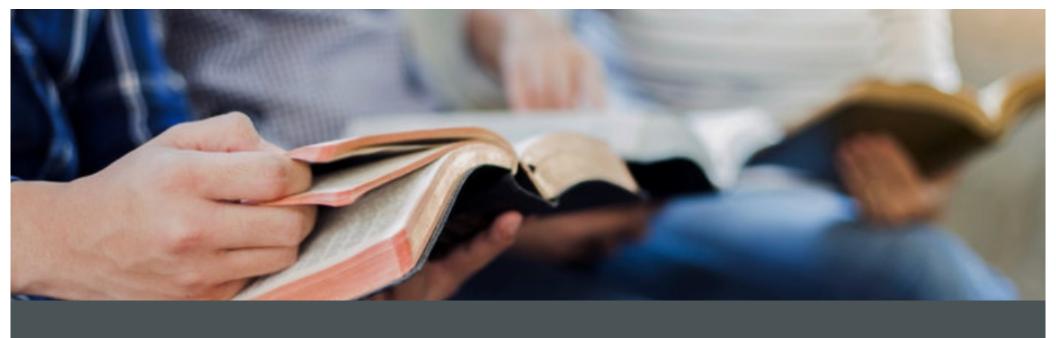
Does Satan Exist?



What does the Bible teach us about the devil?

The Father of Lies – Jesus said, "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him... he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

The Accuser – Satan accuses believers before God (Revelation 12:10).

The Deceiver – "Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14).

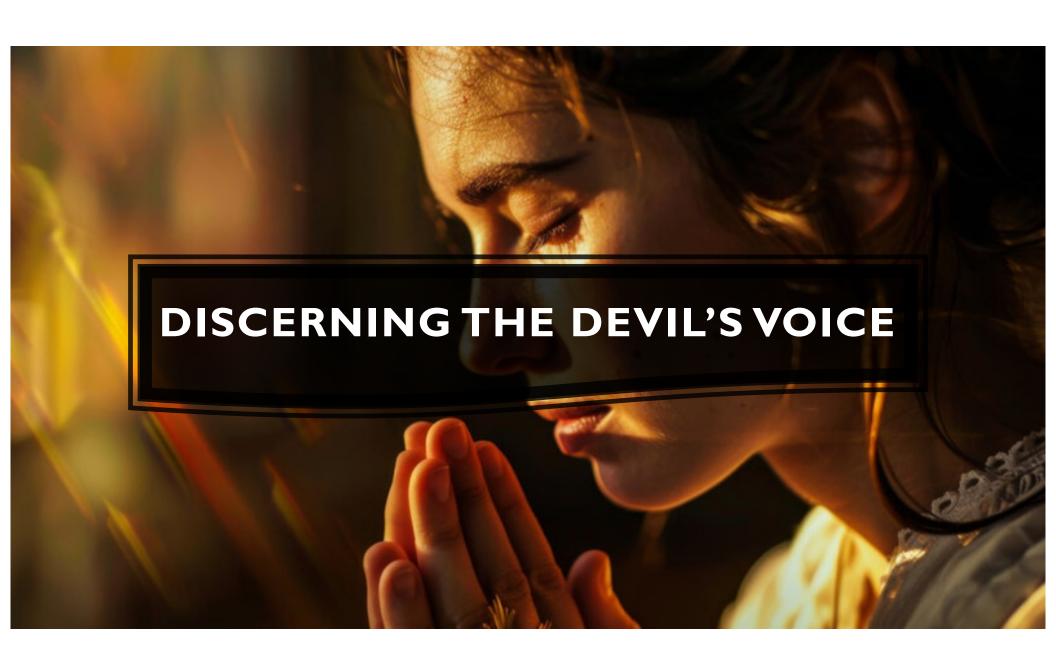
The Tempter – He tempted Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) and tempts believers to sin (1 Corinthians 7:5).

He is called "the god of this world" who blinds unbelievers (2 Corinthians 4:4).

He is "the ruler of the power of the air", working in those who are disobedient (Ephesians 2:2).

He **prowls like a roaring lion**, seeking to devour people (1 Peter 5:8).

He is alluded to as a thief who steals, kills, and destroys in John 10:10.



Genesis 3

Questioning God (skeptical, doubting)

He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Challenging God's truth

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

God has questionable motives / He is withholding good things from you / You can be God-like / Tempts to disobey God / Tortures you

"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Where did Satan come from?

Ezekiel 28:12-19

- 12 ... "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
- 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;
- Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.
- 14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, (high ranking angelic being)

for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

- 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.
- 16 Through your widespread trade you were <u>filled with violence</u>, and <u>you sinned</u>.
- So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.
- 17 Your heart became <u>proud</u> on account of your beauty,

and you corrupted your wisdombecause of your splendor.So I threw you to the earth;I made a spectacle of you before kings.

Isaiah 14:12-15

- 12 How you have <u>fallen from heaven</u>, morning <u>star</u> ("Lucifer") son of the dawn!
- You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
- 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens;
- I will raise my throne above the stars of God (other angels);
- 14 ... I will make myself like the Most High."
- 15 But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

How does Satan compare to Jesus?

Revelation 12

³ Then another sign appeared <u>in heaven</u>: an enormous red <u>dragon</u> with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴ Its tail <u>swept a third of the stars out of the sky (fallen angels)</u> and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child (Jesus) the moment he was born. ⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her <u>child</u> was snatched up to God and to his throne.

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his <u>angels</u> (fallen angels, demons, spirits, ghosts) fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and <u>they lost their place in heaven</u>. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the <u>devil</u>, or <u>Satan</u>, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.

- For the <u>accuser of our brothers and sisters</u>, who <u>accuses them before our God day and night</u>, has been hurled down.
- 11 They <u>triumphed</u> over him <u>by the blood</u> of the Lamb and <u>by the word</u> of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
- ¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Colossians 2:15

¹⁵ And having <u>disarmed the powers and authorities</u> (demonic powers), he made a public spectacle of them, <u>triumphing over them by the cross</u>.

Genesis 3:15

- ...he will crush (referring to the Son of Man and Son of God
- Jesus) your head, and you will strike his heel."

1 John 3:8

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Luke 11:20

But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Revelations 20:10

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, (hell) where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Where do WE stand with regard to Satan?

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Revelations 12:11

They <u>triumphed</u> over him (Satan) <u>by the blood</u> of the Lamb and <u>by the word</u> of their testimony; <u>they did not love</u> their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

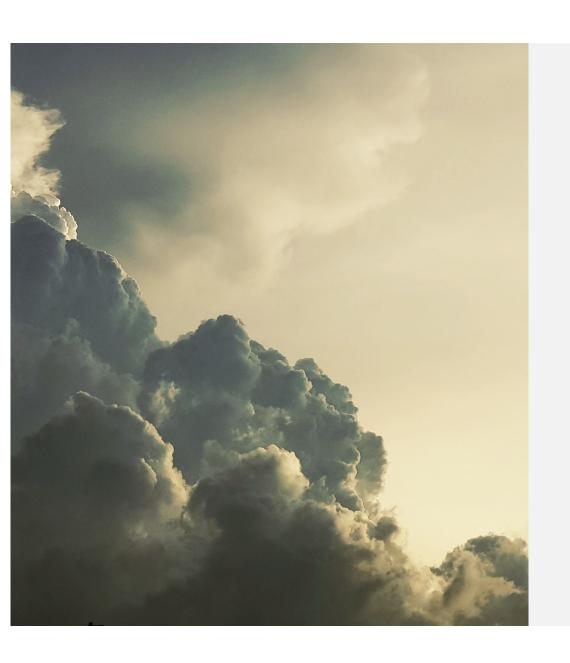
Luke 10:19

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy (Satan); nothing will harm you.

James 4:7

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and <u>he</u> will flee from you."

1 Corinthians 6:3 Do you not know that we will judge angels?



In summary:

- Satan was created by God. He is no equal or match for God
- Kicked out of heaven
- Jesus beat him at the cross
- We as believers have been granted all authority over him
- Satan has lost, he knows it, and is scared