DELIVERANCE
Prayer Study #360
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Handout #13: History of Satan

God in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is the only eternal self-existent being (Isaiah 41:4, Isaiah 44:6 & 8, Isaiah 45:6 & 21, Revelation 1:8). Therefore, Satan had to be created by God. All God created was good so Satan, as Lucifer, was created "good." But God gave his creatures, including man, free will. Each being can choose to do good or evil (Joshua 24:15, Isaiah 6:15-16.

We extensively looked at Isaiah 14:2-14 earlier in our study of the iniquities found in Satan. We can also learn a great deal about Satan from Ezekiel 28:12-19:

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of the God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth, and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned; therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness. I will cast thee to the ground. I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

We know that Ezekiel is not writing about an earthly king because the word "cherub" is only used in references to angels. This cherub was anointed meaning he was set apart for God's purposes and had God's divine favor. God had given Satan a certain amount of power and authority. Satan was very beautiful and full of wisdom. His body was covered with beautiful gems and he had musical instruments in his body. He was created perfect in all his ways, but he became prideful because of his beauty, and iniquity was found in him. It was not put there by God. Lucifer created it.

The word "covering is from the Hebrew word *cakak*, and means to entwine, to fence in, cover over, protect, defend, hedge in. Perhaps he was created as a covering and protection for the earth. At any rate he was cast out of heaven after Adam and Eve were created because God said the Creation was still "very good" on day 6 after man had been created.

Satan wanted to be God. He became the "god of this world" but he will be eternally punished according to Revelation 20:11. Revelation 12:4-9 tells us that when he was kicked out of heaven-Jesus said that He saw Satan fall like lightning out of heavn-he took a third of the angels with him. Thus, Lucifer became Satan, and the fallen angels became demons.

1. **Why didn't God just destroy Satan?** God knew what was going to happen even before He created Satan since God is omniscient. He is just and righteous and could not destroy Satan without destroying humankind, whom He deeply loves. He had a better way. That was sending His only begotten Son to die so that mankind could be redeemed.
2. **Why is Satan pictured as a hoofed creature in red with horns and a tail and pitchfork?** This caricature comes most likely from the mythological character Pan. Perhaps Satan wanted this view of himself to be used so that people would eventually dismiss Satan as a myth. There is, however, a reference in Revelation 12:3 that speaks of a red horned dragon with seven heads and ten horns.
3. **What are some of the Biblical names of Satan?** Abaddon, which means *destruction* (Revelation 9:11; Accuser (Revelation 12:10); Adversary (1st Peter 5:8); Angel of Light (2nd Corinthians 11:14); Angel of the bottomless pit (Revelation 9:11); Apollyon, which means *destroyer* (Revelation 9:11); Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24); Belial (2nd Corinthians 6:15); Devil (1st John 3:8); Dragon (Revelation 12:9); Enemy (Matthew 13:39); Evil One (John 17:15); Father of lies (John 8:44); God of this age (2nd Corinthians 4:4); King of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4); King of bottomless pit (Revelation 9:11);

King of Tyre (Ezekiel 28:12); Lawless One (2nd Thessalonians 2:8-10); Liar (John 8:44); Little horn (Daniel 8:9-11); Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-14); Murderer (John 8:44); Power of Darkness (Colossians 1:13-14); Prince of the Power of the Air (Ephesians 2:1-2; Roaring Lion (1st Peter 5:8); Ruler of the Demons (Luke 11:15); Ruler of this World (John 12:31-32); Satan (Mark 1:13); Serpent (Revelation 12:9); Star (Revelation 9:1); Tempter (Matthew 4:3); Thief (John 10:10); Wicked One (Ephesians 6:16).

4. **What does Satan do?** He tries to cause humans to do bad things as, for example, when he tempted Eve, when he incited David to conduct a census, and when he entered the heart of Judas. He also acts as a kind of heavenly prosecuting attorney, bring charges against sinners before God's heavenly throne (Psalm 109:6, Zechariah 3:1-2, Job 1-2)
5. **Why did Jesus come?** To destroy the works of the devil (1st John 3:8).
6. **How do we know about Satan?** The only way we learn about Satan is through the Bible. Satan hates the Bible because it blows his cover. He has tried his best to destroy it. He could not do that, so now he starts religious movements which change the Bible message. Key Biblical passages concerning Satan are Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Job 1 & 2, and Revelation 12.
7. **Is there a Hell?** Yes, yes, yes!!! Those who say otherwise do not know the Word of God and are walking in deception. Jesus spoke more about Hell than any other person in the Bible.
8. **Where is Satan now?** In Luke 10:18 Jesus said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven." There is scriptural evidence that Satan is standing in the 2nd or Middle Heaven (Revelation 12:10 being one verse) accusing the brethren before the throne of God, and that he goes back and forth from this point to earth where he goes to and fro and walks up and down in it (Job 1 & 2). Remember, however, that Satan is not omnipresent like God is and cannot be in two places at once.
9. **Why did Satan's followers crucify Jesus?** Because they were stupid. *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory; which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.* 1st Corinthians 2:7-8

10. **How do we fight Satan?** After having a real salvation, born again experience through accepting Christ and thus being covered with the blood, receiving power from the Holy Spirit, and walking the power and authority that Jesus gives us over all devils (Luke 9:1), we can defeat Satan. Mark 16:17 tells us that we are to cast out devils in the Name of Jesus. 2nd Corinthians 10:4 tells us that we have power to pull down enemy strongholds. (How ignorant the Church is of this one fact!) James 4:7 tells us to resist the devil and he will flee. Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the whole armor of God in order to fight Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness. Besides this armor, our weapons include prayer, fasting, confession, praise, calling on the Name of Jesus, pleading the Blood of Jesus, holy living, being under authority, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, which come from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
11. **What is the goal of a demon?** Ultimately a demon wants to destroy a human being who is made in the image of God.
12. **What is the purpose of deliverance ministry?** Deliverance ministry involves commanding in the Name of Jesus a demon to come out of a person. This is accomplished by the spoken Word, in the Name of Jesus, through the Blood of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit and is generally done simply and quickly (Acts 16:16-18)
13. **We know that Satan has already lost his war with the Lord (1st Corinthians 15:54-57; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:12-15; Revelation 1:18), but he still attacks us. What are some ways that the devil attacks Christians today?**
    a. Keep you out of church (Hebrews 10:25)
    b. Get Christians back into the world (Hebrews 6:4-6; Hebrews 10:26-39; 2nd Peter 2:20-22)
    c. Render Christians useless (1st Corinthians 5:1-13; 1st Timothy 1:19-20; 1st Timothy 5:14-15; 2nd Timothy 2:17)
    d. Disrupt or corrupt worship and doctrine (2nd Corinthians 2:17; Galatians 1:6-10; 2nd Peter 2:3)
    e. Cause trouble and division among brethren (Proverbs 6:14 & 19; Romans 16:17; 1st Corinthians 1:10-13)