "devil" is "evil".
- God can use evil intent (instigated by Satan) to bring about good. (Gen. 50:20)
- The enemy (Satan the devil) has been defeated. (Past) (Colossians 2:13-15)
- The enemy (Satan the devil) is being defeated daily. (Present) (Ephesians 6:10-20)
- The enemy (Satan the devil) will be defeated. (Future) (Romans 16:20)

Feel free to study these strategies on fighting off the devil on your own. Let's summarize them below.

15. Match the "Believer Strategies" with the verses.

- a. Ephesians 6:11 ___ Be strong in your Christian faith
- b. Ephesians 4:27 ___ Don't give in to the devil. ("Don't give place")
- c. Ephesians 6:10 ___ Put on the armor of God.

Some Explanation:

- Eph. 4:27 "Don't give place to the devil" "Satan, I have the Lord living in my life; there's no room for you. I choose God's way of doing things."
- Eph. 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord." "Satan, I have the power of God living in Me. Your ways don't work. Stand back."
- Eph. 6:11 "Put on the entire armor of God." "Satan, God has given me all the equipment I need to honor Him. It also protects me against you. Give it up; you're defeated."

16. Answer the following questions about "Believer Strategies" in the verses.

- James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
1 Cor. 6:18 Flee sexual immorality.
1 Cor. 10:13 No temptation has overcome you; all men face them; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you will be able to endure it.
2 Cor. 2:11 Beware, in case Satan takes advantage of you, for we are not ignorant of his tactics.

- a. Would it be necessary for you to honor God in your daily life before you are able to resist the devil? ___Yes ___No
- b. What happens if you consistently say "no" to the devil?

- c. The devil is always trying to draw you away from the Lord. What happens if you purpose to stay close to the Lord with prayer & study?

- d. What is the best advice for resisting sexual immorality (physical or mental)?

- e. When we are tempted to sin, is there any hope that we will ever be able to win? Explain. _____
