



Fundamental Grace Bible Study

Satan

Origin, Purpose & Destiny.

1. Origin and Fall

- a. Lucifer was created of God as the “*anointed cherub that covereth*” amidst his throne – Eze28:14
- b. Attributes: full of wisdom, complete beauty, perfect in all his ways – Eze28:12; 1:5,10; 10:1,14
- c. Iniquity (sin) found: he was lifted up in pride and cast out of his heavenly position – Eze28:15

2. Dominion and Course of the World

- a. Man given dominion & beguiled by a corruption of God’s word – Gen3:4,13; 2Cor11:3; Rom5:12
- b. God curses: enmity between serpent & woman’s seed; earth cursed – Gen3:15,17-19
- c. Man were enlightened of God, now under power/course of darkness – Rom1:21; Eph2:2; Gal1:4
- d. Satan usurped dominion of man on earth becoming the “*god of this world*” – 2Cor4:4
- e. Satan’s temptation of Jesus w/the kingdoms of this world was legitimate – Lu4:6,7
- f. Following: devils, fallen angels - 2Pet2:4; Jude1:6

3. Time Past: Satan’s Opposition of Israel & Messiah

- a. Overarching goal: be like the most High by his own power – Isa14:13,14
- b. OT (pre-JC): opposed God’s chosen men/nation; idolatry – Job2:1-4; Deu32:17; Chr21:1; Zech3:1
- c. Old Test (near Incarnation): attempted to kill the child by way of Herod – Mt2:13
- d. Old Test (JC ministry): major devilish activity & pharisaical opposition - Mt12:26; Jn8:33,44
- e. New Test (Peter’s ministry): Acts5:3, Cf. Lk4:12; Mk3:28-20
- f. Satan physically opposes God’s **physical intervention** through Israel & the Messiah

4. Satan’s Prophetic Destiny

- a. Being cast out of heavenly places w/ his fallen angels to earth – Rev12:9; Lk10:18
- b. Being bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years – Rev20:2
- c. Cast into the lake of fire w/ the dragon, false prophet & angels – Rev20:10; Mt25:41

5. But Now: Satan’s Opposition of the Body of Christ

- a. Satan, nor anyone else, knew what Christ’s death, burial & resurrection accomplished for a people given up of God: Gentiles – 1Cor2:4-7; Eph2:11-13
- b. The risen Christ raised up the Apostle Paul & gave him a dispensation – Acts26:15-18; Eph3:1-6
- c. God reconciled heaven & earth to himself & has ambassadors w/a gospel of peace – 2Cor5:17-21
- d. Now that **God has changed his intervention to doctrine**, so has Satan – 2Cor4:3,4

6. Our Battle is Spiritual & Doctrinal, Not Carnal (see below for a list of Pauline verses & notes)

- a. Satan is transformed w/deceitful light w/ ministers of righteousness – 2Cor11:13-15
- b. We are not to be ignorant of his devices, preaching another Jesus – 2Cor2:11; 11:1-4; Gal1:6,7
- c. Satan understands that the best way to confuse truth (light) is to use light – 1Tim4:1-3
- d. Our battle is against spiritual wickedness, not flesh & blood – Eph6:11-17
- e. Our weapons are not carnal, but doctrinal by God’s word – 2Cor10:3-5; Rom13:12; Phil2:15,16
- f. We are soldiers redeeming evil days by putting on the new man – 2Tim2:1-4; 1Tim1:16,18,19
- g. We are to mark and avoid wrong doctrine & separate from it – 1Tim1:3; Rom16:17; Phil3:17-19

Conclusion: If you do not know what God is doing today, you will never know what Satan is doing. He has ministers of righteousness, using God’s word, and, by “*good words and fair speeches*”, deceives those ignorant of the Bible and what it teaches.



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Pauline Mentions of Satan or the Devil		
Verse	Quote	Contextual Meaning
Ac26:18	Jesus: <i>"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."</i>	The Lord Jesus Christ sends Paul to Gentiles with the gospel of God's grace to enlighten them unto the salvation offered freely through the cross. In this sense, Satan's power rests in the "darkness of men's minds toward God".
Rom16:20	<i>"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."</i>	Paul, speaking of marking and avoiding those that teach wrong doctrine, deceive and serve their own desire instead of the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan's "head" would be bruised by the seed of Eve (i.e. Christ; Gen3:15). In this sense, Paul seems to be saying that "Satan" refers to their adversaries teaching wrong doctrine, ministers of righteousness (see 2Cor11:14,15)
1Cor5:5	<i>"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus"</i>	Paul is addressing the assembly at Corinth who have not dealt with this fornicator decently in order by separating him from them "unto Satan". In this sense, Satan is referenced as anything outside of/not part of the body of believers ("purge out the leaven").
1Cor7:5	<i>"Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."</i>	Paul is responding to a letter that was written to him from Corinth, but we don't have the actual letter. Nevertheless, in the context, Paul, by permission, recommends withholding from one another consensually for a time to fast and pray, then come together. The warning is that if they do not come back together then Satan might tempt them for their inability to restrain their passions (i.e. incontinency)
2Cor2:11	<i>"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."</i>	Paul is now addressing the forgiveness and receiving of the fornicator that was delivered unto Satan in the previous letter. If they do not do this (forgiveness and inclusion), Satan would get an advantage over them. Meaning: operating graciously toward members of the body is of the utmost importance. Satan's "devices" would be to cause separation (i.e. through doctrine).
2Cor11:14	<i>"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."</i>	Paul, in reference to his godly jealousy and desire for purity and simplicity of doctrine amongst the Corinthians concerning Christ, fears that they will be deceived by the fact that Satan is now transformed into an angel of light with ministers of righteousness (i.e. deceitful workers, false apostles of Christ).
2Cor12:7	<i>"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."</i>	Paul's thorn in the flesh is said to be a messenger of Satan to contend against him; to keep from him being exalted. Paul prays for "this thing", the thorn in the flesh (infirmity) to be taken



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		away, but he learns that Christ's grace is sufficient.
1Thess 2:18	<i>"Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."</i>	Cross-refer this statement with Acts 17:1-13, and it is clear that their hindrance is unbelieving Jews opposing Paul's teaching.
2Thess 2:9,10	<i>"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved."</i>	This speaks of the Anti-Christ, that man of sin (v.3) working signs and wonders to deceive those in the time of the great Tribulation
1Tim1: 19,20	<i>"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith having made have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme."</i>	Cross-refer with 2 Timothy 2:15-18, where Paul speaks of Hymenaeus and Philetus' error concerning the truth of the resurrection. This wrong doctrine makes faith shipwreck and overthrows it. It is for this reason that Paul applies the doctrine of separation from those that teach wrong doctrine (Rom16:17).
1Tim5: 14,15	<i>"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan."</i>	Paul speaks of those woman that do contrary to the instructions given for them for the household; they are wanton of Christ, casting off their first faith.
Eph4:2 5-27	<i>"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil."</i>	Satan's devices are according to doctrine and deportment. He would have the body divided. Paul says, put away lying and speak truth...don't give place (advantage) to the devil. [See 2Cor2:11]
Eph6:1 1	<i>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, <u>but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.</u>"</i>	Spiritual Warfare Being strong in the Lord and standing against the devil's sly tricks of pleasing deceit, is accomplished by putting on the armour of God: truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation – all products of God's word.
1Tim3: 6,7	<i>"Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; les he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."</i>	Paul, speaking of the requirements for those seeking the office of a Bishop, instructs that that novices (those new to the faith; unskilled) could be lifted up with pride, which was Satan's desire (i.e. independent elevation). Additionally, Paul describes that those not having a good report among them outside of the local assembly can fall into contempt and be ensnared with trouble.
2Tim2: 26	<i>"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."</i>	Those believing wrong doctrine ask foolish & unlearned questions, oppose themselves, thus are ensnared by the devil's iniquity. They are to be taught right doctrine in the hope that God will grant them a change of mind concerning the truth.