

Doctrine of Satan

1. Satan is a real person if the definition is accepted as given by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood in *Philosophy of Religion*.

Satan is "...a being with conscious intelligence, equally able to be conscious of self and others, and also able both to entertain purposes and appropriate values."

2. As a free being, Satan became apostate. Jesus witnessed his fall from heaven.

- *Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

3. The Lake of Fire was created to be the place of divine judgment for Satan and his angels.

- *Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*
- *Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

4. Satan is called the tempter.

- *1 Thessalonians 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.*

5. Satan is called Beelzebub, the prince of the devils.

- *Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.*

6. Satan is called by Jesus the prince of this world.

- *John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*
- *John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

7. Paul referred to Satan as the god of this world.

- *2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

8. John describes Satan in terms of a dragon and a serpent.

- *Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

9. The Lord called Satan the Strong Man.

- *Matthew 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.*

10. The activities of Satan are noted in Scripture.

- Satan deceives.

Satan deceived Eve. *1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

- Satan deceives the whole world. *Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
- Satan lies and murders. *John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*
- Satan accuses the brethren before God day and night. *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
- Satan sows tares among the wheat which produces discord, disbelief and false doctrine.

Matthew 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. ... 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

- Satan is able to cause sickness. *Luke 13:16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?*

11. Satan is able to transform himself into an angel of light.

- *2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

12. Satan is not an impersonal force but a living person. Jesus spoke to him and he spoke to Jesus.

A Dialogue with the Devil

- *Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.*

Satan. *3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*

Jesus. *4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

Satan. *5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

Jesus. *7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

Satan. *8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

Jesus. *10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

13. Individuals who find themselves born into the kingdom of darkness can be transferred into the kingdom of light which is the Kingdom of God's Dear Son. The transfer takes place through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

- *Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*