

## DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR

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If we pay attention to the world, we believe that Satan is winning the Spiritual War. Things aren't as they seem. Yes, he is winning some battles. However, we as Christians know beyond a shadow of doubt that he is going to lose the war. He will be bound for a thousand years. <sup>2</sup> [And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;](#) <sup>3</sup> [and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.](#) (Revelation 20:2-3)

Take heart, he will be thrown into the lake of fire forever. ["And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."](#) (Revelation 20:10) This is his fate. Peter tells us, ["Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."](#) (1 Peter 5:8)

Here is why Satan and his demons are on earth. <sup>7</sup> [And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,](#) <sup>8</sup> [and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.](#) <sup>9</sup> [And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."](#) (Revelation 12:7-9)

A roaring lion is something to avoid. Satan is looking for someone to deceive, and they fall for his lies and end up in hell forever. He stops at no end to kill and destroy. How does he do it? ["No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."](#) (2 Corinthians 11:14) To him all is fair game. No matter how he lies and deceives he will lose the war and end up in hell with all whom he has deceived and his demons. You can dress up a pig, but at the end of the day it's still a pig.

Don't think for a second you can stand up to Satan by yourself. You, me, we are not strong enough to with stand up to his deceptions without the Holy Spirit in us. ["But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"](#) (Jude 1:9) If the archangel didn't stand up to Satan, but rather said "The Lord rebuke you," then it stands to reason we don't stand a chance.

Now, Satan wants us to believe we can stand up to him without a problem, another lie from the pit of hell. Remember, he is not afraid even to tempt Jesus. <sup>1</sup> [Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.](#) <sup>2</sup> [And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.](#) <sup>3</sup> [And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."](#) <sup>4</sup> [But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"](#) <sup>5</sup> [Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,](#) <sup>6</sup> [and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"](#) <sup>7</sup> [Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"](#) <sup>8</sup> [Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;](#)

<sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him." (Matthew 4:1-11)

You need to notice how Satan twisted scripture and how Jesus responded to each temptation. Jesus quoted the correct meaning of the scripture to Satan. This is why it's critical for us to know God's word, so we don't fall for Satan lies of twisted scriptures. He was not hesitant to go after Jesus, so be on your guard because he will come after you.

I hope you see Satan as your adversary and realize he is trying his best to steal your soul. The great news is that he is no match for God. He was and still is subject to God's command. So many people today are falling for false prophets and false religions. How do I know the difference between Satan's deceptions and the truth? Here is one suggestion from Paul. "<sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!" (Galatians 1:8-9) If whatever is preached or taught does not align with the Bible exactly then it's of the devil and must be avoided at all costs.

The apostle John has this suggestion, "<sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them" (1 John 4:1-5) If you rely on God's word and His Spirit you stand a much greater chance of not falling for Satan's deceptions. Have a blessed week.

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