

Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation

Excursion: A Biblical-Theology of Satan

Introduction

The Bible clearly presents Satan as God's enemy and ours, and we should at least be aware of our enemy, his limited power, and his strategies.

The study is important to be strong in the faith (1 Pet. 5:8-9)

I. His Nature, Origin, and Fall

A. He is a created angelic being

Satan is a creature.

He is a spiritual, angelic being (Eph. 6:12)

He has limitations:

B. He is an intelligent being, possessing attributes of personality

1. Intelligence: Gen. 3:1-5; Matt. 4:1-11

2. Emotions: Luke 22:31; Rev. 12:17

3. Will: Isa. 14:12-14; 2 Tim. 2:26

C. His origin and fall

He is a created being (John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17)

There is a tremendous amount of debate about the roles of Satan Isa. 14:12-15 and Ezek. 28:11-19 and their relevance to Satan and his fall.

His Fall

Isa. 14:11-15 – identifies pride as the source of his fall

Ezek. 28:11-15 – his pre-fall condition

Ezek. 28:16-17 also identify pride as the source of his fall

II. His names

A. Satan (Job 1:6-9; Matt. 4:10)

Adversary, opponent

B. The Devil (Matt. 4:1, 5, 9; Eph. 4:27; Rev. 12:9, 20:2)

Slanderer. Defamer. Maligner.

Impugns God's character.

C. Serpent (Gen. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9)

Crafty, beguiler, deceiver.

D. The Evil One (Matt. 6:13; John 17:15; 1 John 5:19)

Wicked, malevolent, cruel.



I🌿 Midweek Bible Study

- E. The Dragon (includes Leviathan, Rahab) Rev. 12:7
Cruel, vicious, powerful, hideous, scary.
 - F. The Prince or Ruler (John 12:31)
 - G. The god of this world/age (2 Cor. 4:4)
 - H. The Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph. 2:2)
 - I. Accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
 - J. The Tempter (Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5)
- III. His Activities
- A. A liar and a deceiver
John 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:3; 2 Thess. 2:10
 1. He is the father of false doctrine (Eph. 4:14; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 1 Tim. 4:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:13; 1 Jn. 4:1-3)
 2. He lies against God's truth (Gen. 3:1f)
 3. He deceives people (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
 - B. He is seeking to destroy our faith
Lk. 22:31-32; 1 Thess. 3:5
 - C. He distorts God's good gifts
1 Tim. 4:1-5
 - D. He is a Tempter
 1. He tempts us to sin ~ 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 John 2:16
 2. He tempts us to doubt God ~ Gen. 3:1
 3. He shoots fiery darts at us ~ Eph. 6:16
 4. He encourages unforgiveness and bitterness ~ 2 Cor. 2:8-11
 - E. He seeks to destroy us
1 Pet. 5:8-9
- IV. His Binding
- V. His Final Doom
- VI. Our Resistance

