

Bible Doctrine 2 – Lesson 6

Satan

1 Peter 5:8

Introduction: The Devil is like a roaring lion that prowls for prey to devour. Lions roar for a variety of reasons. They roar when they are about to leap upon their victims. They roar to communicate with other lions, to identify a kill, or to declare their territory and warn off any other lions that might invade it. Satan desires to control you and claim your testimony, even though you are a Christian. If he cannot lay claim to your soul, he will try to claim your life.

One of the reasons a pride of lions on an African plain will prowl or walk along the herds of animals is to keep the herds moving. When the animals are grazing and still, it is difficult to see those animals that are weak or injured. When the herds are running, it is much easier to see the lame, the sick, the loners, or the young which are prime targets for attack. Satan and his forces roam this world to see which Christians are weak and prime targets for temptation and destruction. He targets those believers that are independent of God and have isolated themselves from other Christians. As in Job's life, he may stir up circumstances in our lives with trials, trouble, or suffering to see how strong we are in our faith. If you are a weak Christian, you are a target for the Devil, your adversary.

I. The actuality of Satan.

- A. The proof of _____.
- B. The proof of _____.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. The proof of his _____.
 - 1.
 - 2.
- D. The proof of his _____.

II. The creation of Satan and his sin.

- A. The _____ of his creation.
- B. The _____ of his creation. Ezek.28:11-19

1.

2.

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4.

5.

C. The _____ he committed.

1.

2.

III. The actions of Satan.

A. His activities in relation to _____.

B. His activities in relation to _____.

C. His activities in relation to _____.

D. His activities in relation to _____.

E. His activities in relation to _____.

1.

2.

IV. The abode of Satan.

A. The _____ of the Cosmos.

B. _____ and the Cosmos.

1.

2.

V. The army of Satan.

A. The testimony of Scripture.

1. The testimony of Christ.

2. The testimony of the Old Testament.

3. The testimony of the New Testament.

B. Their nature.

1. Their personal nature.
 - a. Intelligence.
 - b. Emotions.
 - c. Wills.
 - d. Personality.
2. Their intellectual nature.
3. Their immoral nature.
 - a. Immoral in their being.
 - b. Immoral in their goals.
4. Their powerful nature.
 - a. Their power.
 - b. Their presence.

C. Their actions.

1. In relation to Satan.
2. In relation to God.
 - a. They oppose the plan of God.
 - b. They may be used to carry God's purposes.
3. In relation to religion.
 - a. They promote idolatry.
 - b. They promote false religion.
 - (1) They teach a worthless savior.
 - (2) They teach a works salvation.
 - (3) They teach a libertine ethic.
4. In relation to nations.
5. In relation to people.
 - a. Affliction.
 - b. Perversion.
 - c. Possession.
 - (1) Definition.
 - (2) Characteristics.
 - (3) Responsibility.
 - (4) Extent.