

## WHO IS SATAN?

The earthly struggle between Satan and humanity began at the dawn of our civilization. The Book of Genesis records the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the creation of Adam and Eve. It didn't take long for Satan to appear in the Garden of Eden and cleverly deceive Eve; it happened before any children were born. Thus sin entered the human race and you might say Adam's **DNA** was changed. Let me explain. Adam was created in God's sinless image, and his **DNA** was **Deity Now Active**. But after his disobedience and expulsion from the Garden of Eden he no longer had perfect, guiltless fellowship with God—he had experienced evil and wanted to hide from God. Adam's **DNA** was changed to **Deity Now Absent**. Cain and Abel, and all generations that followed, were born with Adam's tainted **DNA: Deity Now Absent**. To bring this thought to full circle—when anyone is born again his/her *spiritual DNA* reverts back to **Deity Now Active**, but he/she still has to deal with fleshly temptations. This is understood when we study the divine purpose and power of Jesus' untainted, sinless blood and the redemptive process. Now let us go back to the question: **“Who is Satan?”**

Isaiah and Ezekiel give us a picture of who Satan was and how he fell from favor with God. **The Book of Job reveals** Satan's war against humanity and the cause of many of our troubles and woes. So, who is Satan? He is the name given Lucifer after his rebellion in heaven. **Who was Lucifer?** He was a highly honored created angel. In **Ezekiel chapter 28** it appears he was the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was in Eden, the Garden of God. He was covered with a variety of precious stones (jewels). The workmanship of pipes was prepared for him before he was created. He was the anointed cherub who covers. He might have been the worship leader in heaven (he had pipes and was called the son of the morning—both terms could identify with worship). God established him on the holy mountain. He was perfect in his ways (acts) until iniquity was found in him. His heart was lifted up in pride because of his beauty, perfection and exalted position; but after his sin God cast him to the ground and Satan became a horror. In the end he will have no influence, but for now he is humanity's adversary, deceiver and tormentor (**1 Peter 5: 8,9**).

Consider **Isaiah 14:12+** which says: *“How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven’ (from where (?) — the earth which has ground and a Garden of Eden?). Continuing Satan's quote ‘I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you will be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the pit. Those who see you will gaze at you and consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners’?”*

We should note that the angelic creation did not have an obedience test; it had no cause for rebellion. Angels had beauty and power with skills to perform various tasks. The human race was different: it had limitations (don't eat of the tree of good and evil)—God didn't intend that humans would ever experience evil, disobedience or rebellion. If humans did sin, disobey, stray from their purpose—God also made a plan of redemption for Adam's race in order to be fair and just with humanity. You might ask: **“What is sin?”** We might say that sin is anything that is displeasing to God or that is out of step with His righteousness and morality—sin springs up out of rebellion or disobedience. Sin is lifting our hearts in pride and doing what we want to do instead of what God wants us to do. Remember the heart of the model prayer in **Matthew 6:10** reads: *“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven”*. God's way is always the best way.

In heaven there is no evil, no trouble, no anger or hatred; no immorality, deceit or dishonesty—only love, peace, order and righteousness. That is why Satan and sinners are denied; they don't fit in; they won't keep the rules of heaven. So God's final judgement is that Satan and unrepentant souls will be judged and punished; and there will never again be a rebellion in heaven because every human and angel abiding there will have been tested and found acceptable to dwell in such a perfect environment.

In the next meditation we will discuss the devil's weapons, the battle field and the believer's response. With this knowledge you can have victory over the devil's attempts to trap you into sin and subsequent spiritual death. Then we will share several lessons about Satan's traps, as we equip you and help you become the **Mighty Man** God has designed you to be.

In your battle with Satan you do not fight alone.

God surrounds you and the following Scriptures tell you

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT **YOU**

### Mighty Man In Training

- Col. 1:13,14 I am forgiven
- John 8:31,32 I am set free
- Rom. 6:2,11 I am dead to sin
- 2 Cor. 5:17 I am a new creature
- 1 Pet. 1:23 I am a child of God
- Rom. 5:1 I am justified
- 1 Cor. 6:11 I am sanctified
- Eph. 1:6 I am accepted in Christ
- Col. 2:10 I am complete in Christ
- Gal. 3:13 I am redeemed from the curse of the law
- 2 Cor. 2:14 I can always triumph in Christ
- Rom. 8:37 I am more than a conqueror
- 1 John 5:11,12 I am an inheritor of eternal life
- 1 Cor. 6:19 I am the temple of the Holy Spirit
- Rom. 21:7 I am victorious
- Rev. 12:11 I am an overcomer by Jesus blood and my testimony
- Matt 5:14 I am the light of the world
- 2 Cor. 4:18 I am walking by faith and not by sight
- Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Jesus Christ
- James 4:7 I can resist the devil and he will flee from me

Read these Scriptures often and understand how God will or has equipped you to conduct spiritual warfare and live in victory.

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