

Sermon #55 — Isaiah Series

Title: **LUCIFER’S FALL**

Text: Isaiah 14:3-27

Subject: *Satan’s Fall Portrayed in the Fall of Lucifer*

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Introduction:

There is in this world a great, ever-increasing conflict between wickedness and righteousness, between light and darkness, between good and evil. I see it in my own heart. — *“The flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh.”* And I see this conflict in the world around me. If you study the pages of human history, you can see this great conflict throughout the ages. I am not talking now about physical wars, though wars among men are the results of this great conflict. I am talking about something far more devastating than any war between men and nations. I am talking about a spiritual warfare, the warfare between the God of light and the prince of darkness, between Christ and Satan.

Sometime after God had created the heavens and the earth, sometime after he had created the

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angelic hosts in their order, but before he created man upon the earth in his image and after his likeness, the anointed cherub, whom God had made to rule over the earth to serve his elect (Hebrews 1:14), rebelled against God, and the warfare began. If I am not mistaken, Satan's fall is spoken of in the 28th chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy (Ezekiel 28:11-19). Read the passage carefully and you will see that the king of Tyrus spoken of here is no ordinary king, but Satan himself.

(Ezekiel 28:11-19) Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (12) Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. (13) Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (14) Thou art the anointed

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cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (15) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. (16) By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. (17) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. (18) Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. (19) All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee:

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thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

Like Ezekiel, God's prophet Isaiah, uses the imagery of a mighty king to describe Satan's rebellion and fall in the 14th chapter of his prophecy. That will be my text tonight — Isaiah 14:3-27. As God the Holy Ghost will enable me, I want to show you what he here reveals about LUCIFER'S FALL. That is my subject — LUCIFER'S FALL. Let's read the text together — Isaiah 14:3-27. Let's begin reading in verse 1.

(Isaiah 14:1-28) For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. (2) And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. (3) And it shall come to pass in the day that

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the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, (4) That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, (Beginning here God the Holy Ghost teaches us to chant an enthusiastic ode, a jeering taunt in the teeth of our great oppressor as we live in the expectation of standing with our feet upon his neck — Romans 16:20.) How hath the oppressor ceased! The golden city ceased! (5) The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers. (6) He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth. (7) The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. (8) Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. (9) Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

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(10) All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us? (11) Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. (12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (16) They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; (17) That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? (18) All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house. (19) But thou art

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cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. (20) Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. (21) Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. (22) For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD. (23) I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts. (24) The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: (25) That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart

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from off their shoulders. (26) This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. (27) For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? (28) In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

Proposition: The fall of Satan, spoken of here by God's prophet Isaiah, is the origin and cause of the conflict that has rocked the universe for more than 6000 years.

FOUR REPERCUSSIONS

The repercussions of Satan's fall are evident. I call your attention to four of them, four things that have taken place in the purpose of God as the result of Satan's fall.

1. The first repercussion is found in Lucifer himself. — His name originally was Lucifer, the son of the morning. He became Satan, diabolic, a

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slanderer, an opposer, an oppressor, an enemy — He who was the anointed cherub is now the adversary of God and man.

2. **The second repercussion is seen in the angels who cast their lot with Satan.** — In Revelation 12 we are told that 1/3 of the heavenly host followed Satan's lead and fought against Christ, called Michael the Archangel.

Perhaps you wonder, "Why did they do it?" Why would holy, heavenly creatures leave their blessed estate and follow the deceiver? Why do you do it? Why does the world do it? Why does mankind reject the counsel of God and follow the prince of darkness? Why? Because Satan is a master deceiver. He is full of enticing promises, charming allurements, and exciting enchantments.

3. **The third repercussion of Satan's fall is the marring of God's handiwork.** — The slime of the serpent is now upon the creation of God.

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- God's creation was made without form and void by Satan's fall (Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 45:18).
- Man, who was created in the image of God, through the subtlety of Satan, was plunged into sin and death.

4. **The fourth repercussion of Satan's fall is the warfare that has raged throughout the ages between Satan and the Son of God, between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman** (Genesis 3:15).

(Genesis 3:15) “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

SEVEN ASSAULTS

From the beginning, Satan has sought to overthrow the throne of God, thwart the purpose of God, and destroy the people of God. But he has never been successful and never shall be.

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1. Satan's first assault against the throne of God took place in heaven, sometime before the fall of Adam (Revelation 12).
2. The second assault Satan made against God was in the Garden of Eden, when he led Adam and Eve to rebel against the Lord (Genesis 3:1-5).
3. The third assault launched by Satan against God was shortly after the birth of Christ. — The Slaying of the Innocents by Herod.
4. Satan's fourth assault was the temptation of our Lord in the wilderness (Matthew 4).
5. His fifth assault was in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46).
6. The devil's sixth assault against the throne of God was the persecutions raised against his church in this world (Revelation 12).
7. But the devil's final assault is the most subtle of all — Antichrist Religion! — He seeks to destroy the souls of men and the purpose of God by promoting every form of free-will/works religion (2 Thessalonians 2).

Note: I say again, what I have said so many times before, we are now living in the midst of the greatest,

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most deceitful and deadly Satanic delusion the world has ever known. — Arminian, free-will, works religion is the religion of antichrist, the religion of Babylon, the religion of Lucifer.

Though it appears that the fiend of hell has been turned loose to deceive the nations of the world for a little season (Revelation 20), his doom is sure. **Isaiah 14 is a prophecy of Satan's final overthrow by the power of God.** Here are **FIVE THINGS** revealed in this chapter, which I want us to meditate upon.

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1st — In verse 12 Isaiah was inspired of God to give us knowledge of something only God could have revealed to him — **An Astonishing Fall.**

(Isaiah 14:12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

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Though Satan was originally created as Lucifer, the shining one, the anointed cherub over the earth, when sin was found in him, he was cast out of heaven. **This verse speaks of Satan’s final defeat, but his defeat is accomplished by God our Savior in five stages.**

1. **The Devil was cast out of heaven** (Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:7-9).

(Luke 10:18) “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

(Revelation 12:7-9) “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) 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.”

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2. **The prince of this world was bound by our Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary** (John 12:32; Revelation 20:1-3).

(John 12:27-33) “Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. (28) Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again. (29) The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. (30) Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. (31) Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. (32) And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me. (33) This he said, signifying what death he should die.”

(Revelation 20:1-3) “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent,

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which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, (3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”

3. Satan is cast out of God's elect, his power is broken, his captives are set free, his prisoners escape, the chains of bondage that hold his slaves are broken in the new birth (Matthew 12:28-29; Mark 3:27; Luke 11:20-22).

(Matthew 12:28-29) “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. (29) Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.”

(Mark 3:27) “No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.”

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(Luke 11:20-22) “If I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. (21) When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: (22) But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.”

4. In the believer's experience of grace, as we experience forgiveness and cleansing from our many sins, when Satan raises Moses up to condemn us, our mighty Advocate, the Angel of God, prevails over him and silences him (1 John 2:1-2; Jude 9; Zechariah 3:1-5).

(1 John 2:1-2) “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (2) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.*”

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(Jude 1:9) “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”

(Zechariah 3:1-5) “And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. (2) And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire? (3) Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. (4) And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. (5) And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.”

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5. **Satan shall be cast into the lake of fire at the last day** (Revelation 20:10).

(Revelation 20:10) “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

He who weakened the nations shall be at last brought into utter desolation. — **The Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed, is prevailing, and shall forever prevail over our adversary, the Devil!**

Illustration: *The Lion Chained*

AN ASTONISHING PRIDE

2nd — Pride is the original sin. Here **Satan is described as a creature of astonishing pride.** When pride was found in his heart, God cast him down.

Listen to Satan's “I wills” against God (Isaiah 14:13-14).

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(Isaiah 14:13-14) “For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.”

Now, turn to Ezekiel 28 again, and hear God's “I wills” against Satan (Ezekiel 28:16-18).

(Ezekiel 28:16-18) “By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore **I will** cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and **I will** destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. (17) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: **I will** cast thee to the ground, **I will** lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. (18) Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore **will I** bring forth a fire

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from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and **I will** bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

AN ASTONISHING DESTRUCTION

3rd — Read verses 9-11 and 16-19 and see **Satan's astonishing destruction.**

(Isaiah 14:9-11) “Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (10) All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us? (11) Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.”

(Isaiah 14:16-19) “They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; (17) *That*

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made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners? (18) All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house. (19) But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.”

In hell all the multitudes of the damned will themselves be turned against him who is the cause of their ruin. Satan shall be isolated, alone and tormented forever. He who was once the highest creature of God shall be brought down to be the lowest foul thing in hell.

When I read the prophet's words here about hell, about everlasting damnation, I am astonished at the thought of it and tremble for you to choose to ignore it and run headlong into everlasting torment.

- Hell, from beneath, is moved at Satan's coming.
- The territories of the damned are represented as

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opening to receive a more than ordinary prisoner taking up his eternal dwelling there!

- The dead, the chief ones of the earth, who trembled at his power, are all brought together into one common level of horror and misery, each taunting and cursing the other and all turning their spite upon Satan.

The movement of hell to meet the Devil is beyond all possible conception of mind. It is as if those infernal regions of horror feel convulsed at his approach and welcome his everlasting torment. The taunting jeers from the kings and great men of the earth, whom the monarch of Babylon hastened and sent there, are expressed with astonishment to show us something of the deep and bitter malignity the conversation of hell is made up of, to aggravate the torments of the damned, and to fill up the full measure of corrosive and everlasting misery heaped upon and suffered by the damned.

- Fully Awakened Consciences!
- Full Capacity of Remembrance!
- Full Awareness of Guilt and Blame!
- Full Malice and Rage!

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- Full Cursing and Bitterness!
- Full Isolation in the Company of the Myriads of the Damned!
- Utter Darkness!
- Keen Awareness of Heavenly Bliss!

AN ASTONISHING SALVATION

4th — **In verses 3-8 we are assured of the astonishing salvation of God's elect.**

- The salvation of God's elect and the destruction of Satan go hand in hand.
- The salvation of God's church and the destruction of Babylon go hand in hand.

The accomplishment of one is the accomplishment of the other.

God will save his elect from all sin and from all the consequences of sin (vv. 3-6).

(Isaiah 14:3-6) “And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, (4)

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That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, **How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!** (5) **The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.** (6) He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth.”

God will save his creation from all the consequences of sin (vv. 7-8).

(Isaiah 14:7-8) “The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing. (8) Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.”

The destruction of Satan and the salvation of God's elect shall be the cause of universal and eternal praise to the Triune God (Revelation 12:10; 19:1-6).

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(Revelation 12:10) “I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

(Revelation 19:1-6) “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: (2) For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. (3) And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. (4) And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. (5) And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. (6) And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters,

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and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”

AN ASTONISHING GOD

5th — In verses 24-27 the Lord our God reminds us that he is the astonishing God. His purpose will stand forever! His purpose is the salvation of his people, and the Devil himself, proud Lucifer, is one of the instruments he uses to accomplish it (Romans 8:28-31).

(Isaiah 14:24-27) “The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, *so* shall it stand: (25) That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. (26) This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. (27) For the LORD of hosts hath purposed,

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and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

(Romans 8:28-31) “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. (29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (31) What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?”

APPLICATION

1. The Lord our God is in Control of the Universe.
2. Though our adversary the Devil is a powerful foe, he is God's devil, under God's control.
3. To oppose the Lord our God is utter folly.
4. To trust him is the highest wisdom.

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5. Soon, very soon, we shall stand upon Lucifer's neck.

(Romans 16:20) “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.”

Then, we shall chant this ode of ridicule over him.

(Isaiah 14:12) “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”

(Romans 11:33-36) “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (34) For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? (35) Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? (36) For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.”

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Amen.