

Doctrines 101

Lesson 3

Demonology

PART I EXPLANATION

Introduction: Next to the name Jesus, the Devil is the second most used name in the Bible; yet he is a person of which there is much ignorance. The Bible teaches that Satan was of the highest order of angels in heaven. He was the 'anointed cherub,' the angel nearest to the presence of God. However, because of pride and a desire to be equal with God he was cast out of heaven and has become the great enemy of the saints of God in a spiritual warfare.

It is a key component of any war to be thoroughly familiar with your enemy, to spy on and study them. The more quickly that you can recognize the tendencies of your enemy the better able you are to resist their attacks. If you are able to predict where your enemy is going to attack, the chances of defeating them increases significantly. If on the other hand you are consistently ambushed and caught off guard by their attacks, victory is certain to come at a great price.

The Bible compares the devil to a serpent because of his subtlety. A snake has the ability to travel about undetected. He makes very little noise and is able to accomplish his desire and escape quickly. All are apt descriptions of the devil in his ability to remain undetected in the affairs of men. While it is certainly true that the devil is not responsible for every trouble in our life, he should not be disregarded or ignored. The success that we enjoy in the Christian life is directly attributed to our ability to understand and overcome our enemy. Just to the degree that we are aware of his tactics will we be able to avoid the 'snare of the devil'. The effectiveness of a snare is the difficulty of escaping it once you have been entrapped. The key for the prey is to be able to detect and avoid it at all possible costs. That is how we should view this world's systems; as being operated and established by the devil himself and as imperiling our eternal soul. Be certain the devil will use any and every advantage that he can find to either bring a soul to ruin or to give great occasion for the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme by the failures of His people.

The tactics that our enemy employs in this spiritual warfare are well entrenched. His trenches have been dug deep and he will not willingly surrender even the slightest piece of ground. These 'trenches' are the well ingrained practices of this world. The devil is the architect behind all of the education, philosophies, entertainments, and governments of this world. He has laid down a 'course' to be followed in this world and is able to ensnare billions of souls within it.

Beside the world and its systems, the devil also uses to his advantage the lusts of our flesh. The devil is able to formulate temptations that appeal to these natural, God given desires of our flesh. His primary goal is to get the Christian to be controlled by the desires of their flesh rather than by the Spirit of God. That is why the Bible instructs us to mortify or put to death the flesh with the affections and lusts.

In our spiritual warfare against these enemies, we have been given a spiritual armor (Eph. 6:13-18) and a single weapon. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal (guns, grenades, etc) but spiritual (prayer and the Word of God) and are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. The Sword of the Spirit must be controlled and guided by prayer in order to be effective. Because a sword can be dangerous in the hand of a novice, a Christian must be certain to know their weapon and how to use it skillfully to ensure spiritual victory.

Definitions: *For English use the Webster's 1828 Dictionary and copy all appropriate definitions for each word. For the Greek and Hebrew use a Strong's Concordance and copy the definition. The Strong's number is in parenthesis.*

English: **Devil** -

Wile -

Greek: (1228) **diabolos** *dee-ab'-ol-os*

4567. **Satanas** *sat-an-as'*

3789. **ophis** *of'-is*

1404. **drakon** *drak'-own*

Hebrew: (5175) **nachash** *naw-khawsh'*

7854. **satan** *saw-tawn'*

(1966) **heylel** *hay-lale'*

Quotation: "Let us watch Satan, for he watcheth us. There is no corporeal enemy, but a man naturally fears; the spiritual foe appears less terrible, because we are less sensible of him. Great conquerors have been chronicled for victories and extension of their kingdoms; Satan is beyond them all. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands; but Satan his millions. He that fights with an enemy, whom nothing but blood can pacify, will give him no advantage." Thomas Adams

"He sometimes slanders God to men; as to Eve... sometimes men to God; as Job... and continually, man to man." John Robinson

"Satan has three titles given in the Scriptures, setting forth his malignity against the church of God; a dragon, to note his malice; a serpent, to note his subtlety; and a lion, to note his strength." Edward Reynolds

"Satan is only God's master fencer to teach us to use our weapons." Samuel Rutherford

"The devil shapes himself to the fashions of all men. If he meet with a proud man, or a prodigal man, then he makes himself a flatterer; if a covetous man, then he comes with a reward in his hand. He hath an apple for Eve, a grape for Noah, a change of raiment for Gehazi, a bag for Judas. He can dish out his meat for all palates; he hath a latchet to fit every shoe; he hath something to please all conditions." William Jenkyn

"Till we sin Satan is a parasite; but when once we are in the devil's hands he turns tyrant." Thomas Manton

"It is an old policy the devil hath, to jostle out a greater good by a less." Nehemiah Rogers

"Satan doth not, like God, warn before he strikes." Vavasor Powell

"The Devil has three ways by which he makes men seek after him. First, commonly he covers holiness with other names. Secondly, he persuades men that sins are but little. Thirdly, that they may be repented of hereafter." John Collins

"The devil's war is better than the devil's peace. Suspect dumb holiness. When the dog is kept out of doors, he howls to be let in again." Samuel Rutherford

"Satan watcheth for those vessels that sail without a convoy." George Swinnock

“The devil is a great student in divinity.” William Gurnall

“Our corrupted hearts are the factories of the devil, which may be at work without his presence; for when that circumventing spirit has drawn malice, envy, and all unrighteousness unto well-rooted habits in his disciples, iniquity then goes upon its own legs; and if the gates of hell were shut up for a time, vice would still be fertile and produce the fruits of hell.” Sir Thomas Browne

Confessions (Look up and read these articles)

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689

Chapter 6: Of the Fall of Man, Of Sin, and of the Punishment thereof

PART II EXPLORATION

Key Questions (*Answer in writing*)

1. What was Satan’s position prior to his fall from heaven?
2. Why is it important for us to understand our enemy the Devil?
3. Why is it dangerous to underestimate our enemy?
4. Why does the Bible portray Satan as a serpent?
5. What are the trenches that our enemy has established?
6. What are the four areas the devil has designed, that he uses to control this world? Give an example of each.
7. How does the devil use the natural appetites of the flesh to his advantage?
8. Give an example of how the devil tempts you in the desires of your flesh?

9. What is the Christian to be controlled by instead of his flesh?

10. Why is it called a spiritual warfare?

Key Scriptures: (*Look up these verses and fill in the blanks*)

Genesis 3:1-14 The devil appeared as a _____ because they are more _____ than any other creature. The first approach the devil took was to question God's word by asking, _____? After Eve repeated the warning that God gave them and the promise of death, the devil contradicted what He said and assured her that she would _____. He then told a half truth that if they would eat of it, their _____ would be opened to know _____ and _____. Eve was tempted because the fruit was _____ to the eyes. The result is that their eyes were _____ just as the devil had promised.

I Chronicles 21:1 Satan _____ David to be lifted up with pride by numbering his people.

Isaiah 14:9-19 _____ is waiting for the coming of the devil. His _____ will be brought down. The devil is called _____ which means _____ of the

_____. He is know for weakening the _____. What led to his demise was his desire to _____ into heaven and to _____ his throne and to be _____ the Most High. But instead he will be brought down to _____. When he arrives, there will be a great surprise that he was able to make the earth to _____, shake _____, and _____ cities.

Isaiah 27:1 In the day of Judgment, God will punish _____ with His

_____.

Ezekiel 28:11-19 God declared that Satan was full of _____ and perfect in

_____. He was found in _____, the garden of God and was covered with precious stones the day that he was _____. He was the _____ cherub that covered the glory of God. He was _____ when he was created until

_____ was found in him. Because of his beauty his heart was

_____ up. God promised to bring him to _____ in the sight of all that know him.

Matthew 4:1-11 When the devil tempted Jesus, he waited until he was hungry and tempted him to make _____ by appealing to His flesh. Jesus responded by quoting Scripture. When Satan took Him to a pinnacle of the temple he appealed to pride and even quoted Scripture saying it is _____. Jesus responded with Scripture, rightly interpreted. His final temptation was to appeal to the lust of the eyes and offered to give the kingdoms of the world if He would _____ down and _____ him. Again Jesus responded with Scripture. Then the devil left Him and _____ ministered to Him.

Matthew 13:39 The enemy that sows tares among the wheat is the _____.

Matthew 25:41 The fires of hell were _____ for the _____ and his angels.

Luke 8:12 When the gospel is preached, the devil snatches the word out of the _____, lest they should be _____.

Luke 10:18 Christ watched Satan fall from heaven like _____.

Luke 22:31-32 Satan _____ to have Peter to _____ him like wheat but Christ had _____ for him that his _____ would not _____.

John 8:44 The devil was a _____ from the beginning. He is a _____ and the father of liars because he was the first one.

John 13:2 The devil put into the _____ of Judas to _____ Christ.

Acts 5:3 Satan filled their _____ to _____ to the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:38 Christ healed those that were _____ of the devil.

Romans 16:20 God will _____ Satan under your _____.

I Corinthians 5:5 When a church disciplines a member they are turning them over to _____ for the destruction of the _____ that the spirit may be _____.

I Corinthians 7:5 Married couples are warned against prolonged abstinence, except for fasting and prayer, to prevent _____ from tempting.

II Corinthians 11:3 Satan tricked Eve by his _____.

II Corinthians 11:14 Satan himself is _____ into an angel of _____.

Ephesians 4:27 We are warned against giving a _____ to the devil by not dealing with anger and letting it go.

Ephesians 6:11 We need the armour of God to _____ against the _____ of the devil.

I Thessalonians 2:18 Paul was _____ by Satan from going to visit them.

II Thessalonians 2:9 The antichrist will be empowered by _____ with the ability to perform _____ and _____.

I Timothy 3:6-7 A bishop is not to be a _____ lest he be lifted up with the same _____ that caused the devil to fall. He must also have a good reputation lest the devil use that as a _____ to catch him with.

II Timothy 2:26 The servant of the Lord is to instruct people properly so they are able to _____ themselves out of the _____ of the devil.

Hebrews 2:14 Christ destroyed him that had the power of _____ which was the _____.

James 4:7 The way to combat the devil is to _____ to God and _____ him and he will _____ from you because he realizes that he cannot defeat the power of God.

I Peter 5:8 The devil is our adversary who is like a roaring _____ that is walking about _____ for weakness in someone to devour.

I John 3:8-10 The person that lives in habitual sin is _____ the _____. Christ came to destroy the _____ of the devil.

I John 5:18-19 The true child of God _____ himself and the _____ one is not able to touch him.

Jude 9 Michael the _____ respected the power of the devil and refused to accuse him, leaving that to God.

Revelation 2:10 The devil will cast some into _____.

Revelation 12:9-15 Satan is known for deceiving the whole _____. Satan is called the _____ for making accusations against the _____ before God _____ and _____. During the tribulation, the devil exercises great _____ because he knows that he has a _____ time left.

Revelation 20:2-3 During the millennium, Satan will be _____ in the bottomless _____ for a thousand years and he will be _____ for a short time.

Revelation 20:7-10 When Satan is loosed he will _____ the nations to _____ them to _____. God will cast him into the _____ of _____ to be tormented for ever and ever.

Key Chapter(s) (*Read daily and summarize in your own words the meaning of the chapter*):

Job 1-2

PART III EXPECTATION

Memory verse: I Peter 5:8

Personal definition: (*Write a definition in your own words*)

Devil

Personal confession: (*Study the confessions and summarize them in your own words*)

Devil

Meditation question: *(be prepared for discussion)*

How can you give place to the Devil in your life?

Extra Credit:

Identify a specific instance in your life where you are engaged in spiritual warfare. Find a verse of Scripture that relates to it and memorize it.