Lucifer, Satan, the Devil and the Enemy

Introduction

Sermons today need to be taught more than preached. Preaching inspires people on a topic, whereas teaching renews your mind and sets you free. **“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”**

Church isn’t about how people show up; it’s about whether God shows up! Was His presence here?

When it comes to the enemy, he is strategic. He plans, but he is not the only one who plans. God plans also. As a matter of fact, He is more planned than spontaneous, because planning is spiritual and it is good stewardship!

I want to shift now to the enemy: Lucifer, Satan and the Devil. We are going to define these names and learn something new about their assignments.

Lucifer

Ezekiel 28:13–17

Eden is a place, and the Mountain of God is another place. Throughout the Bible, a mountain is used as a symbol of nations, kingdoms or governments. It isn’t necessarily a literal mountain in this scripture.

Lucifer (continued)

It starts out addressing the King of Tyre but shifts to someone who could not have been the King of Tyre in the 13th verse. The only being that fits this description would be Lucifer/Satan when he was the angel in Eden. Lucifer was in Eden; the King of Tyre was not. The garden had long vanished before he was born.

The cherub was a ranking angel that God assigns special tasks and responsibilities to. Lucifer/Satan was the guardian, or responsible cherub. Lucifer was created, not born of man, as the King of Tyre was. Lucifer was sinless and perfect until he turned against God.

Lucifer/Satan was the angel in Eden who spoke for God and was there to assist Adam and Eve, instruct them and answer questions. At some point, he desired to take over rulership of the earth and man from God. Satan is the reason we have a world problem.

Lucifer is known as the angel in charge of worship in Heaven, based on **Ezekiel 28:13.** All those precious stones are found in the high priest's breastplate (**Exodus 28:17–20**). The pipes, flutes, tambourines and other musical instruments were ready for celebration when he took over the throne of God.

So, apart from **Ezekiel 28:13**, there is no other verse that suggests Lucifer was musical and responsible for worship. But there was something else that Lucifer was in charge of, so let's take a look.

Lucifer's name comes from two Latin words: LUX, which means light, and FERRE, which means to bring. When you put them together, it means **Light Bringer!** Lucifer was supposed to bring light. In other words, he was to bring things to light. The question is, what kind of things?

Lucifer (continued): Satan and the Devil

Every time Lucifer/Satan appears in Scripture, he is doing the same thing. In **Genesis**, he tempted Adam and Eve. In the **book of Job**, he accused Job. In the **book of Zechariah**, he accused and tried Joshua the high priest. In the **Gospels**, he even tested Jesus, just to name a few.

In all these instances, Lucifer was never referred to as Lucifer. He is referred to as Satan or the Devil. Why? His name is Lucifer, but Satan and the Devil are not names; they are titles! They describe what he does.

Satan means prosecutor, which is a legal title for a lawyer whose job is to uphold the law and charge the people who break it! That's why the Devil is skilled in bringing arguments against us. **Genesis says, "He's more crafty than any other beast in the field."**

Lucifer wasn't a fallen angel who was a part of God's choir; he was a lawyer who was a member of God's heavenly courts. Lucifer was Heaven's chief prosecutor. That's why he was held to such high standards in **Ezekiel 28:12–15.** His job demanded that he be beyond reproach, because his job was to bring to light the sins of others. That's also why he was created blameless.

Let's Look at His Role in the New Testament as the Enemy

The enemy fights what he fears! You can tell when the enemy is after you by the level of warfare in your life. Right before Peter was about to shift from disciple to apostle, who would begin to lay the foundation of the church, the enemy, Satan, attacked Peter and his mindset during the crucifixion.

The Enemy (continued)

Peter concluded, **“I’m going a fishing!”** The enemy attacked his present with his past, and it took him back to his old life! Jesus earlier called Peter and said, **“Get thee behind me, Satan,”** but called Judas, who would betray Him, **“Friend.”** Why?

Because Judas was leading Him to His destiny, the cross, while Peter was trying to keep Jesus from His destiny! Judas was a friend to Jesus and a friend to His enemies. Judas was never Jesus’ enemy; the religious leaders were. You see, Judas reveals your enemies!

Read 1 Corinthians 2:7–8.

If they would’ve known, they wouldn’t have crucified Jesus. Why? Because an enemy multiplies you! They multiplied Jesus by crucifying Him.

In Egypt, the more the enemy and Pharaoh beat and killed the Hebrew people, the more they multiplied and grew. An enemy is an announcement that your next season has begun! The enemy can announce the end of a season and the beginning of a new season!

So, stop your negative talk, complaining, gossip, doubt and fear, because demonic powers pick up on those words and behaviors from the atmosphere, and they destroy your mindset!

But if you declare the words of the Lord, you’ll create a different atmosphere and a mindset that is unstoppable!