

# **SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL**

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When Satan told Jesus, "And the devil said to Him, 'All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours' "(Luke 4:6,7) Did he have such power to deliver on these promises? Yes!

Satan is real, make no mistake about it! Tread lightly and give him his due, he is a worthy adversary. The devil does have power.

What is his greatest weapon over mankind? "Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. "{2 Corinthians 2:11} Ignorance of his devices, methods and intentions! There is a force that moves constantly behind the scenes to try to get men to rebel against God. Let us examine him for a minute.

**Enemy of Righteousness.** "And said, 'O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?' "{Acts 13:10} Satan is the enemy of God and all that is right. He attempts to frustrate God's efforts for good.

**Liar.** "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. " (John 8:44)

Satan hates truth! Nothing that Satan says can be counted on. All of his words are corrupted. He lies about sin, and its consequences. The things he promises he cannot deliver! All of his words must be taken "with a grain of salt". Do you like to be lied to? Why would you follow the father of lies then?

**God of this world.** "Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. "(2 Corinthians 4:4) Satan is not a god, but men make him one. What are we expected to do towards the God of heaven? Worship, pay homage to, and follow. This is exactly what men are doing who strive to follow after evil. By loving the world, they are worshipping Satan! 1 John 2:15-17.

**Deceiver of the whole world.** "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. {Revelation 12: 9 }

Satan seduces men to go aside or astray from the will of God. In order to accomplish his purposes, he deceives and hides his true intentions and goals. Expose and remove the deception of Satan and his power is nullified. Satan never tells the "whole story". All who fall into his snare have been deceived.

Why did Christ come to this earth? "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8) To destroy the devil's works!

He is man's perpetual enemy and arch-enemy of God! Make no mistake he has but one desire – to kill your soul. He is greedy. Satan desires all of the world, not just his little slice. He will go to any means to accomplish his purposes.

Do not underestimate him. Much is at stake! Satan cares nothing about your troubles, problems, difficulties in life, just one thought ever occupies his mind – to destroy your relationship with Christ. Why? Then you can spend eternity with him in Hell that God prepared for him and his angels.

Satan is not greater than God, 1 John 5:4. He cannot make us do anything against our will. Yet, he does have designs on mankind to take as many as he can with him to his eternal abode in Hell. My suggestion – tell him to look elsewhere because you have a better eternal place! \*\*\*