

# Lesson 17: The Devil and His Angels

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## Lesson Introduction



From deviled ham, to devil’s food cake, to the caricature of a horned man in a red suit and pointy tail, the greatest deception the devil has pulled, is convincing the world that he doesn’t exist. Many people like to blame the devil for the wrongs they’ve done, saying, “The devil made me do it.” But if pressed, they’d probably tell you that they don’t really believe in the devil; for if the devil is real, it means God is real.

In this lesson, we will look at the origin of satan and his angels. We will see that Lucifer and his followers were given a choice – to obey God, or obey themselves, and they fell. We will look at the works that the devil has done throughout time, as well as some of the many names the Bible gives to him. In doing so, we will try to answer the age-old question, “Why did God create the devil?”

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## Topic 1: Fallen and Unfallen Angels

We’re going to try to answer a perplexing question, why did God create the devil. Did God create sin, did God create evil, all of these questions go along, and we’re really going to be focusing on Satan. The first verse that comes to my mind is (1 Peter 5:8) A very serious subject, a very important topic. A topic that has real ramifications for you and me today, right now. Knowing about the devil, knowing about this adversary, this being that is roaming as a roaring lion. His sole purpose and intent is to destroy you, and to trick you and to fool you and devour you. So lets learn about this, this entity Satan. Is this just a figure of speech in the Bible, is this just a metaphor? That’s what people will say today, people who don’t believe the Bible to be literally the word of God, and they don’t take it literally and say well there is such a thing as evil but not such a person as satan. But the bible has something completely different to say about that, and we will explore those things today. We left off talking about angels, the purpose of angels, what they do, and we’re going to begin contrasting what good and bad angels do, the good and the evil angels. The number one thing we see about the good angels, and you would be able to contrast them with the bad angels by knowing this, good angels adore God. So that would mean the evil, the fallen angels, do not

adore God. Isaiah 6:3) These good angels recognize Christ's work, and how great that work was. (Revelation 5:11) That's what good angels do, unfallen angels. Fallen angels would want the exact opposite of that; they're serving Lucifer, they are serving Satan, and they would not want to recognize the greatness of the Lamb of God. The good angels bless the Lord. In (Psalm 103:20) That's what the good angels want to do, they want to bless the Lord. They want to do his commandments; they want to hearken unto the voice of his word. So should we want to bless the Lord, and praise Him and hearken unto his voice and do his commandments. These good angels bless the lord, so we know that the bad angels don't. Good angels have ministries, they are trying to help and bad angels don't. Good angels give revelation, We know that evil angels do not do that. Good angels help us, in Acts 27, the angel came to Paul and was cheering him up. Isn't that interesting how the angel had a ministry of helping and cheering up? In Acts 5 the apostles were freed by an angel, the door was opened by an angel. So you see the angels work there. Obviously the fallen angels, the demons, are not around to help cheer us up, to help us out. We know that the angels provided food for Elijah, they provided food for Christ, they ministered to Christ in the garden when he prayed. Philip was directed by an angel. We see all these examples of angels and how they've helped and we know that the demons, the fallen angels, are not like that and are not around to help and provide. We know that the angels helped Abrahams servant; he was told that an angel would go before him. Remember the angels in the story of Lazarus, not the Lazarus of Bethany but the Lazarus of the rich man and Lazarus. It says in (Luke 16:22) that the angels carried Lazarus to Abrahams bosom. So we would then know from that place and other places that angels are there to transport the soul and spirit to the presence of God.

**Assignment:**

- Memorize 1 Peter 5:8

**QUESTION 1**

It is important to know about the devil, since his sole purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**QUESTION 2**

Since good angels adore and worship God, we know by contrast that \_\_\_\_\_ angels do not.

**QUESTION 3**

Angels have a ministry to \_\_\_\_\_.

**QUESTION 4**

\_\_\_\_\_ angels are not around to help and provide.

**Topic 2: The Fall of the Angels**

The evil angels are following satan by choice. They were created, as all the angels were, in holiness and as free moral agents. They were given, as we are, the choice to do good, or not to do good. To do good is what God would want, and when we reject that and don't do good, that is therefore evil. All the angels were created in holiness and given a free choice, but this group, we are told a third of the angels, fell. A

third of the angels were sinful and rebellious at the time of the fall of Lucifer, the chief angel, and God in Job 4:18 charges them with folly. (Job 4:18). God sometimes has used these evil angels; we find this in Psalm 78:49. This is astounding to me, but God has also used wicked men to accomplish his will and here God used evil angels to do his purpose, he sent evil angels among them, as part of his punishment. We also know that these demons, these evil angels, are seducing spirits. In 1 Tim 4, we are warned to be very careful about doctrine and to hold doctrine true; why? Because (1 Tim 4:1) These are angels with false doctrine that will go around, spreading the doctrines of devils. The number of demons are Legion. In Luke 8, it talks about Mary Magdalene, and how she had been healed of 7 evil spirits, and then you go on down and you start reading about the man that was possessed, then Jesus cast out this legion, this multitude of demons and they ran into the swine. But the number of demons is legion. In the roman army, a legion was 3000-6000 soldiers, but the name legion could also mean an innumerable company. So we know that their number is legion. Their king is Lucifer, satan, the devil. These angels do the bidding of satan. In (Matthew 12:24) they are accusing Jesus, who was doing the work of His father, God of the universe, of being the devil. Then Jesus said that's absurd. Why would the devil cast out demons? Why would one person fight against another person in the same house, it would be a house divided. That verse does tell us that the demons, the devils are subject to Beelzebub, which is a name for satan, and we'll talk about that more down the road. Their king is satan. (Ephesians 6:12) talks about the rulers of darkness; these are demons, and (2 Peter 2:4) says that God has cast down some angels to chains of darkness. These are some things we know about the demons. Jude 6 says that group are reserved for judgment.

### **QUESTION 5**

All angels were created in holiness as \_\_\_\_\_moral agents.

### **QUESTION 6**

The fallen angels had a \_\_\_\_\_in following satan.

### **QUESTION 7**

God will sometimes use \_\_\_\_\_angels to accomplish His will.

### **QUESTION 8**

Some fallen angels are in \_\_\_\_\_today and not free to move about the earth and perform demonic activity.

## **Topic 3: Activities of Fallen Angels**

The third thing we'll look at are the activities of the free evil agents. We know that some of them are bound but we also know that some of them are free, since we've seen them in possessing bodies. That's how we know most about demonic activity, we see a lot of it in the new testament. Why do we see it in the Gospels? (Luke 8:27-29) We see a high concentration of demons in the Gospels. I think one reason is satan knew this was the place and approximate time of the coming of the Messiah, because of the prophecies. Satan is not omniscient, he doesn't know all things, he's not all powerful, omnipotent, omnipresent, he's not everywhere; Satan has more power than we do, but he does not have the power of God. It is not God and satan; no, God is the creator of everything that is, including Satan. Satan probably

knew that this was the place and time of the birth of the Savior, and “let’s put all of our power and forces here in this land” and I think that’s why we’ve seen much possession in the Gospels. We see it all over the place in the Gospels. I think you are going to find it in places where there is no light of the Gospel, you’re going to find that more and more, even here probably. Let’s find out more about these activities, what he did. This demon that was commanded in (Luke 8:29) What kind of life was that for this poor man? Superhuman strength to break chains and fetters and bands, then having to be chased into the wilderness by the demons. Jesus had mercy and commanded the spirit to come out. We know that the demons did, and they ran into the herd of swine, the swine ran violently down the cliff into the sea of Galilee.

### **QUESTION 9**

Satan is an angel, and is \_\_\_\_\_ in power, knowledge, and presence.

### **QUESTION 10**

God and Satan are not \_\_\_\_\_.

### **QUESTION 11**

Demonic possession can cause superhuman \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Demon Possession**

We also know that the demons voluntarily vacate the bodies of men. It says this in Luke 11, that they came out of the man, the person cleaned their house, the demon came back and said wow there’s a lot more room here, and more demons came to live in that vacated place. So it’s not enough just to clean up your act, you have to be indwelt by the spirit of God, then you don’t have to worry about possession of demons. They’re numerous, and it’s this number that makes Satan’s power and influence appear to be omnipresent. Certainly his influence and army of evil demons that work for him, and our evil flesh all contribute to those bad things that we do. They are evil, they’re intelligent, they’re wise, they’re powerful, they aren’t human, yet they are individuals. The demons have knowledge, feelings, faith, doctrine, wills, powers, emotions, and desires. That’s some more detail of what demons are and what they are like. It says in Luke 4:35 that they threw a man down but did not hurt him. It says in Luke 9:42 they threw a man down and tore him. It says in Matthew 9, that there was a man who was deaf and dumb, Jesus cast out the demon and the man regained his hearing and his ability to speak. Now not everyone that is deaf, it doesn’t mean that they aren’t demon possessed, that’s not the case. But there was a case here when the demon was causing the limitation, and another example of Matthew 12:22, where the man was blind deaf and dumb. What a horrible life that must be, but then Christ had compassion, called out the demon, and the man received his sight and his hearing. Matthew 17:5, again this is one of those snapshots we see of demonic activity in that day, (Matthew 17:15 ) Can you imagine what type of life that was? Your child is constantly trying to injure himself, and acting crazy. Does that mean that everyone that is crazy or mentally unstable is a result of demon possession? I don’t believe that, but I do believe that some cases are definitely demon related. But we can see from some of these verses the things that demons cause in people. Demons are still in existence today, they are carrying out the work of the devil. We don’t see any place in scripture where it says they are not in operation, therefore they are in operation. I think we see the effects of that in the evil we see around us in the world. If we think it’s bad then, and in some places it’s bad today, just wait until the Holy Spirit and the believers are taken from the earth. It says in Revelation 12 that there will be an increase in satanic and demonic influence because there is no restrainer and the demonic activity will be rampant, and Satan will be here himself possessing the man of sin, the antichrist.

About halfway through the tribulation, Satan will possess the antichrist. So we see all of these things coming, and we kind of get a little more of an understanding of the fallen angels.

### **QUESTION 12**

A believer in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ be demon possessed.

### **QUESTION 13**

Demons are still in \_\_\_\_\_ today.

### **QUESTION 14**

At the present, the Holy Spirit is a restraining \_\_\_\_\_ on demons in the world.

## **Topic 4: The Origin of Satan**

Let's look at the origin of the chief angel, We have two places in the Old Testament that we can look at and try to get an idea of what happened. These are the two places: (Ezekiel 28:11-15) it's a pretty amazing picture of God's most beautiful created angelic being, Lucifer. Full of wisdom and beauty, he had been in the garden of eden, he was associated with music, he was the anointed cherub over the throne of God, he was perfect until he sinned, then if you keep reading down past that you will see some of the judgments God has proclaimed upon Lucifer. But now he's a slanderer, he will be judged, his heart was lifted up because of his beauty. Now let's read the next passage that we know about him. (Isaiah 14:12-15 ) So we find from these verses that Lucifer is the son of the morning, that's what Lucifer means, has fallen from heaven. Notice the three of satan's five "I will's": I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit upon the mount of the congregation. Then the last two "I will's", I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the most high. These five "I will's", I really believe this is how mankind is today. This is what we want to do, "what I say goes", and judgement is going to happen to him. So this is satan's name before he fell.

### **QUESTION 15**

The main sin of Lucifer was \_\_\_\_\_.

### **QUESTION 16**

Before his fall, satan was an anointed \_\_\_\_\_.

### **QUESTION 17**

\_\_\_\_\_ today is as guilty as satan of the sin of pride.

## Why Did God Create Satan?

Now you say when did he fall? Why did God even create him in the first place? If God is omniscient, God does know all things, he knows the past, the present, what is going to happen in the future, then when he created the angels and Lucifer, wouldn't it then say that if he knew Lucifer was going to do this, why even create him in the first place? The third that fell with him, we find in revelation that there was a third that fell with him, the demons, why did he create that third? Why didn't he just create the two thirds without Lucifer? If we're going to ask that, then we have to ask the next question, which is why did he create Adam and Eve? In creating them he created us. So the next question is why did he create us if he knew we were going to fall and we were going to be sinners? Well this is a why question. Why questions aren't readily and easily answered in the Bible. Now that's not a cop-out, I'm going to give you my best answer, but these are tough questions. I really think only when we step back with the scope of eternity, and we see the big picture, will we totally understand why he created Lucifer, the devil, why did he create mankind if he knew that we were going to sin and all this evil would be perpetuated. I will answer that question by just saying this: God in his purpose is to bring Himself glory. He created you and me for one reason, and that is to bring him glory. Therefore he created the angels for that same one purpose, to bring him glory. He knew all that would transpire, he knew that Satan would be puffed up because of his beauty, and say I want to be like God, and then that's how he tempted man in the Garden. He knew all that would happen, and he still did it, because from eternity past he wanted to show his glory and his grace and his love. And if he hadn't made the ability for the angels and us to choose good and evil, then he would never have been able to display his glory by us bringing him glory and praise. He would not have sent his son, a tremendous expression of his glory and his love and his grace, and you and I wouldn't be here.

### QUESTION 18

In order to understand why God created Lucifer, we must see the big picture through the scope of \_\_\_\_\_.

### QUESTION 19

God created us to bring Him \_\_\_\_\_.

### QUESTION 20

If God had not created man and angels to have a \_\_\_\_\_, He would not have been able to show His grace and love.

## Topic 5: Names of Satan

Let's first of all find out what he is called in scripture; by knowing what he is called, if he's called a lion, I'm going to be careful because I know a lion is mean, does not have your best interests at heart, a lion is going to want to get in there and tear you up and spit you out, that's what a lion does. So if he is called a lion in scripture I'm going to be a little more careful when I'm living my life, when he's about trying to destroy. He's called Beelzebub, belial, the wicked one, the prince of this world. I want to know what those things mean so that I may be better on guard so I might not be affected by him. First of all, Satan. We find the name of the devil, used both in the old and new testament, and used a lot, of him. We don't see him called Lucifer, the son of the morning, but we now see him called the adversary, the hater, the accuser, that's what Satan means. The hater and the accuser. We find that Satan stood up against Israel, in

1 Chronicles 21:1. Satan stood up against Israel. The devil is another name for the devil. The devil means slanderer, accuser, or deceiver. The devil deceives the whole world, in (Revelation 12:9) We know that satan has the ability to be in heaven today, to accuse us, the brethren. He spoke to God about Job, so he still has access, but at a point in the tribulation he will be cast out, and those demons with him. But in this verse we find him called four different things. Beelzebub, means Lords of the flies, prince of the demons. We see him called belial, means without profit, worthless, wicked. How would you like to have all these names, and all these names mean terrible things. That's what the devil is. 2 Corinthians 6:15) The context of that is do not be unequally yoked. He's called the wicked one, (1 John 2:13-14). So twice in this passage he is called the wicked one, and the young men are told to fight against and overcome the wicked one. I think it's because young men are susceptible to temptation.

### **QUESTION 21**

Knowing how satan is \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture can better prepare us to avoid his snares.

### **QUESTION 22**

Satan still has \_\_\_\_\_ to Heaven.

### **QUESTION 23**

The name Belial means \_\_\_\_\_ profit.

## **The Prince of this World**

He's called the prince of the world. Why? Because he has society of the world under his domain. Christ, in (John 14:30) recognized that he had nothing in common at all with satan. Why does satan have control of the world, the god of this age, the prince of the power of the air, Ephesians 2:2? Why does the bible say that he has control of this world? Well it probably began in the garden of Eden, when things were perfect, and God assigned his chief angel the dominion of this planet, and at that time, with that responsibility (this is conjecture, we don't know exactly the timing of how it happened), but I believe that shortly after the creation, shortly after, he was in the garden of eden, he fell at that time, then pulled Adam and eve down with him. But he does still have dominion of this world. He's the prince of the power of the air. He's the prince of this world. That's why there's this battle shaping up, Armageddon. He's going to take all the armies of this world and go against Christ and the armies of Christ, which is you and me. That battle will be fought without any ammunition, we are with the Lord, he does the work, and Christ wins. Really, he won on the cross. But ultimately on this earth he will take dominion away from the devil at that time, the battle of Armageddon. Then, he will be temporarily be cast into hell for 1000 years, be loosed, then cast into the lake of fire. We see him called the god of this age, blinded the minds of unbelievers, the prince of the power of the air, he directs the course of this world, that old serpent. Should we be challenging the devil? I think that's stupid. Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world, I believe we have a lot of protection when we put on the armor of God, but I think it's a foolish thing to challenge the devil. You don't taunt a pit bull. It's not a smart thing to do. we do know that we have power over the devil, because he cannot stand up to God and to Jesus. The old serpent, the dragon, implying power; the old serpent has ties back to Genesis. The evil, he's called, in 1 John 5:18. That refers to his degenerate character; he's the one who is lewd, or malicious, and that is the evil one. HE's also called the angel of light; isn't that an interesting descriptive of the devil? Well, again, he was Lucifer, the highest created being in (2 Corinthians 11:14) He appears as light, but he is not. He is the father of lies, and Jesus said this to the Pharisees in (John 8:44) The first lie was from the devil. He lied to Adam and

eve. Here he is called a murderer from the beginning, a roaring lion, ruler of darkness – that’s really what he is instead of light. He appears to be an angel of light but really the ruler of darkness in Ephesians 6:12. Apollyon is an interesting word, we will see that in Revelation 9, the angel of the bottomless pit, the destroyer, the god of this world. So these are all names of the devil.

#### **QUESTION 24**

Presently, God has allowed satan to have \_\_\_\_\_ over the world.

#### **QUESTION 25**

Satan \_\_\_\_\_ as an angel of light, but really is the ruler of darkness.

#### **QUESTION 26**

The devil is the father of all \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Topic 6: The Career of Satan**

What has the devil accomplished, if you were to go up to the devil and say what have you done, let me see your resume, this is what he would say. He had proposed to secure the highest heavenly position, to secure kingly rights in earth and heaven, to secure Messianic recognition, that he was the messiah as the antichrist, to secure glory belonging to God alone, and to secure a likeness to the most high. This is what he has and wants to accomplish. What has he accomplished? In the Garden he tempted eve, causing the entrance of sin into the world. He cause Job untold misery. HE tempted David to number the people, when David was not to number the people. He tempted Joshua the high priest, he tempted Christ, he tempted Peter, he hindered Paul. Paul was wanting to come to a group, but satan stopped him, physically hindered him. He snatches the word from the hearts of men, and these are his accomplishments. Although he has an impressive career, don’t fear; he will flee from you, if you do one thing. That is (James 4:7). So how do we resist the devil? We submit ourselves to God. I don’t mean this in a taunting way, but he is really a chicken. He is the one that is fearful, so let us not fear this wicked one. What is the danger of ignoring Satan? The world says, he is just a metaphor, figure of speech, the world doesn’t really believe that satan exists, the world is full of modern day saducees. The saducees denied his existence when they denied the existence of demons. But satan and demons are more than a figure of speech. Figures of speech are not created figures who sin and serve in realms of darkness. A metaphor does not entere into a herd of swine and immediately cause the destruction of that herd. A metaphor did not offer the kingdoms of the world to the Lord of glory, saying that they were his to give to whom he wanted. This is ridiculous to say that satan and the demons are a metaphor or figure of speech. These are real, and he is dealing with us, those that believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with wiles and snares – ways to trick, and to fool and to ensnare, and make you stumble and fail the Lord. That is what he is all about. How do we avoid this? Ephesians 6 putting on the whole armor of God. We are already told to submit to the Lord, resist the devil and he will flee. We’re also told to put on the whole armor of God and that will offer us protection. We’re also told in Ephesians 4:27 neither to give place to the devil, and there is a lot of things we do, and we do it only because we open the door a little bit. We don’t go out to wholesale sin, but we leave that door to it open a crack, instead of saying absolutely not, I’m not giving place to the devil. Now what is the thing that he wants the most, to stop us from doing? I don’t think it’s do certain types of sin, I think this is his chief attack against us, is for this cause, and(2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ) He is all about stopping us from being

the light that we should be. He is all about getting us to not want to share the gospel, to be embarrassed, to be shy, to say someone else is going to do it, he is also all about getting us to live a life that no one's going to listen to us anyways, even if we did have the message of the Gospel. That is what the devil is trying to do, is hide the Gospel, to distort the Gospel.

**Assignment:**

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

**QUESTION 27**

The best way to resist the devil is to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves unto God.

**QUESTION 28**

The world says satan is a figure of speech or a metaphor, but figures of speech and metaphors cannot sin and cause \_\_\_\_\_.

**QUESTION 29**

Our best protection against the devil is putting on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:

**QUESTION 30**

Satan's main goal for Christians is to \_\_\_\_\_ them from being the light that they should be.

