

**WHY THE DEVIL DOES NOT STAND A CHANCE** M. A. DANIEL

God is not equal to Satan. Many believers appear to think so or at least act as if they do. It is very necessary to explore the origins and the nature and more importantly the destiny of Satan in order to set the records straight and establish the authority of the believer.

**Satan's origin.**

He was created by God and endowed with lots of beauty, influence and position. The Bible makes it clear that his name was Lucifer, a covering cherub who was made with some of the most beautiful minerals. He was also given the ability to make music. He walked and operated on the mountain of God. The Bible referred to him as son of the morning who became very proud because of his beauty.

**The original sin.**

Lucifer became proud, he wanted to set his throne above that of God, he wanted to be adored and worshipped. Pride led Lucifer to the first rebellion in Heaven, he influenced some angels and pursued a war. Michael the archangel led the army of God and defeated Lucifer. He lost his position, influence and privileges. Lucifer became Satan or the devil as we call him. Pride was the original sin long before many others. Pride gives rise to disobedience, envy, jealousy and strife. That is why God resists the proud in every way. The Bible simplifies it into the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

**Satan in the Garden of Eden**

Satan was hurled down to the Earth with his cohorts later called demons. Satan did not have any authority and

could not possibly hurt mankind because God had given the Earth to man with all the attendant authority to function.

Satan knew that in order to gain authority on Earth, he had to trick the owners. God was very close to the first humans and often com-

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muned with them. All Satan had to do was to separate men from their source of all things-God. Satan deceived them using the original sin of pride. Humans fell for his tricks and became separated from God and Satan became the legal owner of the Earth. He knew that his time was short so unleashed chaos in the world because he knew it was the only way to hurt God. Murder, lies, adultery, fornication, slavery, racism, tribalism, war, genocide. God in his awesomeness announced the plan to retrieve us from the mire we had got into right in the middle of cursing man for dis-

obedience.

**Satan in the wilderness**

Jesus was born to destroy the works of the enemy. He had to be born of a human in order to be legitimate to operate on this planet and had to be without sin in order to meet the criterion of his blood washing away the sins of the world. Jesus was the perfect lamb for the redemption of the world. Satan knew that God was up to something to scupper his reign of terror but he did not know the exact plan. He tried to kill Jesus when he was born and when that did not happen, he tried to tempt him in the wilderness to derail him from whatever he was up to. Satan tried the same trick used in the garden of Eden, he offered food, lust of the flesh and pride of life but he failed.

**Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane**

Jesus took all the attacks from the devil and prayed through the plans of God. In that Garden, Satan's fate was sealed. Jesus would be offered on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and he would go to Hell to get the keys of death, make a show of principalities and powers and get the authority back from Satan. In addition to that God would glorify him with all the power in Heaven and on Earth. The balance is restored and all power is now with Jesus.

**Jesus after resurrection**

Jesus speaking to his disciples spoke about the plans to go and make preparations for us in Heaven. He also confirmed that all that belongs to God has been given to him and he was making that available to us. He then commissioned us to preach the

gospel with this power made available to us.

## Satan after resurrection

Satan went back to being powerless after the resurrection because all of the power had been stripped off him. The question is, why is he still potent today? The answer is very simple, ignorance of the believers. Satan has cleverly deceived and lied to believers to yield him all the power he needs. Satan is very potent today because the people with the power very often don't know what they have and what its for.

## What Jesus did for you

He made all power in Heaven and on Earth available to you and put Satan and all the principalities and powers to be put under your feet. God made him the head of the church and we are the body and yes again I reiterate, the devil is under our feet. They don't have any right to mess with you or anything that belongs to you unless you allow it.

## What Satan can do now

Satan cannot appear before the sons of God like he did with Job, he has been judged and his fate sealed. He has been condemned to Hell with his demons. His demons cannot wage war against the angels of God like they did in Daniel, Jesus has spoiled them and made a show of them which means decimated them. Satan no longer have the title deeds to the Earth and cannot tempt you above what you are able to bear. God has also made it that with every temptation, a door of escape will be made for you. Satan is restricted. He can only do what you allow him to do.

## Your Authority

The Bible make it clear that you have to submit yourself to God and resist the devil and he will flee from you. Satan will always try to intimidate you but its up to you to lie down and be rolled over or to fight back knowing you have all power

backing you. Jesus came to nail all the curses to the cross and making sure that the blessing of Abraham becomes available to us.

Poverty,sickness,stress,sadness and all that does not go with the blessing of God does not have any right to be in your life. You have the authority to command them to leave and for the situation to change. Speak life to your situation and command trespassers to leave. Speak until you witness a viable change because Jesus paid for it all. They overcame Satan by the blood of the lamb(Jesus) and the word of their testimony(confessions). You will need to fill up with the word of God, when feeling low. Confess ,what you believe and stand on Gods promises. Engage the enemy, command him to leave you and your family and all of your affairs. He does not stand a chance against a believer that knows their God-given right. God bless.

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