



## **Satan's Strategies: Who Is Satan Really?**

**Satan is present in some form in many other religions and almost every culture has a figure who represents evil. But what does the Bible say about him?**

**More importantly, what are his Strategies against us?**

**In this series we will learn Satan's strategies and how to defeat him!**

...so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11

### **Satan's Strategy – I'm Not Real**

**We'll cover other strategies in the next 3 weeks such as temptation, lies we believe, pride...but let's prove this first.**

How you are fallen from heaven, **O shining star, son of the morning!** You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. Isaiah 14:12

**Isaiah speaks of Lucifer- the light bearer.**

<sup>13</sup> For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. Isaiah 14:13

**He's saying I will be worshipped.**

<sup>14</sup> I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.  
<sup>15</sup> Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths. Isaiah 14:14-15

**The 5 prideful 'I will' statements of Satan, original sin.**

"Yes," He [Jesus] told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! Luke 10:18

**Jesus said satan was real.**

...You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone... all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created. Ezekiel 28:12b-13a

I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. [cherub] You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire. Ezekiel 28:14

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

**This warning is of a real enemy, not an abstract idea such as temptation.**

But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11

## **Satan Operates In People**

**He's not omnipresent (everywhere) Omniscient (All-knowing) like God. He is a finite, created being.**

**Isaiah 14 begins talking about the King of Babylon then shifts to Lucifer. Could it be that Satan was working through that King, at that time?**

**The next passage was from Ezekiel 28. This begins with the King of Tyre then talks about the angel in the Garden of Eden.**

When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."  
John 13:27

**We see here that 'Satan entered Judas'.**

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." Matthew 16:23

**Satan spoke through Peter.**

**In this series we will look at Satan's Strategies to influence the followers of Jesus.**

## **Satan's Strategy – Question God's Word**

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "**Did God really say** you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" Genesis 3:1

**That old snake Satan, was a Cherub in The Garden.**

"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

**He twists the truth to deceive; they did know good & evil like God.**

For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for **he is a liar and the father of lies**. John 8:44

**His entire existence now to deceive**

## **Satan's Strategy – You're a Good Person**

As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. Romans 3:10-11

All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." Romans 3:12

**Altar call: Are you good enough for heaven?**

### **My Next Steps THIS WEEK:**

- Attend an Online Connect Group**
- Examine My Life to Look for Satan's Strategies**

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